**San Diego County Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) Final Talking Points**

**PURPOSE:** Give your input on why the Southeast San Diego and El Cajon must be kept in District 4 to ensure our Black, Immigrant, and Refugee communities stay together in a single Supervisorial District before the commission makes their final vote on December 11, 2021.

**ACTIONS:**

* Saturday December 11th, 2021 at 2pm
  + Request to Speak Form: [online request to speak form](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/redistricting/IRCrequest-to-speak.html) (must fill out)
    - Agenda Item: 3
    - Agenda Item Title/Subject: Discussion and Selection of Final Working Draft Map
  + WHERE: via Zoom
    - To join the meeting virtually:
      * <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84280051951>
      * Meeting Passcode: 829408
    - To join the meeting by phone:
      * Dial: (669) 900-6833 or (408) 638-0968
      * Or find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aj359BAHe>
      * Webinar ID: 842 8005 1951#
      * Participant ID: not applicable, dial #
      * Meeting Passcode: 829408#
* **Submit your eComment to the County Commission HERE:**
  + <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/redistricting/IRCecomment.html>

**Public Comment/eComment Template:**

Hi Commissioners,

* Thank you
* I urge you to please keep the Black community in Central and Southeast San Diego in the final map.
* I am speaking in concern of El Cajon, and why El Cajon MUST stay in District 4.
* Our newcomer refugee communities who have been a part of this process over the last six months have been bullied out of the process. I urge you to listen to their months and months of public comment and to use the power you have today to uplift refugee, BIPOC communities of El Cajon, spring valley, etc
* El Cajon has been included in District 4 due to months of COI testimony, where you heard directly from low-wage earners, renters, and our newcomer communities advocating to be together with other BIPOC, refugee and immigrant communities.
* There are not just Arab communities in El Cajon, but there are Somalis, Ethiopians, Congolese, and Afghan refugees & immigrants as well who have mutual support networks that span to City Heights.
* El Cajon is much different from other East County cities, as El Cajon has the highest poverty rates and the largest percent of growth in poverty among East County Cities.
* If you remove El Cajon from District 4, you are keeping the status-quo that we have seen in San Diego County for decades. We have seen the effects this has on our communities - they struggle to pay rent, face increased rates of homelessness and poverty, and lack the resources they need for successful resettlement.
* San Diego County welcomes more refugees than any other California county, with significant numbers of them resettling in El Cajon, and it is very likely that our region will experience the second largest resettlement of Afghan refugees in the State.
* Please do not move forward with propositions to remove El Cajon from District 4. From El Cajon to City Heights, our communities must reunite.
* In a time of anti-Asian violence, Asian communities should not be put into white rural areas that do not align with our values. Please do not put Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos and Convoy with communities in east county.