

COI Clarification for Zone C

My name is Sam Kumar. I wanted to thank commissioners and staff for their dedication to making this process transparent to the public, so that the public could analyze the information and suggest more preciseness. To be more precise, there are about 20 data entries as of today that were posted on the <https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/data> webpage, making requests to maintain their communities of interest (COI) in Congressional District 17 (CD 17).

The main cities in CD 17 are Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Milpitas, and a large section of Fremont. The input of COIs wanting to stay in CD17 (CD17 COI) came from several sources including city council members in the three largest cities of CD 17. All these letters from Sunnyvale City Council (letter mentioned unanimous vote), Santa Clara City Council (letter signed by all 7 city council members), and majority of Fremont City Council (letter signed by Mayor, Vice Mayor, and 2 city council members) discussed the city council members' decision on behalf of their constituents requesting that their city stay together with the other cities in currently in CD 17 in the same Congressional District. According to the US Census, the estimated population in 2019 of Sunnyvale is 152,703 people; Santa Clara is 130,365 people ; and Fremont is 241,110 people.([ref.](#)).

During the COI review section on September 11th for Zone C(see note 1), the COI representing these many CD17 COI types of inputs could have been more precise in the mapping of the CD17 COI to show the current boundaries of Congressional District 17(CD17). CD17 contains only a small part of San Jose. However, the September 11th for Zone C COI review map included all of San Jose to represent the CD17 COI types of inputs. San Jose has an estimated population in 2019 according to the US Census of about [one million people](#) while an average Congressional District has about [760K population](#). Therefore adding the whole city of San Jose with Congressional District 17 cities to represent these CD17 COIs would not be precisely accurate. Please consider being more precise in the future COI reviews including on September 18 when Zone C COIs are reviewed so that when discussing CD17 COIs they could only include the small portion of San Jose within the current boundaries of Congressional District 17. In addition, the CD17 COI review map did not include Cupertino which is a main city of Congressional District 17 and specifically mentioned in most of the CD17 COI inputs.

The CD17 COI inputs state these cities in CD 17 have similar regional and economic interests such as resolving traffic issues, developing more affordable housing and transit, cultural community organizations that bring the community together, reducing homelessness, protecting from racial discrimination, overseeing and the Congressional office liaison to the the EPA about two major industrial pollution sources, and addressing sea level rise related to climate change. Many CD17 COIs mention the importance to keep common interests together and not break them up or have them join other communities that they don't have much in common with. The current CD17 is majority Asian, large immigrant population, high tech focused, with similar education, housing cost, and income levels.

Lastly, CD 17 is currently the only Asian minority majority district in the whole continental US which reflects the unique characteristic of this district. Please also make the maps more precise to represent the true intent of letters and text that refer to maintaining their communities of interest (COI) in Congressional District 17 (CD 17), instead of including all of San Jose in the maps. I will send in an email with the details

Note 1: September 11; time tag 41;28; https://download.videoss.com/CRC/091121/CRC_091121_COI.mp4

Summary of some COIs relating to communities of interest which want to stay within the boundaries of Congressional District 17(CD17 COIs):

Item # and (ID#)	Sender /source	COI should be CD17 mapped	Quote from email or letter	Map Corrections Requested
1. (9430)	City of Sunnyvale / (letter)	Yes including Cupertino	<p>“City of Sunnyvale, we are mindful of the placement our city holds in the 17th Congressional District..share close professional, cultural and personal connections to other cities within the district, and Council voted unanimously to advocate to remain in the 17th Congressional District...</p> <p>We ask that you group Sunnyvale residents with communities that share our regional concerns. Sunnyvale's communities of interest are cities in Silicon</p>	<p>Congressional District 17 contains a small part of San Jose.</p> <p>The Map is drawn to include all of San Jose.</p> <p>San Jose, California Population 2021</p>

