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Mr. James Lawrence, Chair County of San Mateo District Lines Advisory Commission County Manager's Office 400 County Center Redwood City, CA 94063

RE: Supervisorial Redistricting

Dear Chair Lawrence and Commissioners:

I would like to extend my gratitude for your service on the County of San Mateo's District Lines Advisory Commission to ensure the public can shape this once-in-a-decade redistricting process.

The entirety of Daly City currently resides in District 5, and I urge you to continue to keep Daly City whole and unified in one supervisorial district. Daly City is a unique city – one of the largest in San Mateo County and one of the most diverse and densest cities in the country. Our community is also very different from the rest of the county. Over 85% of our community members are people of color, the majority of our community is foreign-born, our residents experience lower average household incomes than the rest of the county, and the majority of our small businesses are minority owned. One of the criteria used by the Board of Supervisors in determining districts is to not divide neighborhoods or "communities of interest" to ensure that socioeconomic geographic areas be kept together for purposes of effective and fair representation. Representation matters deeply to our community. The ability of our community to elect one Supervisor to the Board to represent Daly City's unique interests provides clarity, better understanding of the political process, and greater accountability in government.

On behalf of my community, I strongly recommend that Daly City should not be divided. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this recommendation for Daly City.

Sincerely,

Justine C. Marala

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