

Dear Commissioners,

Rancho Penasquitos was split in the 2011 redistricting effort. It's past time to reunite us (as Linda Vista is being reunited), and the 2021 Redistricting map should so reflect.

The heart and soul of Rancho Penasquitos, and the true district commonality is our membership in the Poway Unified School District, along with Rancho Bernardo ("RB"), Carmel Mountain Ranch ("CMR"), Torrey Highlands, ("TH"), Black Mountain Ranch ("BMR") and Sabre Springs ("SS"). This is important because most residents of RB, SS, CMR and RP moved here because of the PUSD school district. Our school district, our children, and the school-related activities – with their long-standing sports rivalries, marching band rivalries, Science Olympiad, academic leagues, cheerleading, scouting, etc. - define and link our communities.

In addition to obvious and overwhelming commonality of the PUSD, the proposed North County Inland /District 5 district with a re-unified RP would also encompass those communities that have Fire Safe Councils that coordinate with the San Diego County Fire Safe Council. Mira Mesa does not have a Fire Safe Council. Fire is an ever-present danger to Park Village.

Additionally, the communities in the proposed NCI/District 5 district with a re-unified RP are all part of the Palomar- Pomerado Health District. Mira Mesa is not part of this district.

There are many other commonalities RP shares with the PUSD constituent member communities – diversity of populations, similar housing stock, age of infrastructure, rental vs. owner occupied statistics, and demographics.

Thank you for your consideration.

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