			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.	1,009,340. https://worldpopulationreview.com/us-cities/san-jose-ca-population <u>Request the map to be modified:</u> Please revise the map to include only the portion of San Jose currently in Congressional District since all of San Jose is not in Congressional District 17.
2. (44 and 2029)	City of Santa Clara / (letter) Video Time September 8 Tag: 2:02:33	Yes but Cupertino Excluded	“ increased traffic...public transit and affordable housing...issues facing Santa Clara are not unique and are also found in surrounding cities . Resolving these issues requires cooperation not only between local leaders and officials, but federal backing as well.recommendation that Santa Clara continues to stay in the same...congressional district as Fremont, Milpitas, Newark, North San Jose, and Sunnyvale.”	<u>Request the map to be modified:</u> For input ID# 2029, the Map is drawn to include all of San Jose. However, Congressional District 17 contains a small part of San Jose. <u>Request the map to be modified:</u> Please revise the map to include only the portion of San Jose currently in Congressional District since all of San Jose is not in Congressional District 17.
3. (2144)	City of Fremont, Mayor, Vice Mayor and two City Councilmembers / (letter)	Yes including Cupertino	“...As part of the only majority AAPI district in the continental United States, the 17th district, many Fremont residents increased traffic...public transit and affordable housing,...it is our recommendation that Fremont continue to stay in the same congressional district as Cupertino and Santa Clara...”	Notice that the Map appears to reflect being within the current Congressional District 17 boundaries
4. (7223)	Live meeting	Yes including Cupertino	“Santa Clara, Milpitas, Sunnyvale, Cupertino and part of Fremont known as congressional district 17. These cities are in this one district, the only asian majority district in the US with language, shared values, churches, budwaras, provide a	<u>Request the map to be modified:</u> Please revise the map to include only the portion of San Jose

			sense of gathering- helps us stay involved in community-helps economy. “	currently in Congressional District since all of San Jose is not in Congressional District 17.
5 (278)	Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council / (letter)	Yes including Cupertino	Paraphrased: Maintain the boundaries of Congressional District 17, State Senate District 10, and Assembly District 25 with respect to San José including the community of Berryessa and Milpitas. 2011 boundaries brought together an ethnically diverse population with the highest concentration of Asians (60%+) which empowered communities. Hoping to host at least one Commission outreach meeting and public input meeting at Berryessa Community Center. Keep Berryessa community and its school district undivided.	
6. (2000)	Sam Kumar/ (Drawmycommunity)	Yes including Cupertino	<p>My Asian-Indian community largely resides locally in the cities of Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Milpitas, and the part of Fremont. Cupertino, Sunnyvale, An example of large community organizations that bring the community together is seen in major spiritual organizations as a support network that is needed to transition and succeed eventually and for the second generation Asian-Indians to learn about their heritage. Many people from Asian countries such as from India immigrated to the United States to work in the high technology field so this is a shared interest among the residents in my Congressional District</p> <p>(1) Union City should stay in the same Congressional District as Hayward and San Leandro to keep the Filipino community together and not high technology economy (2) Other cities (such as Mountain View, Los Altos, Campbell) which are currently in the nearby Congressional Districts have different demographics or not have a high technology economy.</p>	Notice that the Map appears to reflect being within the current Congressional District 17 boundaries
7. (7157)	(Live meeting)	Yes including Cupertino but excluding Newark	Cupertino , Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Milpitas, Fremont, they are all currently in a congressional district. There is a large concentration of workers that need to get to and from work every day so need a transportation strategy	Notice that the Map appears to reflect being within the current Congressional District 17 boundaries
8. (7140)	(Live meeting)	Yes including Cupertino	congressional district 17-sunnyvale/fremont. To be kept in the same district. heart of silicon valley, google, intel, other tech,	Notice that the Map appears to reflect being within the current Congressional District 17 boundaries
9.	(Live	Yes including	congressional district 17 represents silicon valley.-apple,	Request the map to be

(7129) And (9227)	meeting)	Cupertino	microsoft and has housing, traffic, homelessness, discrimination. earthquakes and climate change are big concerns. Sea level change affects all places. local, regional, state, federal. We need a unified and single voice. KEEP CURRENT BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICT 17.	modified: Please include the Map reflects the current Congressional District 17 boundaries
10. (6881)	(Live meeting)	Yes including Cupertino but excluding Newark	My friends live in the cities of cupertino, sunnyvale, santa clara milpitas and fremont and we share common values, concerns, and ideas in terms of education.	Notice that the Map appears to reflects being within the current Congressional District 17 boundaries
11. (8844)	(Live meeting)	Yes including Cupertino but excluding Newark	District 17 residents have similar immigration, education, training, and housing needs with common cultural similarities; f cities of cupertino, sunnyvale, santa clara, and fremont; keep these communities together with common cultural similarities congressional district 17	Notice that the Map appears to reflects being within the current Congressional District 17 boundaries
12. (9230)	(Live meeting)	Yes including Cupertino	Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Milpitas, Fremont all have high asian populations and need to stay together to have a cohesive voice and for the safety of the community. These cities also have high tech industry jobs. Therefore, Affordable housing important	Notice that the Map appears to reflects being within the current Congressional District 17 boundaries