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My name is Vanessa Green and I'm the Census and Redistricting Fellow at Alliance San Diego, a community empowerment organization working to ensure all residents can reach their full potential in an environment of safety, harmony, equality and justice. We are also a part of the Integrated Voter Engagement Redistricting Alliance. San Diego's elected leaders at every level play a huge role in the opportunity, regulation, support and resource distribution to ensure residents can access the California Dream. How they are elected begins with the process you have been selected to lead. While you are tasked with selecting the next group of commissioners, diversity is an important part of that decision. Do not forget that geographical diversity and representation is equally important to this process. It is of vital importance that the San Diego region have representation on this commission. San Diego county is California's:

- 2nd largest county by population
- 2nd largest electorate by voter registration
- 2nd largest public school enrollment
- 2nd largest science and engineering center
- seat of California's 2nd largest city
- 3rd largest county for tourism
- 4th largest GDP in the California economy

Because of these rankings, San Diego has become more prominent in California's profile, especially when it comes to its economy, education, politics, tourism and innovation. In order to have credibility with residents and ensure input in the decision-making process we strongly advocate that you select someone from San Diego to join this commission. San Diego is not like Los Angeles or Orange county. San Diego is not like Riverside or San Bernardino County. San Diego deserves to have representation on this commission and this commission absolutely needs a representative from San Diego to have a fair and representative redistricting process. I hope you will seriously consider these facts when making the decision regarding the selection of the final members to this pane