

To Commissioners,

I have been listening to all the discussions and it is interesting that no one from La Jolla is speaking up; is it that they have been assured that their community won't be touched?

There are several communities that should not be torn apart, not just U.C. but Clairemont, who seems to get the brunt of the divisions.

The other issue is regarding UCSD students. The students chose to attend this university, knowing where it is located. The campus isn't moving. They are here temporarily, not as permanent tax paying residents. Most of their socialization is on campus with whoever they wish to befriend. Part of attending a university is learning how to get along with others who may not be of your ethnicity or have the same values. If they wanted to live in a so called "ghetto" then they should have chosen another university in a different city or area. As it is, UCSD did not provide enough housing for the students they accepted, that is on them and as a result, students are finding housing in several areas of the city, many in U.C. We all know where the "frat" houses are. Our communities welcome these students and expect them to act responsibly in our communities; they in turn need to accept the differences in a community in which they live and not expect us to change our rules and regulations around them; that is the epitome of self centeredness.

You as commissioners are VOLUNTEERS, and are asked to look at maps, boundaries and advised to move them around without really knowing the people and relationships and history. How will this impact our police and fire departments, who are not allowed to give their opinion; have you even considered the safety issues and how it will impact each community? Our tax base will change, representation will change, possibly school issues will change, business partnerships will change and who will benefit?

Suggest strongly, not splitting University City nor connecting UCSD into another district.

Kindest regards,

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