

Sample Community of Interest Statements

The sample statements below can be used to submit written or in-person public comments:

Community testimony

Where is your community located - what are the boundaries of your community?

What bonds your community - what do you see as the common links in your community?

Why should the community be kept together - or separate from another area?

Sample Statements:

Language

I live on _____ Ave (or Street), and like me, many of my neighbors on this street speak Spanish. We need communication in multiple languages, and elected leaders who understand our community.

Housing

I am a tenant, like many of my neighbors on _____ Ave. As renters, our needs and concerns are different than those who in other neighborhoods or on other streets who own their homes. We need a government that understands the challenges we face.

Parents

I live on ____ Ave and many of us have children at home, and rely on public schools. I think this is different from surrounding areas, and services like childcare are important to us.

Businesses

My business is located in San Rafael. Many of my customers are from the Canal, but many also live in nearby neighborhoods close to downtown San Rafael. I recognize my customer's unique needs, and government should as well.

Community based organizations

We serve/work with the _____ community and see that many of them come from outside the Canal neighborhood. We think County Government should be organized in a way that recognizes this reality.

Neighborhood

I live behind San Rafael High School (or on Lincoln Ave or Woodland Ave). I live in an apartment, and our area is not like the surrounding neighborhoods, which are mostly expensive homes. Our concerns and needs are different than those neighbors, but we deserve representation.