

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

My name is Pida Kongphouthone and I am in strong support of APAC's #1 and #3 maps for an Asian Pacific Islander American empowered district.

Map #1 includes these neighborhoods:

Black Mountain Ranch, Rancho Penasquitos, Torrey Highlands, Mira Mesa, Sorrento Valley, Miramar, Partial Kearny Mesa

Map #3 includes these neighborhoods:

Carmel Valley, Torrey Highlands, Mira Mesa, Sorrento Valley, Miramar, Kearny Mesa

I also noticed that Convoy is not part of the draft preliminary maps that the Redistricting Commission recently released. It shows the lack of understanding of the Asian community in the past 10 years. Here are the facts:

1. On Oct. 23, 2020, the San Diego City Council passed a resolution designating the Convoy Pan-Asian Cultural and Business Innovation District in the Kearny Mesa Community in the City of San Diego.
2. On January 28, 2016, the City Council of the City of San Diego passed a resolution authorizing and establishing the Convoy Banner District. It has authorized the Asian Pacific American Coalition the placement of banners promoting cultural or civic events or activities of general public interest on streets and public rights-of-way designated by resolution of the City Council. To date, APAC have 4 banner programs in Convoy District with logos associated with District 6: Year-Round Banner, Lunar New Year Banner, Get Out the Vote Banner and Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Banner.

It is a fact that the Convoy district is a huge part of our Asian community and needs to be included in D6. This is where our Asian stores and restaurants are located, where we commune with one another. To remove this from D6 is an insult to the San Diego Asian American community.

We implore you to please revisit and revise your map to include APAC maps and add Convoy back into D6.

Respectfully,

Pida