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Subject: Politically Neutral Core Natural Community of Interest Starting Points - Written Testimony for today's hearing

Dear Commission,

Thank you for your service to the people of California.

I am writing you again to suggest that the Commission use natural features, particularly water sheds, as a jumping off point for redistricting. I have attached my previous letters for your review and the record.

I fell that in these challenging times of Climate Change, Global Warming and related drought, wild fires, and temperture rise; concertation on water sheds would contribute to better political representation and solutions.

My letters are addressed to the independent redistricting commission for the second largest city in California – San Diego; but the principals still apply to other areas of the State. I feel that if you apply the water shed principles to the State you are likely to get a politically neutral good result.

In my most recent letter, of September 7, 2021, I suggest that the San Diego Redistricting Commission consider a Coastal District based on the Coastal Zone map established by the California Constitution and its Coastal Commission. Using this approach, redistricting could establish some vertical lines to be crossed by a series of horizontal districts following the water shed rivers and creeks to the Pacific Ocean, Inland Valley or the Sea of California at the end of the Colorado watershed.

Here is a potential Council District for the City of San Diego based on the Coastal Zone map. It could be extended Northward for your commission’s population purposes:
The California Coastal Commission has interactive Zone maps for the entire State at: [Maps (ca.gov)](https://maps.ca.gov)

My community of interest, which I would like united into a single Assembly, Senate, and other California subdivision, is the Chollas Creek water shed. The Chollas Creek water shed is discussed in my attached other letter dated August 16, 2021. Uniting our entire Chollas Creek water shed into a single political district would help empower the people who live in it and use it for recreation and as a major economic and transportation corridor (as most local roads are placed in canyons cut by the Chollas Creek as it flows to the San Diego Bay)
My attached letter details how the indigenous Kumeyaay People used the Chollas Creek to gain access to fresh water and the San Diego Bay during pre-western settlement times. The Chollas Creek Kumeyaay are documented in the first encounter reports by the Spanish entering San Diego Bay. The history of California began with this first encounter with the Chollas Creek Kumeyaay people.

The Chollas Creek area is mainly populated by Hispanic peoples and recent refugees. Single representation should benefit their economic wellbeing. Your research will also demonstrate that the Chollas Creek peoples are mainly poor and eligible for federal subsides under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) criteria’s.

The Chollas Creek is listed as an “impaired water of California” as it contains high levels of toxics, metals, and biological waste. This impairment, largely, occurs because the water shed has been over developed; used as a location for toxic industries; and has been poorly regulated by government. The Chollas Creek watershed population has serious health related challenges related to exposures to lead, toxics and other listed chemicals. I feel that the Commission should consider overlaying maps of health conditions and air quality basins to determined political representation districts. Areas with high infant mortality, asthma, and related illnesses would be a good basis for setting political boundaries. Consolidated focused political representation could help to address these bad conditions.
Here is a map of the Chollas Creek Watershed:

Figure THREE – CHOLLAS CREEK WATERSHED MAP from the Groundworks organization’s Website

Please help the peoples of the Cholas Creek neighborhoods as a community of interest.

All the best,

John Stump