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Hi, my name is Cally Wong and I'm the director of API Council, which represents 57 nonprofit organizations serving Asian-Pacific Islander communities throughout the Bay Area.

Specifically in San Francisco, significant API populations exist, and these neighborhoods include SoMa (39.2%), Tenderloin (31.4%), and the Mission District (14.2%). In addition to longstanding effects from historical discrimination, many of the census tracts in these neighborhoods also continue to face disproportionate environmental and socioeconomic burdens. Additionally, Chinatown's census tracts, with an 81% API community, face persistent socioeconomic issues with poverty, housing burden, education, and linguistic isolation exceeding the 99th percentile.

We hope you'll take this into consideration when forming districts that unites communities of interest around natural resources and sustainable environments.

Thank you,
Cally