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SCVWD Redistricting Advisory Committee
Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of the board of the Almaden Valley Community Association, Steve Levin and myself, I would like thank you for the serious consideration that you have given to Steve's request that Almaden Valley be wholly contained within District 4. As we have pointed out, two ridges of hills give the Almaden Valley a localization that is specific, and our history of proximity to Silicon Valley and IBM has given us a community of interest.

You took a very creative step on August 2, calling a recess and allowing Doug Johnson of NDC to assess using changes in the East Los Gatos area to balance reuniting Almaden Valley.

We are pleased to see that you are entering the ultimate, August 16, meeting with a map that unites Almaden Valley, and we sincerely urge you to retain that map.

Cordially yours,



Pat McMahon, AVCA President



Steven Levin, AVCA Transportation Chair



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