

My name is Kathryn Burton. I live in Torrey Hills in D1.

The Chair's revised map is perplexing to me. I was relieved when Commissioner Hoy put Torrey Highlands and Del Mar Mesa Preserve into D1 so that the people who care about the preserve and whose community plans support it would have unified representation. Under the Chair's map, the mid-section of the SR56 corridor would be represented by three council districts within a relatively short distance and make it very difficult to care for the Preserve.

Why was Torrey Highlands moved into D6 from its original place in D5? This is especially strange given that districts are supposed to be compact with convenient transportation connections. Del Mar Mesa Preserve has no population or roads. There is no access to Torrey Highlands from D6 because the Preserve is its southern boundary and separates it.

You Commissioners may be totally unfamiliar with the still developing area around the Preserve and its recent history. One controversial property abutting the Preserve is owned by Cisterra. I'm sure you Commissioners have heard of them and all their shenanigans in San Diego - including nailing an upzone with assistance from the current D6 Councilmember that gave Cisterra a \$20 million windfall. I'm certain other developers in the area would jump at the opportunity to build larger and higher - the effects of which would be to drown the preserve in negative impacts.

From an environmental point of view, splitting Del Mar Mesa Preserve is contrary to good stewardship. The MSCP land needs to be protected by people who care about it. Del Mar Mesa Preserve should stay whole and in District 1. Why split a jewel of a Preserve that is already under attack by developers that care nothing about it?

I also question why East University City is moved from D1 to D6. I note that the area surrounding Del Mar Mesa Preserve and East University City share something in common. Both areas have land slated for high tech buildings, some of which have been completed and some of which are still in the planning stage. Anyone who's paying attention in San Diego knows the developer mantra is to build up, higher and higher with greater intensity.

And why are we transferring high tech development out of D1 and into D6? Why are we transferring the economic engine of University Town Centre out of D1 into D6? Is this really about population balancing?

I recall that at the earlier D6 hearing, representatives from Biocom and Alexandria spoke about the importance of moving parts of D1 into D6 because according to them, the life sciences industry deserves to have their own district they can control. They stated that they want the communities of Sorrento Valley, Mira Mesa and UTC in a new life sciences district in 6. They also stated "The industry deserves a united community in district 6 with a representative that looks out for our interests and helps us continue to grow..."

I wonder. What is the purpose of redistricting? Is its purpose to promote the fortunes of one industry over another?

The Commission's bylaws clearly lay out the duties of the Commission toward communities and citizens. Enhancing the growth and development of one industry is not the mandate of the Commission. As I'm sure you agree, ensuring fair and equitable representation of San Diego's citizens is.