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Dear Mayor and Members of the El Cajon City Council,

California Common Cause would like to thank the El Cajon Mayor and City Council for calling a Special Meeting to reconsider its October 26, 2021 vote to not retain professional demographer services for the draft map phase of the City's redistricting process.

We strongly believe that a meaningful redistricting process requires professional demographer services as well as sincere intent on the Mayor and City Council's part to craft district maps based on public testimony and fair representation, not incumbency protection or assumed community preferences. The utility and adequacy of any map adopted by the Mayor and Council is contingent upon meaningful engagement with residents and due consideration of communities of interest testimony, as well as other state and federal redistricting criteria.

In sum, we thank the Mayor and City Council for reconsidering demographer services at its November 9, 2021 Special Meeting. We hope the City Council will contract with a qualified demographer and utilize their services through the remainder of the redistricting process. Just as important, we hope the Mayor and City Council will adopt a final map that is representative of the diverse needs of El Cajon residents and empowers the City's various communities of interest.

Thank You,  
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