## ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDERS COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST OF ORANGE COUNTY

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Clerk of the Board County of Orange 333 W. Santa Ana Blvd Santa Ana, CA 92701

## **Key Community of Interest**

Keep Little Saigon Communities of Westminster, Fountain Valley, Garden Grove & Midway City United in the Same District: Little Saigon is a vibrant cultural and economic hub for Orange County's Vietnamese-American community. This area extends from Westminster, Fountain Valley, Garden Grove and Midway City, providing a common safe space where Vietnamese-Americans can preserve our culture, history, language, food, medicine and small businesses. Any map that divides Vietnamese-Americans is subject to a potential legal challenge for violating both the Voting Rights Act and AB 849.

Dear Clerk of the Board,

On behalf of Asian & Pacific Islanders Communities of Interest of Orange County, we submit the attached map that provides fair representation for Orange County's diverse communities of interest.

We represent a coalition of the undersigned organizations and individuals within the Asian and Pacific Islanders Communities of Interest in Orange County and submit to the Orange County Board of Supervisors for consideration a redistricting proposal that fairly represents all Orange County communities. The population deviation of 3.93% between all 5 supervisorial districts presented by this map is within the 10% threshold acceptable within the legal standards of the Voting Rights Act.

As Orange County considers redistricting proposals, it is essential that County Supervisors adopt a map that appropriately respects Little Saigon areas of Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Midway City, and Westminster as a united community of interest.

**District 1** – This district meets the necessary requirement to **Keep Little Saigon United** by providing adequate representation for the Asian/Pacific Islander Community, which has deep historical and cultural roots in Orange County history, as well as to the immigrants who established themselves in Little Saigon and the Korean Business District.

**District 2**- This district will provide for the first time a Latino-majority supervisorial district in Orange County. The corridor from south Santa Ana to Anaheim shares many common cultural roots, as well as social needs. By making this district number 2, we will ensure that this Community of Interest will be able to select its representative in the first available election.

**District 3** – The Foothill communities deserve a unified voice, which is well served to address common issues such as the toll roads and wildfire control.

**District 4** – North Orange County, which borders Los Angeles County, shares many common interests, including cross-county commute and business. This district will allow for a common voice for this part of the county.

**District 5** –Coastal communities have many common concerns, such as harbor patrol, beach erosion, Pacific Coast Highway traffic, the 73 Toll Road, John Wayne Airport flight patterns, etc. Historically, the Orange County coastal cities were originally part of one supervisorial district. The Amplify Energy oil spill that originated in Huntington Beach highlighted the common interest coastal cities in this district share. Having a unified voice will ensure a more effective management and response for the district's residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our map for consideration.

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