

My name is Gary Wonacott. I have lived in Mission Beach since 1974 and am past president of the Mission Beach Town Council. I support any map that keeps D1 intact, and here is why.

We face the most challenging threat to our coastal zones and communities by sea level rise. It is not a matter of whether Mission Beach is going to succumb to the seas, but when. We in San Diego are already behind other areas in the US. For example, the four counties in Southern Florida have come together for the first time to figure out ways that will prolong the life of their communities.

Based on history, our City leadership simply does not have the vision to address problems that are not happening yesterday, so it will be on us, the residents of our coastal communities to take the lead. To effectively start this process, D1 and D2 coastal communities must come together, now. This would be the worst time to break up D1.

Therefore, I support any map that keeps D1 intact, including keeping UCSD, a critical resource for this effort. It is not a matter of if Mission Beach will succumb to the oceans, but when. We need to begin our collaboration with D1 now so we can prolong Mission Beach for as many decades as possible.

Keep D1 intact including keeping UCSD within the D1 sphere.

Gary