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California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
VIA Email: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the residents of the City of Sunnyvale, we are mindful of the placement our city holds in the 17th Congressional District, the only minority majority district in the country. Sunnyvale residents share close professional, cultural and personal connections to other cities within the district, and Council voted unanimously to advocate to remain in the 17th Congressional District.

With a population of 153,827, Sunnyvale is the seventh largest city in the Bay Area. We are a center of technology and innovation, but also a town of quiet family neighborhoods, strong schools and a diverse community of people. Sunnyvale’s historic downtown is home to a variety of local eateries and merchants, hosts art festivals, concerts and a year-round farmers’ market. Almost 8,000 local businesses provide a rich mixture of goods and services, including many icons in technology, manufacturing, retail and Research & Development.

The shared interests of the Sunnyvale community would be best served by one state representative. Our residents have a high regard for our unique public safety model, a commitment to environmental sustainability, and an open-mindedness for development to address the housing shortage.

We urge you to keep Sunnyvale in one congressional district, as well as one state assembly and one state senate district, that does not dilute the voting power of our Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) majority. We ask that you group Sunnyvale residents with communities that share our regional concerns. Sunnyvale's communities of interest are cities in Silicon Valley such as Cupertino, Fremont, Milpitas, Newark, San Jose, and Santa Clara with which Sunnyvale shares similar regional and economic interests, living standards, transportation facilities and work opportunities.
Current City policy supports advocacy for Sunnyvale's communities of interest during the county, state, special district and other local public agencies, and congressional redistricting processes to support efforts that encourage one representative for each elective office that represents the residents of Sunnyvale (Council Policy 7.0 F.8).

On behalf of the Sunnyvale City Council and its residents, thank you for your consideration and service to the community.

Sincerely,

Larry Klein
Mayor

cc: City Council
    Kent Steffens, City Manager
    Teri Silva, Assistant City Manager