



November 12, 2021

SUBJECT: City of San Diego Redistricting Commission Approved October 29th 2021 Map

Dear Mrs. Nielsen:

On behalf of the Navajo Community Planning Group (NCPI), we would like to express our concerns with the October 29th 2021 approved map by the Redistricting Commission. Accordingly, we urge the commission to revise the map to keep the Interstate 8 freeway as the southernmost border of District 7 in Mission Valley.

Although the Navajo Community is not being separated or split by the recently approved map, the affects of Mission Valley being separated into three different districts will be felt throughout the Navajo community.

Since the early 2000's, the Navajo Community worked diligently with the City of San Diego's Planning Department, representatives from the Mission Valley Planning Area and others in the re-vitalization of the Grantville Community via a Focus Plan Amendment to the Navajo Community Plan. Ample consideration, planning and assumptions during this time helped craft the current vision of East Mission Valley, Navajo and District 7, along with the mitigation measures and cost-sharing complexities of significant infrastructure improvements throughout. Having the possibility of two new council districts, their own political and infrastructure needs infringe on the years of prior planning is deeply concerning.

Furthermore, we strongly support the notion that district boundaries should be set by physical/natural boundaries. Mission Valley and Navajo have some of the most environmentally sensitive lands in all of the City. The San Diego River that runs through Mission Valley then through the Mission Trails Regional Park in Navajo deserve one Councilmember that can protect and implement improvements to these lands. We ask the commission to revise the map to keep the Interstate 8 freeway, the southernmost border of District 7 in Mission Valley.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. You can contact me directly with any further questions or discussion matters at navajoplanners@gmail.com

Sincerely,

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