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Christina Turner, City Manager
Mayor Rich Constantine
Councilmember Gene Borgioli
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Councilmember Yvonne Martinez Beltran
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City of Morgan Hill

Agenda item: Public comment regarding Redistricting

Dear Ms. Turner, Mayor Constantine and members of the Morgan Hill City Council:

We understand that community members, Armando Benavides, Alicia Cortez, Rick Badillo, Kathy Chavez Napoli, Roberto Aguirre, Brenda Cayme, Sally Casas, Ernesto Gomez, and Delia Gomez submitted a nine-page letter expressing their concerns about the current redistricting process in the city of Morgan Hill and a proposal to draw new city council districts. (Public Map 103) Specifically, the letter outlined their opposition to the proposals forwarded to the city council by the city administration the demographic consultants engaged by the city of Morgan Hill. The "cracking" of current District B would result in both a violation of the California Voting Rights Act and the Federal Voting Rights Act.

We understand that the City Attorney has opined that Public Map 103 violates the contiguity requirement of the Fair Maps Act. However, we disagree with that legal opinion and urge the city council to seek a "second opinion" on this important issue.

The Asian Law Alliance is in full support of Public Map 103 and the December 15, 2021 letter from Armando Benavides, Alicia Cortez, Rick Badillo, Kathy Chavez Napoli, Roberto Aguirre, Brenda Cayme, Sally Casas, Ernesto Gomez, and Delia Gomez.

Sincerely,

Richard Konda
Executive Director