

September 13, 2021

Fresno County Equitable Map Coalition c/o Dolores Huerta Foundation P.O. Box 2087
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Dear Fresno County Equitable Map Coalition:

As the President of Nueva Alianza of the City of San Joaquin, I support and recommend the map proposed by the Fresno County Equitable Map Coalition. In their proposed Redistricting map for Fresno County, the Dolores Huerta Foundation has done a diligent job of ensuring that all diverse populations are able to participate and be represented.

San Joaquin is a severely disadvantaged, farmworker community in the center of the rural Westside of Fresno County. About half the 4000 residents are undocumented and live below the poverty level, and about 54% are renters. Only about 30% of adults age 25 and up have a high school diploma or GED and under 4% have a college degree.

Huron, Raisin City, Caruthers, Riverdale and Lanare, as well as Mendota, and Firebaugh are all similar to San Joaquin. Our residents are predominantly Latino, immigrants or the children of immigrants, and we share the same struggles of poverty, unemployment, and underemployment, aggravated by the drought and extreme reductions in imported water. It makes sense for all these small rural towns and small communities on the rural Westside to be grouped together in the same Supervisor District.

Nueva Alianza recognizes the tremendous efforts by the Dolores Huerta Foundation and the Equitable Map Coalition to prepare a balanced and fair redistricting map. Without any hesitation, Nueva Alianza stands with the Fresno County Equitable Map Coalition.

Sincerely,

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