

Letter to the Redistricting Commission of the City of San Diego

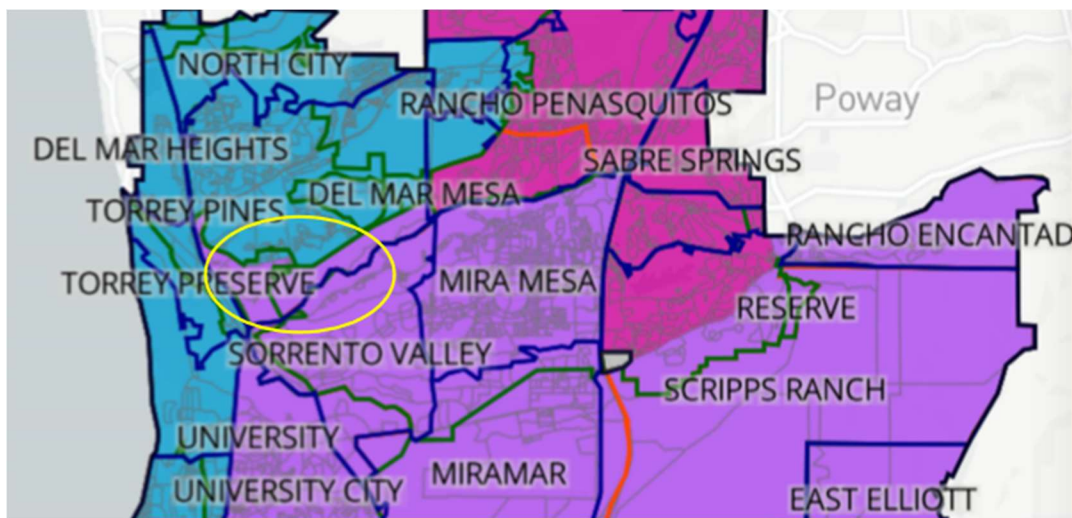
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Dear Commission,

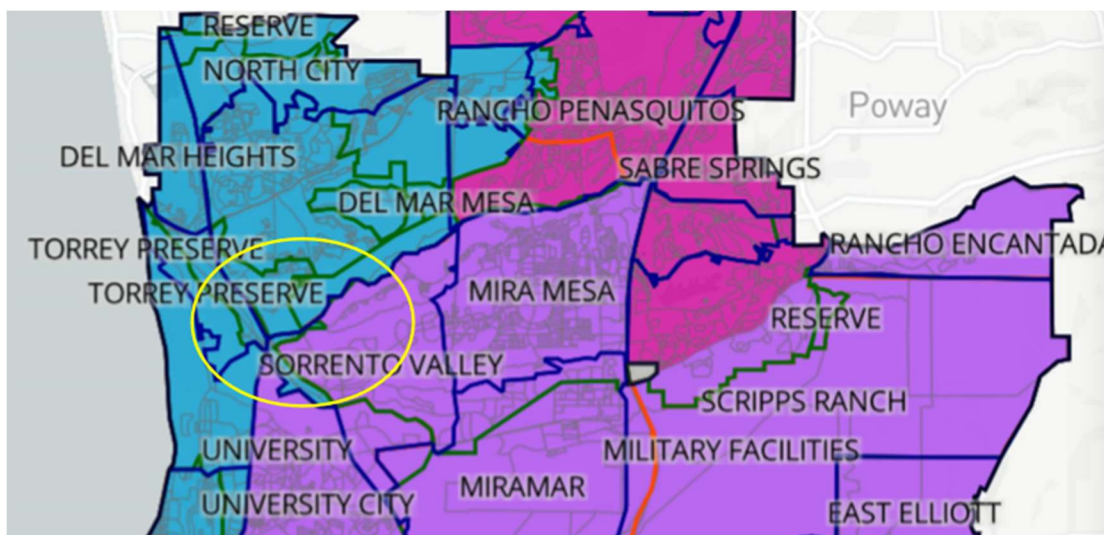
This letter is written to express the clear and concise position of the Torrey Pines Community Planning Board regarding the City of San Diego Council Redistricting effort currently underway.

The Torrey Pines Community Planning Board understands the commission adopted map 74956 on Saturday, November 13th as the basis for the San Diego City Council Redistricting effort. Our board respectfully requests the commission modify the district lines as depicted on the map titled Revised below. An excerpt of Map 74956 is provided for comparison.

Map 74956 as adopted by the commission on 11/13/21



Revised Map as recommended by the Torrey Pines Community Planning Board on 11/22/21



The modifications we recommend are small in scope however they have a large impact on maintaining consistent representation and neighborhood connectivity. We believe these recommendations will have a significant benefit for the following reasons:

- 1) They keep Sorrento Valley connected to Del Mar and Carmel Valley
- 2) They keep the Los Penasquitos canyon connected Carmel Valley, and
- 3) They keep the Torrey Hills community from being split in half

Community planning groups represent the most local politics, providing invaluable insight in situations like these. Topography, schools and parks, retail services and activities, and transportation arteries all support and justify of our recommendations for maintaining connectivity and community cohesion.

All of the Torrey Pines, Carmel Valley and Torrey Hills planning group jurisdictions share some of the greatest challenges to our community; rising sea levels, bluff erosion, lagoon preservation and balanced growth. The communities of Torrey Hills and Torrey Pines are strong environmental stewards for the lagoons and canyons within their jurisdiction, demonstrating the importance of unification of our communities and representatives in taking on our challenges.

We believe these communities must come together stronger and to coordinate with a common voice and action plan. And we believe our City representation should be consistent among our jurisdictions in order to provide the best for our communities.

We ask that you strongly consider our recommendations.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Burges, on behalf of The Torrey Pines Community Planning Board