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City of National City
Mayor Alejandra Sotelo, Solis and
Member of City Council
1243 National City Boulevard
National City, CA 91950

**Re: Request to Implement District Voting under the California Voting Rights Act
Agenda Item #3**

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Please adopt a resolution to transition from at-large to district based elections as soon as possible.

I consider National City a second home, where I worked for many years at the only hospital in the city as well as several nonprofit organizations physically located in the city, and/or serving the people of National City. I have many students today who live in National City, and I teach them to take pride in their community while working towards solutions. My aim is always to ensure the people of San Diego County have access and opportunity to well-being, including being involved in civic affairs and the shaping of their communities. National City is one of a few cities in the county that has not yet adopted district based elections, in a time when even school and college districts are ensuring fair representation by adopting district based elections.

At-large elections also have an adverse impact on a variety of communities of interest. For example, it does not result in representatives being elected from different geographic regions of the City. This could result in a majority of council residing from the same neighborhood and focusing on the needs of that particular neighborhood.

The disempowering of minority voters and communities of interests is the reason why 13 out of 18 cities in the County have already transitioned to district voting. In National City, we have seen this greatly impact the Filipino/American community. The transition now would save the City the costs of litigation. Other cities have had to pay millions of dollars, only to not prevail. National City can use its resources in more productive ways to help its citizens.

I trust you each serve because you want to see a strong, engaged, and vibrant National City. I respectfully ask you to answer the call of community members to adopt district based elections.

Sincerely,

Kirin Amiling Macapugay