Commissioners - It has come to my attention that my prior email regarding redistricting was somehow missed.

Please take into account my concerns:

My name is Gary Latshaw, Ph.D. I am a local leader in several environmental non-profit boards. I am a retired professor with my graduate degree from Stanford University. I am speaking on my own behalf. There are two major large industrial facilities that are alleged to create air pollution and require local, regional and federal oversight. They are located at the two ends of my current Congressional District with the Lehigh Plant in Cupertino and nearby Sunnyvale on county land jurisdiction and the Newby Landfill in San Jose that impacts Milpitas and part of Fremont.

Newby Island Landfill is alleged to be the source of odors. Residents of Milpitas and part of Fremont have been complaining about the strong odors for years. “....But some neighbors said the stench is so bad they are left with only two options--move or fight back….neighbor Nika Chen said "Almost every day I smell the odor,". "I can't open the window. I can't stay in my front yard or backyard. It's so bad, I'm thinking of leaving."

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Lehigh Southwest Cement Plant and Permanente Quarry have a history of alleged local and federal violations; potentially exposing residents to air, water, and noise pollution; contaminating Permanente Creek, which leads to the San Francisco Bay Estuary; and threatening the environment. [1,2,3,4,5,6,7] This is within 5 miles of over 200,000 people [1] and located just outside of Cupertino on Santa Clara County land but its
The Santa Clara County Medical Association recently stated their concerns around Lehigh’s health impacts in their detailed and researched letter to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors: “the proposed Reclamation Plan Amendment poses serious health and safety risks to the community due to the extra 666 daily truck trips required to place outside fill into the quarry pit. Such activity over 30 years will lead to excess deaths and disability due to cancer, lung and cardiovascular disease, as well as heightened risk from traffic accidents.”[9]

My current Congressional district contains Cupertino, Sunnyvale, part of Fremont, Milpitas, and other cities. These cities should stay in one Congressional district so that the Congressional Office can have the expertise to address the community’s concerns about these major industrial air pollution issues and work with the local, regional and federal EPA oversight agencies.

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