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California Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing today on behalf of the Awaken Church family in San Diego County to request that the communities of San Marcos, Carlsbad, Vista, and Oceanside are viewed as a community of interest and drawn into one district. There are many points of connection between our four cities.

As the pastor of our church, I speak from experience when I testify that our four cities are one community. Many of our congregants attend Awaken's San Marcos and Carlsbad campuses from all over North County, especially from San Marcos, Vista, Oceanside, and Carlsbad. These residents share life outside of Sunday mornings by attending Bible studies, family events, sporting events, and many volunteer service projects all over San Marcos, Vista, Oceanside, and Carlsbad. I ask the commission to take into consideration the faith community shared between these four cities when drawing new districts.

One way many congregants attend our San Marcos campus is via the 78 Freeway, which runs from coast in Oceanside and Carlsbad through Vista to San Marcos. Members of our church rely on this transportation corridor not just to get to church, but also to work, shopping centers, restaurants, the beaches, and more. The 78 is critical to our way of life and our church community, which is why it is so important to put all four of the 78 corridor cities in the same district.

Our communities also share many schools including our own school, Awaken Academy. Many Carlsbad residents attend schools in both Vista and San Marcos. Similarly, many college students attending our church campuses attend university in either Oceanside at Mira Costa Community College or Palomar College and Cal State San Marcos in the City of San Marcos. I ask that you do not split up our educational community by separating any of these four cities.

Thank you for your consideration and time. I join my congregation in thanking God for your service to our community and pray for your continued health and safety.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Heinrichs', written in a cursive style.

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