November 16, 2021

The City of San Diego Redistricting Commission 202 C Street San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Preliminary Redistricting Map #74956 Being Considered at Tuesday Nov 16 Commission Meeting

Dear Commissioners,

"As a 23 year resident of **Carmel Valley** I thank the Redistricting Commission for keeping our communities of interest together and allowing us to continue protecting and preserving our resources and quality of life up here, and for those future generations to come.

We recognize the Commission's adopted Preliminary Redistricting Map (Map #74956) as a product of hard work, patience and compromise. We recognize that it accomplishes the following regarding D1:

- Keeps most Community Planning Areas together, including Del Mar Mesa, Carmel Valley, University City and La Jolla;
- Combines into District 1 the Master Planned communities of Pacific Highlands Ranch and Torrey Highlands, which were designed around the City's Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP¹) and were established by ballot measures in 1998;
- Keeps intact the majority of the east-west MSCP wildlife corridors located within District 1, including the Los Penasquitos Lagoon, Carmel Mountain Preserve, Shaw Valley Preserve, Del Mar Mesa Preserve and Gonzales Canyon Open Space corridor.

We respectfully request the following Minor Changes for the Preliminary Map to "keep our communities of interest together."

=== The Map on the following page includes these requested revisions and indicates that the remaining portion of the **Kearney Mesa Planning Group Area** moves into District 6.

 Reuniting the Los Penasquitos Canyon area back with District 1 so that we can continue our oversight of this precious resource. and important developing area;

Los Penasquitos Canyon (only 63 residents) is a vital wildlife corridor, part of the system that includes Del Mar Mesa, Carmel Mountain, Shaw Valley Preserves, and Los Penasquitos Lagoon to Torrey Pines State Park and needs to be reunited with these protected areas in District 1.

 Reuniting the Torrey Hills area back with District 1 as it splits its planning board and Maintenance District (MAD). Being united will all the board to continue its oversight of this important developing area

<u>Torrey Hills</u> and Carmel Valley (CV) are inextricably linked and inseparable. It shares infrastructure, schools, school districts, parks and shopping areas with CV. Property taxes from Torrey Hills help pay for the Del Mar School District following passage of several bond issues.

Reuniting Torrey Pines Planning area's (63 residents) narrow parcel of land back with the balance
of the Torrey Pines area so they can continue their history of planning and project review duties
(with the State) regarding the Torrey Pines Reserve and their community planning area.

¹The Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) was developed to preserve a network of habitat and open space, protecting bio-diversity and enhancing the region's quality of life. The City of San Diego is one of several jurisdictions participating in the MSCP. The MSCP covers 85 species and the core biological resource areas are identified within the City's Multi-Habitat Planning Areas.



Thank you again for your dedicated service.

Sincerely,

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