

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in response to the preliminary redistricting map approved by the Commission on October 29. I have been following this process and note that with one small exception, the Commission has kept University City together in one District. Needless to say, we were all quite surprised when, at the 11th hour, the Commission proposed and approved a map that split University City in half by Genesee Avenue. To adopt this map would be disastrous for our community, particularly for southeast UC.

University City, named for its creation to support UCSD, is a tight community. Our kids attend the same schools, we use the same parks, libraries, and stores. All of UC, particularly south UC, is vitally interested in development at UCSD and the Golden Triangle, and the protection of Rose Canyon and Marian Bear Park. Compared to La Jolla, UCSD, and the development interests just north of south UC, we are small by comparison. To split UC, and particularly south UC, into two Districts would dilute and eviscerate any voice, however small, we have. Splitting south UC would be disastrous for our community; indeed, it has already created significant heartache within the neighborhood.

Given the separation created by the 805, southeast UC has little in common with, or interest in, District 6. However, if we were placed in District 6, this slice of UC would be enormously outnumbered by any interests from across the 805.

You must keep UC, or at least south UC, together in District 1. If some portion must be carved out to help with population distribution, perhaps the area north of Nobel and east of Genesee could be moved to District 6. Given their proximity with Miramar Road and easier access to Sorrento Valley, this may be a more natural fit. But it is critical that southeast UC, in particular the area bounded by University City High School to the north, the 805 to the east, and the 52 to the south, be kept together with the rest of the UC. And this community must be kept in District 1; the development at the Golden Triangle and UCSD impacts the community of UC much more significantly than the community of La Jolla. All of us impacted by this must be given a voice in the future of this area.

I implore you - please keep southeast UC together with the rest of the UC community in District 1.

Sincerely,

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