

San Diego Redistricting Commission Comments for meeting of 10-28-21

Last Summer representatives throughout D2 were invited to meet to discuss redistricting. We also reached out to representatives in the neighboring districts D1 and D3 as it was desired that we all work together.

Our goals included: meeting the population goals, maintaining two coastal districts, returning Clairemont neighborhoods to a united Clairemont, and building districts with common goals and common issues thus building strong working relationships. We met weekly, conducted lots of out-reach, and throughout the process we have worked with other districts on mapping ideas we could support.

Some voices have dominated the discussions and the redistricting process, and in trying to meet their desires, ALL the other districts north of I-8 have been chopped up against their wishes. *"Ain't no one happy right now."*

Communities and neighborhoods have been split, life-long residents of D1 have been packed off to a new district, and Clairemont was divided among four districts. D2 would have to go east if our population of 147, 942 was deemed insufficient.

We expect many residents to return to the coastal areas as the new STRO ordinance is implemented with the lottery system. Further, the Midway and SPAWar/NAVWar development will also bring large residential growth to our district. 147,942 and growing rapidly works for us!

When we reached out to Clairemont to participate in our meetings last summer they declined as "no one seemed interested." The four maps shocked them into action, and a new map.

Unfortunately, that map split up our long-standing beach coalitions – town councils, planning groups, environmental groups, crime and safety groups, and more. No one in Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Ocean Beach, Midway or Point Loma was asked how they felt about Clairemont's proposal. When I reached out, I was told "no changes to their map would be considered."

That being said, the coastal communities fully support Clairemont's goal of uniting, and ask that you work with them to make that happen. The Clairemont communities currently in D2 total 31,768 (north Clairemont-West, BayHo, Bay Park, Clairemont Mesa West). Two Clairemont neighborhoods currently in D6 (North Clairemont east, Clairemont Mesa East) would bring in another 31,530. And from D7 (Morena and Linda Vista, Clairemont Mesa south) would come another 47,031. This makes an excellent start. Adjacent neighborhoods would not be difficult to identify. Clairemont deserves a new, whole home. And one district to call home.

These numbers for Clairemont and below for the coastal neighborhoods come from Chair Hebrank's proposed map, pages 8-10, 12-16.

The coastal areas of D2 share common goals, issues and challenges. We work well together and wish to stay together. We have a combined population of 147,630 that includes LaPlaya (2367), Loma Portal (5996), Midway (7687), Mission Bay (582), Mission Beach (3460), Ocean Beach (12,289), Pacific Beach (40,304), Pacific Beach

(313), Pt. Loma Heights (20,238), Roseville/Fleet Road (5,884), Sunset Cliffs (3,531), and the Wooded area of Pt. Loma (3,703). In addition, Midway (312 in D3) could be moved to the coastal district. We clearly reach the minimum population without intruding on other districts.

Alternatively, may I suggest yet another map alternative:

1. Pacific Beach and Mission Beach would be amenable to being put into D1. Mission Bay would be included. Population = 41,199. We do not wish to be a part of Clairemont.
2. Ocean Beach, Point Loma, Midway, Old Town, etc join D3. These are communities south of the SD River. They share many common issues and concerns and at one time were in the same district. Population= 61,695

You would have to look at ways to reshape D3 to absorb our population 61,695.

This would leave D2 for Clairemont and they can build a district in harmony with D6 and D7.

Kindly,

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