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Subject: District 18 needs more Asian representation !
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Hello:

I am a resident of Silicon Valley and I run a software company. I am speaking on behalf of the Asian community of interest. I am very much interested in having an Asian representative from Silicon Valley's Congressional district 18.

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 not getting our fair share of resources here and don't have much say.

My request is for you to ensure that the Asian population is evenly distributed between Congressional districts 17 and 18. District 17 has 50% asians and District 18 has 20%. Can we make it easier for an Asian Representative from district 18. As you know, District 17 has had an Asian representation for decades. Asian Americans are the largest minority community of Congressional District 18 but this district has never had a minority congressional representation.

I strongly urge you to 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. When we aren't represented and included in all counts, our entire community loses out.

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

Sandeep Jain