

Dear Commissioners,

I have reviewed the preliminary map 74956 and have several serious concerns about the boundaries as they relate to the Torrey Hills community.

I have been a Torrey Hills resident and TH planning board member for over 20 years.

- The current map splits Torrey hills in two parts. In fact, the interactive map on the redistricting website has the Torrey Hills community boundaries wrong north of Carmel Mountain Rd. When drawn correctly, more of the planning area is situated in District 1 than the incorrect website map conveys.
- None of Torrey Hills should be placed within District 6. The Torrey Hills “community identity” is strongly bound to Carmel Valley, Torrey Pines, and Del Mar Mesa communities. We share K-6 and 7-12 school districts and much of our community identity is defined through relationships established through our schools.
- The schools have joint use park facilities. Community members work closely with their school district representatives and Council member to care for these facilities. The preliminary map severely impacts a Torrey Hills resident’s ability to effectively lobby the city for resources.
- Torrey Hills and Carmel Valley share financing of local city resources. Our community members serve on the same Park and Recreational committees.
- The preliminary map splits the Torrey Hills Maintenance Assessment District in two. Which council district representative should the MAD committee work with?
- The preliminary map splits the Torrey Hills Community Planning Board area in half. Again, which council district does Torrey Hills Planning Board work with?
- Torrey Hills is contiguous on three sides with Carmel Valley and Torrey Pines. The Los Penasquitos Canyon is a physical barrier to adjacent Mira Mesa.
- Torrey Hills shares coastal topography and orientation with Carmel Valley and Torrey Pines. The TH community plan design guidelines are complementary to Torrey Pines and Carmel Valley.
- During the establishment of Torrey Hills, the Carmel Valley Planning Board was the decision-maker for initial development. (The Mira Mesa Planning Board was not).
- In 2002 the Torrey Hills community changed the planning area name from Sorrento Hills to formally adopt its coastal identity.
- The preliminary map splits in half the Torrey Hills Master Association which includes the vast majority of homes in Torrey Hills (over 1000). This HOA which represents the majority of single-family property owners in Torrey Hills needs to be able to communicate concerns to ONE council member- not two. This is a totally unfair burden and impacts fair representation.

While I understand the difficult task the redistricting commission has before it, please consider the harm that removing Torrey Hills from District one is creating.

Sincerely,

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