

Dear Commissioners,

The last-minute proposal to split the UC community in half along Genesee has disastrous implications for residents who have spent decades building, fostering, protecting, and serving the University City community.

South University City is -and always has been- a unified community that is under siege from developers, speculators, SANDAG manipulation, and UCSD's unrestrained, hyper-irresponsible growth. To split that unity will make it nearly impossible to protect the nature of the community that we have spent our lives and life savings nurturing. The Commission faces tough challenges with balancing redistricting, to be sure, but this move would be a tone-deaf dismissal of those years of service by our elders in UC who worked hard to bring us so much, and to those of us who try to fulfill their legacy. It's a legacy of unity that has brought UC a middle and high school, a park, a library, and the protection of precious open space.

Please consider the implications of a Genesee split. This is not a numbers game for us. Without UC unity we will see what was once a wonderful place to live be picked away by both those public and private profiteers who would have us believe they are serving University City. We know better.

Sincerely, Chris Beresford