Respected Members of the Commission,

Good Afternoon to all of you.

My name is Pushkar Upadhyay. I live in Sunnyvale and work at Milpitas in a telecom solution company.

The Asian-American community is keenly invested in the success of Silicon Valley’s economy. We are launching startups and we power the tech economy with our hard work, technology skills and technical education. But we don’t have much say in politics. Having Asian American representatives helps upward mobility of our community by accessing services such as education, healthcare, public services and more for our immigrant community.

Asian Americans are the largest minority community of Congressional District 18 but this district has never had a minority congressional representation. Can the redistricting commission ensure that more Asian-Americans have a chance to be elected to Congress? Can you please group “communities of interest” so that residents in a city, neighborhood or ethnic group have political representation through voting. The redistrict in Silicon Valley should ensure that more Asian Americans will have a chance to be elected to Congress.

My recommendation is that you include the cities of Sunnyvale, Cupertino and Santa Clara into congressional district 18, which will group the asian community into district 18 and will help with a chance to have asian representation from both the congressional districts CD18 and CD17.

Thank you for addressing the needs of the Asian American community. We hope you will redraw the lines to favor our community.

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With regards,
Pushkar