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Dear Citizens Redistricting Commissioners,

As a resident of Mountain View, I support a Congressional district that looks similar to the existing 18th district.

Inherently, county contiguity should be preserved, as cities in the county work the most within such boundaries and therefore would better represent a consensus at the federal level, so I'll break it down to specific city bundles:

- Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos Hills, Los Altos: The four cities of Santa Clara County's northwest generally work together as one. All 4 are represented as one bunch to our transit agency, to our water board, to our open space board. 3 share the same social services agency and school districts (PA has its own provider and school district), a different 3 share the same police records system (LAH has the county sheriff), and there's 2 newspapers that are the only papers of record (Embarcadero covers PA/MV, Town Crier covers LA/LAH)
- Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga, Campbell: These four cities of the south also bundle together, mainly because they are each neighboring small cities (<20k each) hemmed in by San Jose (1mil) and Cupertino (60k), with school districts criss-crossing among them. Also a relative lack of large offices, maintaining a very suburban-to-rural feel.

- While these two groupings might seem geographically separated, their interaction with the neighboring Santa Cruz mountains makes their ties much closer, being affected by the same wildfire dangers and all the federal intervention that entails, especially given last year's fires.

As for the neighboring cities, Cupertino usually works more closely with Sunnyvale and (the city of) Santa Clara, being more-similar sized neighbors with a heavy tech sector. And San Jose is large enough to dominate any district, which also leads to intra-county disputes.

Sincerely,
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