

My name is Sherri Lightner.

I have lived in La Jolla Shores for more than 30 years, a few houses from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and the University of California San Diego. I have lived or worked in La Jolla or Torrey Pines Mesa since I was a student at UCSD decades ago.

I represented District One for eight years and strongly support the position of District One United, which is to retain the current district boundaries.

The findings used to define the District in the 2011 Redistricting Final Report remain valid and the population deviation currently predicted is less than the allowable 10%.

Using maps of community planning areas, school districts, information about watersheds, transportation corridors, infrastructure and public safety availability, the district is shown to be reasonably contiguous, accessible and geographically compact.

The district has strong communities of interest related to schools, community activities, environmental concerns and activism related to the coast and canyons in the district, and the residents have similar educational backgrounds and careers.

The district's boundaries are a combination of natural and man made; the ocean, freeways, the Coaster/Amtrak Railroad tracks, MCAS Miramar, canyons, preserves, a state park, the County of San Diego, the City of Solana Beach and the City of Del Mar.

The only consideration that is not precisely met is the population, which at present has a deviation of less than 10% from the predicted average. Given the information presented by the City Attorney in their April 15 presentation, I believe this deviation to be acceptable given the potential alternative of creating a small pocket of folks without responsive representation.

The City Attorney has described six things to be considered during the redistricting process. Only one of these is that the population must be equally divided among the nine districts.

I respectfully request that you make the finding that a small deviation to the equal population consideration is allowable since the remaining five considerations are clearly met. I urge you to support District One United's, aka, the Coast and Canyons District's, request to remain as we are now.

Thank you for your time.