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To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

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2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commissioners,
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My name is Gary Latshaw, I am a resident of Cupertino where I have lived for forty years. I am active in my community as I am a participant in several organizations:

- Cupertino Rotary (where I chair the Climate Action Committee),
- Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter (where I am Air Quality Chair)
- Sustainability Commission of the City of Cupertino
- And others

However, the views expressed here are my own. They have not been shared or reviewed within the above organizations.

One important aspect of this visualization is that most of the cities involved touch the San Francisco Bay. The Bay is an essential element of the region as it supports many unique wildlife, and it has and will suffer from rising sea levels and changes in the local weather. The necessary measures to preserve the Bay can be well coordinated and communicated to others by adopting this visualization, which has many miles of Bay shoreline.

All the cities within this visualization contain high-tech employers of thousands of workers. With this during normal times daily high influx of workers, these areas have unique challenges such as not enough affordable housing, transportation, and traffic congestion are problems faced throughout this region and in some cases require some Federal Action to fully address. The problems faced by these companies and their employees can be well addressed by unifying this region.

Culturally there is much that is shared within this visualization. There is high percentage of Asian-Indians and Chinese in the region. The Cupertino Rotary is probably the most diverse collection of members in the world. We have found commonality and common purpose in the diversity of the United States.

Thank you for taking these points into consideration.

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