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October 13, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

The County of San Mateo is currently in the process of soliciting public input and evaluating population and demographic changes identified in the newly released 2020 Census to make recommendations for changes to boundaries for the five supervisorial districts.

South San Francisco is currently unevenly split between two districts, with some areas in District 1, represented by Supervisor Pine, which includes Burlingame, Hillsborough, Millbrae and portions of San Bruno and South San Francisco (east of El Camino Real), the unincorporated communities of San Mateo Highlands, Baywood Park, and Burlingame Hills, and the San Francisco Airport; and District 5, represented by Supervisor Canepa, which includes the City of Brisbane, Broadmoor, the Town of Colma, the City of Daly City, and parts of the City of San Bruno and the City of South San Francisco (west of El Camino Real).

On behalf of our community, we respectfully request that the Commission consider designating the entire city of South San Francisco within one supervisorial district to ensure equity and equal representation, rather than rebalancing districts as has been done in the past. We believe that such a designation would best serve the Commission's criteria of, "respecting the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods, communities of interest, cities, and census designated places...in a manner that minimizes their division." Having the entire city within one supervisorial district would also aid South San Francisco residents in clearly understanding in which district they reside, and to recognize which supervisor represents them. The irregular boundaries of the current districts are confusing for many residents, and we believe that the level of public involvement and participation in past redistricting efforts has been limited due to this supervisorial division.

South San Francisco acknowledges and thanks you and your fellow Commissioners for your willingness to volunteer to serve on the District Lines Advisory Commission, and we thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Mark Addiego
Mayor, South San Francisco

Cc: South San Francisco City Council Members