

Serra Mesa Community Council

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City of San Diego Redistricting Commission
202 C Street, MS2A
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Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

The Serra Mesa Community Council board passed a motion September 2021 to request that all of Serra Mesa (including the Birdland area) and Kearny Mesa be incorporated into one City Council district.

Justification for Keeping All of Serra Mesa in One Area – Besides single and multifamily housing the Birdland area includes major hospitals, medical centers/offices, the juvenile hall, and other social service agencies. Throughout the decades representatives from these groups have participated in Serra Mesa Planning Group meetings and community activities. The representatives and the community work together along with our councilmember to resolve existing issues and prevent new ones from developing. This wouldn't be a good time to divide the two areas of Serra Mesa since two hospital modernization/construction projects in Birdland are planned.

Justification for Keeping Serra Mesa and Kearny Mesa Together

- Contiguous Territory – See attached map.
- Geographically Compact – Area is regular shape. See map.
- Communities of Interest – Similar legislative concerns that could benefit from cohesive representation
 - Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport – Located in Kearny Mesa and adjacent to Serra Mesa.
 - Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library – Established to serve two communities.
 - Shared Retail Area – Serra Mesa is dependent on our neighbor Kearny Mesa for a grocery store (close one at Stonecrest in Kearny Mesa) and for other retail stores (most of the retail areas were given to Kearny Mesa when they separated from Serra Mesa).
 - Shared Safety Services – SDFD and SDPD.
 - Shared Public Transportation – MTS, 2 bus routes.
 - History – Serra Mesa Planning Group's area originally included Kearny Mesa.
- Reasonable Access – Easy access between populations and all parts of the two districts are connected via the main routes of Convoy, Kearny Villa, Ruffin, and Murphy Canyon.
- Natural Boundaries: Bounded on north by SR-52; west, I-805 & SR-163; east, I-15; south, north of Friars.
- Two Separate Districts Not Working – Serra Mesa (also, south side of Aero Drive, technically part of Kearny Mesa Planning area) in District 7 and Kearny Mesa in District 6. Issues have not been resolved, e.g., regular flooding at south east corner of Aero/Sandrock. (Current councilmember is working on a long-term solution.) If both areas were part of the same district, better chance of quicker resolution of issue and any future issues.

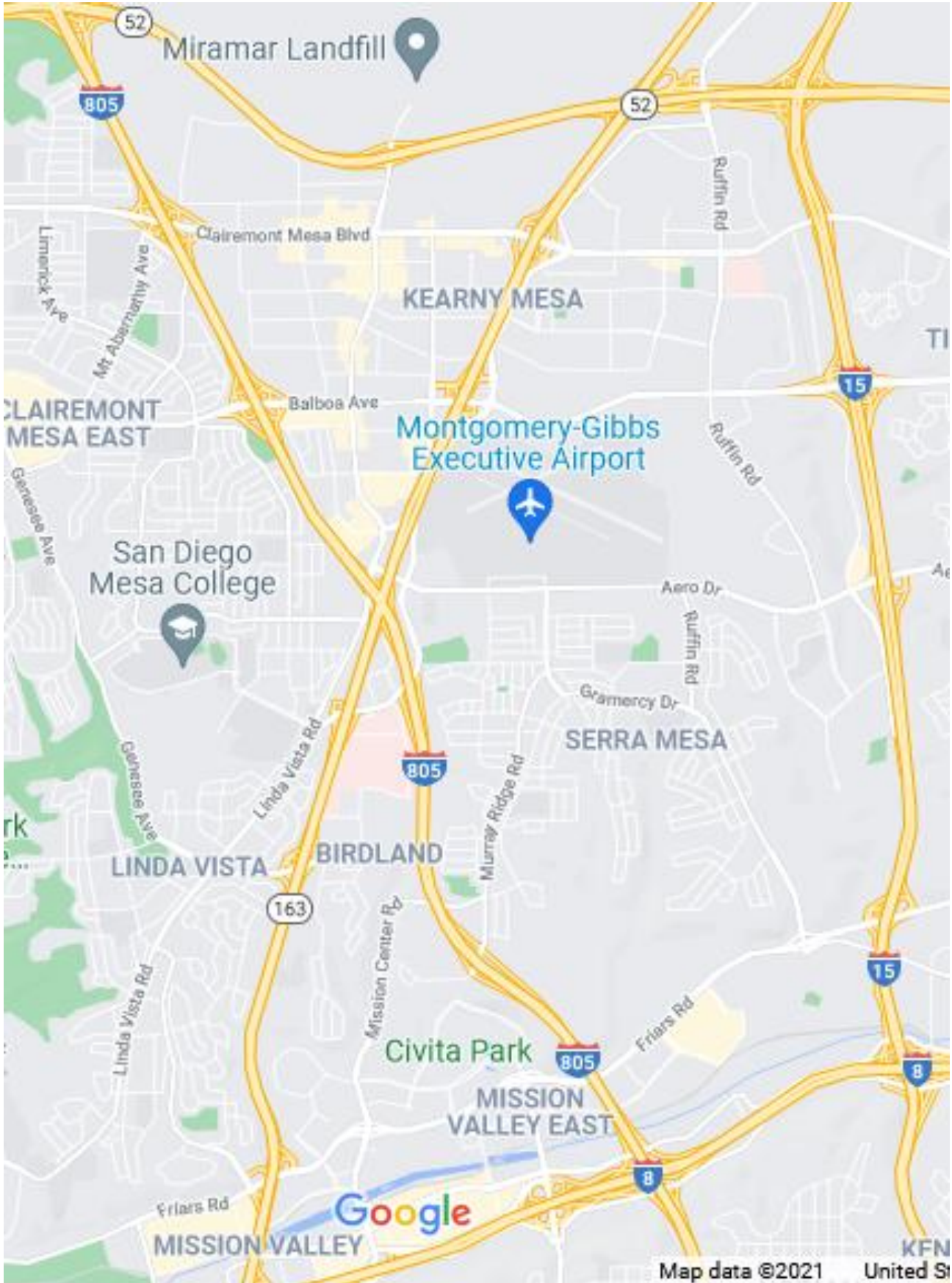
We appreciate your consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,



Carl Demas
President, Serra Mesa Community Council

Map showing Kearny Mesa, Serra Mesa, Birdland



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