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California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
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VIA Email: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I have been a resident of Sunnyvale since 1982 and live in CA-17.

Regarding the congressional district currently CA-17:

1. As the heart of Silicon Valley, Sunnyvale should be in a district with other Silicon Valley cities of similar size so that our representative can effectively advocate for the important issues unique to our region. Silicon Valley is the major economic engine driving both the California and the U.S. economies. We should not dilute our ability to influence national policies that impact our high tech region.

2. Currently, CA 17 is a majority-minority district with strong Asian population. Any new district should preserve that status. We are proud to be a diverse and prosperous community - I would not want us to lose that distinction.

3. We want Sunnyvale to have the maximum leverage in influencing public policy. So it is best that we are in a district with similar cities in size and income. If Sunnyvale is pulled into either CA-18 or combined with San Jose, we will lose influence, since larger or richer cities will dominate.

As our City Council has recomended, 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Michael Serrone