

November 30, 2021

Chair Thomas Hebrank Redistricting Commission City of San Diego

RE: DCPC Public Comment on Redistricting of Downtown San Diego Neighborhoods

Dear Chair Hebrank and Redistricting Commissioners,

The Downtown Community Planning Council – San Diego (DCPC) appreciates your continued services on the Redistricting Commission. DCPC is group of citizens who are elected for two-year term to represent Downtown San Diego's residential homeowners and tenants, commercial property owners and businesspeople, charitable, civic and cultural groups.

DCPC has been closely following the redistricting process and participating in the Redistricting Commission's public meetings over the past few months. The group has also considered public input from Downtown San Diego residents, businesses and non-profits on the community's priorities regarding redistricting.

DCPC appreciates that downtown, urban, neighborhoods have remained together in the redistricting plans. We recommend that in the SW corner of the district that the boundary line follow 19<sup>th</sup> Street to the waterfront so that the MTS yard, Railyard, 10<sup>th</sup> Ave Marine Terminal and the waterfront Hilton remain in the Downtown District. That correction will enable DCPC to fully represent that area as required by city plans. Those areas as traditionally included have no residential population and therefore will not impact carefully considered population counts.

Thank you for your consideration,

Robert B. Link Chairperson

**Downtown Community Planning Council** 

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