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To whom it may concern:

My wife and I were both born and raised in District 6, and we have spent the vast majority of our adulthood working in District 6 and downtown San Jose. In 2003 we finally were able to purchase our first home near Bramhall Park. Although the proposed redistricting plan to push a portion of District 6 into District 9 does not appear that it will affect us, both my in-laws and my brother in-law and his family will be affected. This is very much concerning to me, as a major part of what keeps this community thriving is the fact that we are all connected to common issues and causes. Even as new people and new cultures move into the neighborhood (which I have found to be quite welcomed), the citizens of District 6 take up a sense of shared purpose (despite their different cultural backgrounds) that I have not seen in other cities and/or even other neighborhoods in San Jose.

Losing the civic connection with my family, neighbors, and friends (all who live a short walk away in the area to be redistricted) is not acceptable to me. Accordingly, I am adamantly opposed to carving up district 6 and disenfranchising the politically, socially, economically, and spiritually connected community that is Willow Glen.

I am confident that this committee will consider all of its options throughout the redistricting process and ensure that all legal processes are followed to the letter of the law. Any failure to do so will, of course, be met with the appropriate legal responses by the citizens of District 6.

Best,

Nicholas Raby, Esq.