

November 23, 2021

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

Re: Preliminary Redistricting Map #83035
Being Considered at Tuesday November 23 Commission Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

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

We recognize the Commission's recently updated Preliminary Redistricting Map (now Map #83035) as a product of hard work, patience and compromise. We understand that it is almost impossible to develop a map that pleases everyone. We feel the many positive aspects of this map relative to existing District 1 include:

- Keeps most Neighborhoods and Community Planning Areas together, including Del Mar Mesa, Carmel Valley, Pacific Highlands Ranch, University City and La Jolla;
- Combines into District 1 the Master Planned community of Torrey Highlands, which was established and designed around the City's Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP¹) and voted on with 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 A, B, C and D to the Commission's Preliminary Map (#83035) to "keep our neighborhoods and communities of interest together."

I fully support the map on the following page (Map #85205) which indicates the location of these requested revisions and shows the current split portions of the Kearney Mesa Planning Group Area being reunited together in District 6.

- A. Reuniting the western portion of Los Penasquitos Canyon** area back with District 1 so that we can continue our oversight of this precious resource and wildlife corridor;

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 west to Los Penasquitos Lagoon and the Torrey Pines State Reserve. These connected components within this critical wildlife corridor need to be reunited and remain protected areas in District 1.

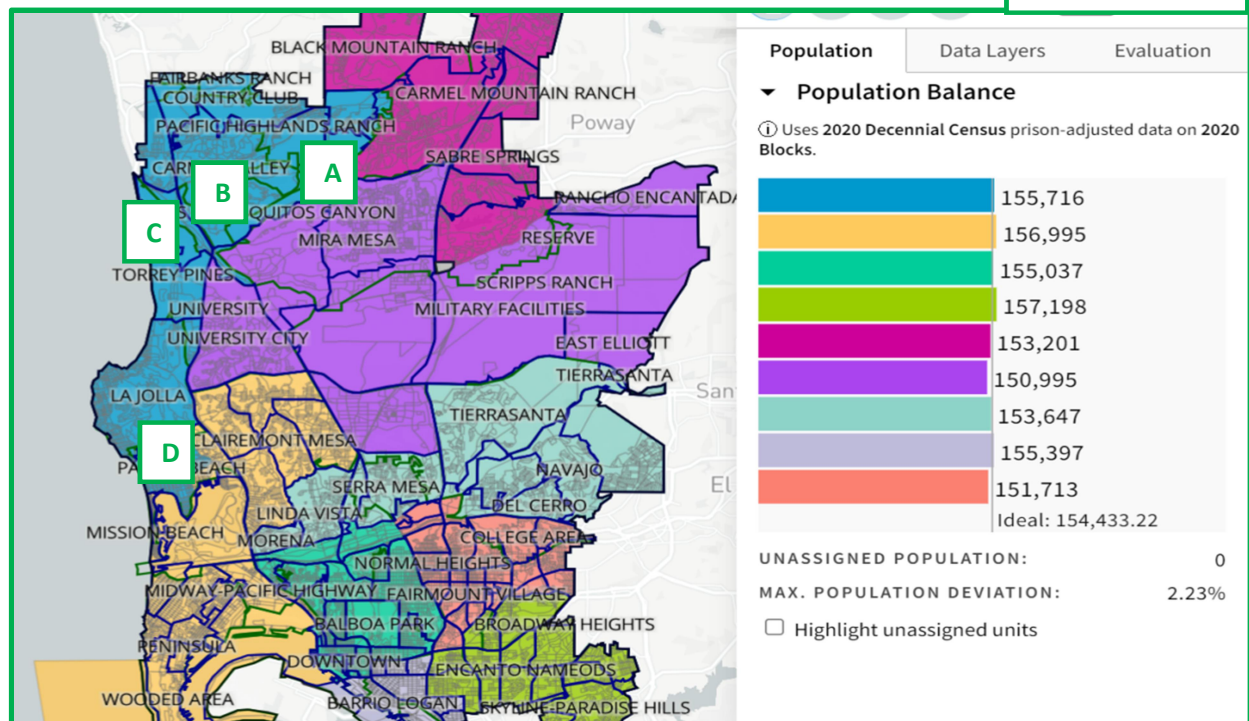
- B. Reuniting the Torrey Hills** area back with District 1 as the current Preliminary Map splits its neighborhood, community planning board and Maintenance Assessment District (MAD). Being united back with the balance of Torrey Hills it, with District 1's assistance, to continue its responsible oversight of this key area within North San Diego.

Torrey Hills and Carmel Valley (CV) are inextricably linked and inseparable. It shares regional retail and recreational facilities, transportation routes and infrastructure, schools, parks and open space with Carmel Valley. Property taxes from Torrey Hills help pay for the Del Mar School District following passage of several bond issues.

- C. **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 responsible history of project review duties (with the State) regarding the Torrey Pines Reserve and other projects proposed for their community planning area.
- D. Minor transfers of population from the northeast corner of Pacific Beach, a portion of that area adjacent to Bay Ho and Bay Park.

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.

MAP # 85205



* Asian Voting Age Population (VAP) in District 6 increases to 40.4% with this map.

Thank you again for your dedicated service.

Sincerely,

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Carmel Valley Resident,
Homeowner and Taxpayer