

>> Torrey Hills is a coastal community that is closer to the coast than Carmel Valley or Delmar Mesa, and ends at the base of the Los Penasquitos Lagoon directly across from Torrey Pines State Beach.

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>> Torrey Hills and Carmel Valley are inextricably linked and inseparable. We share schools, school districts, parks and shopping areas. We pay a large part of our property taxes to the Del Mar School Districts for several bonds that were passed recently. We share infrastructure in Carmel Valley such as the Ariel Valley Recreation Center, Torrey Hills Park and Ocean Air Park. These were paid for in large part by Torrey Hills taxpayers.

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>> We share no communities of interest with District 6 and are separated by 7.5 miles of Los Penasquitos Canyon. Our community property values are considerably higher than those of current communities within District 6. Merging our Torrey Hills community into District 6 will have a direct and substantial negative impact on our property values.

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>> The preliminary map splits the Torrey Hills Community Planning Board and the Maintenance Assessment District. For these reasons, Torrey Hills should remain with our communities of interest, Carmel Valley Torrey Pines and Del Mar Mesa.

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