

Dear Commissioners,

On November 13, 2021 you chose a preliminary map, #74596 from Clairemont United. This map is called "keeping a community together makes sense." I fully agree. Keeping a community together does make sense. However, the fact that this map divides Torrey Hills and shifts part of it to District 6 makes no sense. Further, this map extends District 6 north all the way to the 56 freeway through a wildlife corridor. This northern section has no population whatsoever only biotech, office buildings and empty land. This makes no sense and has no redistricting standing. Biocompatible redistricting has no standing.

Torrey Hills is at the base of Los Penasquitos Lagoon across from the Torrey Pines State Beach. We are nestled between the communities of Torrey Pines and Carmel Valley. We are inseparably and inextricably linked with these communities in District 1. We share schools, school districts, libraries, shopping areas, parks, recreation facilities, open space and a zip code. Carmel Valley and Del Mar Mesa residents use the Torrey Hills shopping center. We share all infrastructure. We are a community.

The Carmel Valley Community Planning Board oversaw the development of Torrey Hills until it had its own planning board in 1998. Because our communities are so intertwined, Torrey Hills paid for much of the construction of the Carmel Valley and Ocean Air Recreation Centers both of which are in Carmel Valley.

Los Penasquitos Canyon, which is 7.5 miles long, separates Torrey Hills from Mira Mesa and District 6. Currently, the boundary between Districts 1 and 6 is down the center of the Canyon exactly where it belongs. The preliminary map moves the boundary so that the entire Canyon is in District 6. This makes no sense. There is no redistricting rationale or justification for moving this boundary.

The 2011 Redistricting Commissioners were not mistaken when they acknowledged and made findings that Torrey Hills is inseparable from our neighbors in Carmel Valley and we belonged in District 1.

Tonight, I ask that you reach the same conclusion. Please keep Torrey Hills whole with its communities of interest in District 1 and please keep the boundary between the two districts where it belongs in the center of Los Penasquitos Canyon.

This makes sense.

Thank you.

Kathryn Burton