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Cc: Muranishi, Susan – CAO; County Administrator

Subject: URGENT: Decennial Re-Districting for Alameda County

TO: Alameda County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor David Haubert - District 1
Supervisor Richard Valle - District 2
Supervisor Nate Miley ----- District 4
Supervisor Keith Carson --- District 5

CC: Susan Muranishi, County Administrator

SUBJ: Decennial Re-Districting for Alameda County -- Regular Meeting of Tuesday, Nov 16.

The 'Coalition of Advocates for Lake Merritt' & 'ShelterOak Advocates' -- two civic focused organizations within Oakland and Alameda County -- jointly offer our concerted recommendations for serious consideration of the Board in the essential redistricting of the County's five supervisorial districts.

Of critical concern to our organizations is a currently suggestion that Oakland is over-represented on the Board, and subsequent direction to examine a realignment of districts that would reduce Oakland from having portions of 3 supervisorial districts to only 2.

Considering the unique posture of the County's largest and most influential City with singular attributes that severely impact all County operations, our organizations deem such change as an unconscionable error -- one we strongly urge the Board not to make.

Uniqueness and Overwhelming Importance of Oakland within Alameda County:

- ** Oakland, by far, is the major and most populous city
- ** Oakland comprises appx 26% of Alameda Co residents ... 433,031 of 1,671,329 total
- ** Oakland is the center of urban, social, financial, and cultural life of the County
- ** Oakland is the nucleus of state and federal programs targeted toward social, ethnic, and economic disparities within Alameda County -- the focus of which is Oakland
- ** The primary issues of County responsibility: public health, hospitalization, welfare, homelessness, commerce, maritime, and aeronautical functions are concentrated in Oakland, which demands sharing to equalize workloads among supervisors
- ** Allocating portions of 3 supervisorial districts to Oakland facilitates a more equitable distribution of areas of similar interests throughout the County, as described below..

In addition to rural unincorporated areas and 11 small cities Alameda County contains 4 large cities. Oakland's population, however, almost overshadows the combined populations of the County's other three large cities, namely.

Oakland ... 433,031
Fremont ... 230,504
Hayward .. 162,954
Berkeley ... 124,321

(City population counts listed differ slightly from 2020 Census totals)

In the opinion of our joint organizations, five (5) Supervisorial districts of appx 334,266 population each can be efficiently created in a manner that best fulfills District-defining criteria:

Area "A" could be an independent district for far East County

Area "B" could be an independent district for far South County

Area "C" could be the City of Alameda and Central Oakland, including Lake Merritt

Area "D" could be North Oakland-Berkeley-Albany, and extending easterly to border "Area A"
Area "E" could be East Oakland-San Leandro-Hayward, and extending southerly to border "Area B"

Based on these various and critical considerations, it is the strong recommendation of the 'Coalition of Advocates for Lake Merritt' (CALM) and of 'ShelterOak Advocates' that representation among supervisorial districts assuring the greatest equity and amalgamation of similar interests mandate that portions of 3 supervisorial districts encompassing parts of Oakland will provide the most equitable, desirable, and effective basis for County governance.

Accordingly, we call for the immediate elimination of "Visualization D" from further redistricting consideration

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Respectfully Submitted

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