

Good Evening Commissioners. I am Shital Parikh, Vice Chair of Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Board. I am also the Chair of Del Mar Mesa Garden Club, and Communications and Outreach coordinator for Friends of Del Mar Mesa.

As you can see based on my involvement, I care deeply about Del Mar Mesa Preserve, the DMM Community and environment.

My concern is in reference to the Commission Chair's Map:

I'd like to draw your attention to the Preserve portion of DMM, an integral part of Del Mar Mesa Community Plan, and a vital part of the City's Multiple Species Habitat Plan. DMM Preserve is important to our community and the City for its recreational and environmental resources and should **not** be split into two City Council districts 1 & 6.

The Commission Chair's map would put the residential part of Del Mar Mesa into District 1 and a substantial part of the Preserve of DMM into District 6. There is no way, DMMCPB can help maintain the Preserve if we have to address two council districts.

- The portion of DMM Preserve allocated to Dist 6 has no population zero, its , MSCP lands. so, it does not help balance deviation or population ratios, therefore there is no reason to assign it to Dist 6. The Preserve can be easily kept in D1 to keep DMM Intact without impacting the commission's requirements or impacting people.
- Your map moves Torrey Highlands from Dist 5 to Dist. 6. Torrey highlands has No Physical road access to Dist 6. Its my understanding that its against the rules of redistricting to assign a neighborhood to a district that is has not access to. The only way for Torrey highlands to access Dist 6, is if a road is built through DMM Preserve , which would cause irreparable damage to DMM Preserve habitat and go against SD's Climate Action Plan.

Del Mar Mesa Preserve must be kept in District 1 **along with the rest** of Del Mar Mesa Community that was instrumental in its formation as per Community Plan. I agree with John Breschke... keep Torrey Highlands in Dist. 5.

I urge you to accept the Dist 1 United's Revised Alternate Map submitted on Oct 27.

Thank you for your time.

Please send me the zoom link to the next redistricting hearing. I would like to attend.

Best
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Del Mar Mesa