

November 21, 2021

Commissioners:

I support freeway I-5 as the western boundary of District 6 as shown in Map 74956, the Preliminary Map submitted to the City Clerk on November 15, 2021.

At the November 16, 2021 special meeting a suggested map change #82668, moves the western boundary of District 1 to Gilman Drive and also includes the UCSD main campus in District 6.

Gilman Drive is a poor choice for this boundary. I-5 is a much stronger boundary.

Gilman Drive is currently under review for massive reconstruction and should not be divided down the middle between two council districts. Gilman Drive is slated to be redone as part of the Coastal Rail Trail, a biking route. Both sides of Gilman Drive will have redesigned bike lanes. There is controversy over the safest way to construct these for both occasional recreation and "speed" bikers. The entrance from Gilman to I-5 south is being reevaluated to protect bike riders. Community groups have been consulted on proposed changes over the past year or so. It should not be divided between two council districts.

Adding the UCSD campus to D-6 will undermine its long term connection to La Jolla, dating back to its choice of location adjacent to the UC Scripps Institute of Oceanography, encouraged by oceanographer Roger Revelle.

If the UCSD campus is added to District 6, La Jolla will be connected to the northern part of District One by a 4.5 mile long coastal area with a population of 585 people. Some call it a spaghetti strap.

The V-shaped area between I-5 and Gilman Drive is my neighborhood. The SANDAG neighborhood map calls it part of the La Jolla Neighborhood. I live in the northeast part of La Jolla just south of UCSD.

I shop at three major grocery stores there; I do transactions at two bank offices; my pharmacy is located there; there's a movie theater I have gone to in safer days; I eat at its casual restaurants. I see neighbors there frequently. As a neighbor I have an interest in its upcoming redevelopment being proposed by the City.

Gilman Drive provides the preferred entrance to I-5 south from my neighborhood.

Gilman Drive provides direct and quick access to the UCSD campus for cars traveling from on the south.

Please retain this V-shaped area and the UCSD campus west of I-5 where they belong in

District One.

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