AAPI & AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative

• Network of organizations across six regions with the goal of engaging Asian American, Pacific Islander, Arab, Middle Eastern, and Muslim communities in redistricting

• Held more than 30 workshops for local organizations, residents, and leaders to engage people in California’s state redistricting process, which included:
  – Community education about the redistricting process and opportunities for engagement
  – Helping people submit community of interest input to the Commission
  – Discussing mapping priorities and proposals

• Worked with stakeholders from other communities to share priorities and find compromises
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Principles

1. District boundaries should comply with the Voting Rights Act to ensure that minority populations have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice.

2. Districts should respect the integrity of communities of interest and neighborhoods.

3. Proposals should be created in collaboration with other stakeholders, such as Black, Latino, LGBTQ, and environmental communities, to find district line configurations that respect the integrity of other historically disenfranchised communities while also uplifting AAPI and AMEMSA ones.
Bay Area Regional Highlights

- Includes 10 CDs all within +/- 4 person deviation
- Drawn based on input from local AAPI & AMEMSA leaders and community members
- Drawn in collaboration with other civil rights and environmental groups resulting in a proposal similar to other submissions
- Respects AAPI & AMEMSA COIs as well as others, including Black, Latino, LGBTQ, immigrant/refugee, low income, and environmental COIs
In CD 12, keep San Francisco’s Chinatown and Japantown whole. These are both important cultural centers that are home to and serve immigrants and seniors, with shared interests around affordable housing and displacement.

Keep Excelsior, Portola, Visitacion Valley, and the Bayview whole and in CD 12. Many residents in Excelsior, Portola, Visitacion Valley, and the Bayview have strong interests in housing affordability, tenant protections, food security, and access to healthcare services. These neighborhoods have many immigrants with limited English proficiency. Visitacion Valley is also home to Pacific Islander communities that have shared cultural interests and face similar socio-economic challenges.
District 14 - San Francisco & San Mateo Priorities

● In CD 14, keep the Filipino community of interest in Daly City, Westborough, and Penn (Buri Buri) whole and together. Many Filipinos in these areas are immigrants, essential workers, and healthcare workers. Buri Buri is also home to Samoan communities with shared interests and multiple Samoan churches.

● In CD 14, keep Pacific Islander neighborhoods in San Mateo County whole and together. Pacific Islanders face many systemic disparities in the areas of education, healthcare, employment, and housing. Pacific Islander communities are concentrated in neighborhoods in San Bruno, Daly City, Redwood City, North Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, and East Palo Alto.
Districts 3 & 11 - East Bay & North Bay
District 13 - East Bay Priorities

- In CD 13, keep Oakland Chinatown, Eastlake / Little Saigon, and San Antonio whole and together. These neighborhoods have many Asian American immigrants and refugees, who face pressures of gentrification and displacement, and have shared needs for language access and social services.

- In CD 13, keep Oakland’s Koreatown Northgate (KONO) district whole and with the business district in Temescal. This area is home to Korean, Yemeni, and Ethiopian small businesses, restaurants, and residents, with shared interests in small business support, language access, and neighborhood safety.
District 15 - East Bay Priorities

- In CD 15 keep Union City whole and with Hayward. Both have numerous Filipino and South Asian immigrants, with shared interests around immigration, employment, and education.

- Keep Hayward with Ashland and Cherryland in CD 15, because they have many working class and immigrant families with shared policy needs.
District 17 - South Bay
District 17 - South Bay Priorities

● Keep the Fremont neighborhoods of Centerville, Irvington, Mission San Jose, and Warm Springs together in CD 17. Fremont is home to many Asian and Muslim families with strong cultural connections and shared interests around immigration, access to language services, culturally-specific social services, education quality, and maintaining community spaces such as parks.

● Include Milpitas, Berryessa, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, and Cupertino in CD 17 with south and central Fremont. Asian American and Muslim residents of these neighborhoods and cities, many of whom are immigrants, share concerns about language services, education, and economic opportunity. Many also work in tech-related jobs and commute between these cities. Community spaces, such as mosques, Gurdwaras, churches, and ethnic business districts, strengthen cultural community ties between these areas.
District 19 - South Bay

- In CD 19, keep Alum Rock with East Side San Jose. Alum Rock is home to many Filipino Americans and Latinos, and is adjacent to a Vietnamese community of interest along Story Road. Residents have shared interests in housing affordability and protections for frontline and essential workers.

- In CD 19, keep Evergreen and Silver Creek neighborhoods in San Jose whole and together. These neighborhoods have many Punjabi, Vietnamese, and Filipino families, with strong cultural communities as well as shared interests in education and language access.
Thank you for the opportunity to present our Bay Area congressional proposal focused on respecting and empowering AAPI & AMEMSA communities of interest while also respecting the Voting Rights Act, other COIs, and other traditional redistricting criteria.