

My name is Gerrie Flaven. I am a longterm resident of Rolando Park and am advocating for the return of Rolando Park to what is now District 9. Because the Final Preliminary Map #72525 includes Rolando Park in District 9, I support that map.

And I request that Rolando Park remain in District 9 in the final map approved by the Commission at the close of the public hearing process.

Rolando Park represents a two mile stretch along our northern border of University Avenue. It is bordered on the south by Highway 94; on the west by College Avenue; and on the east by the City of La Mesa.

With the exception of the Kroc Center and a some stable and clean businesses, our 2 mile stretch of University Avenue is distressed. We are a neighborhood of mostly post-WWII single family houses, a small condominium complex and 2 apartment complexes. We have our own Elementary School and our own active Rolando Park Community Council and a University Avenue micro-district.

I'm an active member of the Rolando Park Community Council and the Kroc Center. I use the library, post office and retail stores north of University Avenue in District 9. I participate in the SDPD Mid-City Homeless Coalition with other Mid-City neighborhoods and have given input to the Eastern Area Community Planning Council and College Neighborhood Foundation with other College area neighbors.

Rolando Park belongs in District 9 with other communities along the east-west corridors of University Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard. In addition to geographic attachment, we have issues in common with other eastern and College communities in District 9: the need for infrastructure and economic re-development and the need for equity related to City services.

In the context of presentations to your Commission on minority equity and the Voting Rights Act, your Commission has a responsibility to assure a final map that provides equitable representation. I continue to advocate for the placement of Rolando Park in District 9 within such a map.

Thank you for your work on a very challenging task.

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