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Nguyen*

Hi, my name is _____ I represent the Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance or OCAPICA. OCAPICA is the largest Asian American and Pacific Islander nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the health and well-being of Asians and Pacific Islanders in Orange County. While our main office is in Garden Grove, we are housed and provide services throughout the county. This includes Anaheim as we also are in direct partnership with the Anaheim Union High School District to provide youth support and development programs. OCAPICA has over 100 staff that speak 26 different languages and serve more than 55,000 community members annually across diverse racial and ethnic groups.

One of the many issues we work on is redistricting as a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance. Anaheim, home to almost 350,000 residents, is the most populous city in all of Orange County. Recent census data suggests that over half of Anaheim's residents are Latinx, and nearly 37% of residents are immigrants. Among the foreign-born residents, 55% were undocumented. Furthermore, OCAPICA has worked for the past 25 years with communities of interest in Anaheim including, low-income, limited English proficient, Latino, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Middle Eastern communities.

Housing costs have skyrocketed. Anaheim residents struggle to afford housing, especially with limited Section 8 assistance. There have been previous attempts to construct more affordable housing options for Anaheim residents. However, these are centralized in overcrowded areas, which further burdens the surrounding low-income, working class, and local Latino residents. As the Census data suggests, the majority of Anaheim's residents are family households. Many of which live in overcrowded spaces, need access to food and transportation, and depend on social service needs including Medi-Cal and free and reduced school lunch.

Language access is another common need. Majority of Latino, Asian, and Pacific Islander community members in these areas speak a language other than English at home, leading to many in need of translation and other bilingual services. Particularly in the wake of COVID-19, these in-language options are crucial to ensuring that our immigrant communities have access to potential resources, government assistance, and healthcare.

We ask that you respect these communities of interest and prioritize residents' needs as you consider how to draw supervisorial districts. With the projected population growth for Districts 3, 4, and 5 in mind, we want to ensure that Latino, Asian Americans, Pacific Islander communities in Anaheim are kept together in these districts as they have similar needs such as medical and housing assistance with language accessibility. We must stand in solidarity with our neighbors who make Anaheim a wonderful community. Thank you.

Jennifer L. Hall

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Community meeting testimony.

Good afternoon I'm Quelin Querijero (Quelin Recinos), I'm an immigrant from Guatemala Central America. I live at W. Palais Rd. behind the Euclid Public Library and the Euclid Fire Department Station. I belong to the district 4 of the city of Anaheim.

Our main cross street reference are, Ball Road, Euclid St. and Cerritos Avenue, a few blocks from the Freeway 5. I am part of the organization of OCCORD, Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development. I have lived in the city of Anaheim for more than 15 yrs. I live in a quiet middle class Neighborhood, Single Family Residential Homes.

I have been a volunteer leader of this city for many years.

Back in 2014 we worked as a community giving our feedbacks to the districting Committee for the city of Anaheim. I participated in the measures L and M ballot campaign, dividing the city of Anaheim in six voting districts. Our objective was to have a representative that lives among us and one who knows the community struggle, hopes and aspirations. A leader/representative who knows the daily struggle of a working family and will defend their interest at the City Council. Moving forward with the new districting effort we wish to have a close working relationship with our District Representative to facilitate after-school programs both for the children and the adolescents, our youth. We will work with our community to collaborate with our city officials and representatives. We need strong and safe neighborhoods, where our children can grow up and develop to be responsible citizens of this great city of Anaheim.

Thank you.

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