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Good Evening Supervisors,

My name is Ranjot (Rina), and I am a resident of Natomas, Sacramento California. As a member of the Punjabi community, I want to voice my support for Public Maps 101, 102, 103 and 107 as these map proposals allow for my Punjabi community to be kept together in the same districts.

The Punjabi Community of Sacramento County predominantly lives in the Natomas, Antelope, West Sacramento, South Sacramento and Elk Grove areas. As such, it is important for us that the Natomas and Antelope Punjabi Community is kept together in the same district, and the entire Elk Grove-South Sacramento Punjabi Community is kept in one district as well. Members of the Punjabi communities living in these two areas in northern Sacramento County and southern Sacramento County have the same linguistic, cultural historical backgrounds as well as same places of worship. They make use of the same healthcare and governmental facilities, and they travel the same public routes. They also share similar economic and financial backgrounds.

Keeping the Natomas-Antelope areas together in the same district and the Elk Grove area comprehensively in one district with South Sacramento, will allow for our community to advocate together for their needs and concerns, and it will allow us to receive important services and investments. It will also make it possible for our community to elect candidates of our choice.

My request for keeping these areas in the same districts also addresses the spike in hate crimes and incidents that unfortunately occur far too often against Punjabis and other Asian American communities living in Sacramento County. Keeping these areas in the same districts will allow for our communities to rally together in the event of new such crimes and incidents in the future and it will allow us to find solutions in a more efficient manner.

Once again, I respectfully demand that our Punjabi Community as well as the greater Asian-American and AAPI community, to be kept together as shown in Public Maps 101, 102, 103 and 107.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,  
Ranjot