

San Mateo District Lines Advisory Commission  
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Hello, my name is Rita Mancera, and I am part of the Pescadero community. I would like to provide input on the South Coast in San Mateo County. I am also a member of the Unity Map Coalition. This group of CBOs in our county have deep knowledge of the communities we serve, the things that make us unique, the common challenges we face and the benefits of advocating in unison.

I work with Puente de la Costa Sur, an organization that works primarily with farmworkers, low-income families, and immigrants in the South Coast. We have been active within the community for 23 years, providing health, education, and economic security services to our region's community members.

I am resident of Pescadero. My son attended the local school district for 11 years. My husband also works in the region. We love our community, volunteer when we can and engage in processes that make our community better, such as emergency preparedness.

Our community primarily lives within the boundaries of south of Highway 84, north of Santa Cruz County, and east of Highway 35. The South Coast is part of the Coastside, a rural community with a large area that is unincorporated. We share challenges related to sea level rise, wildfires, lack of affordable housing, and scarcity of childcare and healthcare. We share common strengths such as a large agriculture industry, tourism, vast protected land, pristine beaches and parks and a diversity of cultures and backgrounds. In this region, there are many renters and people living in poverty and economic insecurity. Because we are unincorporated, and our rural challenges require a lot of advocacy and infrastructure it is important we stay connected as one region.

I am contacting you today to ask the commission to keep my community of interest whole. The attached Unity Map is the result of a community-driven process of 13 community organizations that provided input to a professional demographer.

Thank you,  
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