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This is my full presentation which I had to cut drastically to make the 3 minute limit,

My Name is Tim Kerr I am a long time resident of the northern end of Sunnyvale in Santa Clara County.

Our Congressional District 17 currently contains the majority of Silicon Valley (with cities such as Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Cupertino, Milpitas, large parts of Fremont, Newark and small parts of San Jose) and we are also a very diverse group of people and communities that do share a lot of common concerns and interests of affordable housing. I live in a community of interest as we are in district 6 in Sunnyvale which is sometimes referred to as the Mobile Home District which is composed of a lot of retired people and others on fixed incomes and lower wage earners.

According to the 2020 City of Sunnyvale Housing Strategy report “There are 13 mobile home parks in Sunnyvale with a total of 3,862 mobile homes, making mobile homes a relatively substantial component of Sunnyvale’s housing inventory...data collected between 2012 and 2016, households living in mobile homes...that encompasses the mobile home parks in Sunnyvale had a median annual household income of approximately \$62,900 ..., approximately 57 percent of the citywide median annual household income of \$109,800 during the same period. Despite having lower incomes, approximately 86 percent of households living in mobile homes in Sunnyvale owned their homes, compared to less than half in Sunnyvale overall

Our current district 17 has its fair share of affordable housing. This emphasis on affordable housing is as a result of the many of the constituents in Congressional District 17 being people in or retire from the working and middle class and fixed income class. Many here have similar income levels in their communities, median household incomes are comparable in Congressional

District 17 cities (between \$140K to \$116K for 6 top income cities except for Cupertino with \$171K). In contrast the incomes in Congressional District 18 are much higher being between \$250K+ to \$235K for the top 5 income cities

I think the constituents are best served if the community has many shared interests, needs and economic levels. As I mentioned previously, our city district encompasses most of the mobile home parks in Sunnyvale. Our current city council member and our current Congressional member has worked on issues (city policy respectively, legislation) of mobile home affordability living. If the income levels were more widely divided then it would be more difficult for a representative's office to provide so much focus and attention to these affordability issues.

Please keep Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Cupertino, large parts of Fremont, and Milpitas and other Congressional District 17 cities to have shared community of interests in housing affordability as part of our Congressional District.

Thank You Tim Kerr