

I was not called upon at tonight's meeting even though my hand was raised and at about 11:05 PM, Miss Flemming mentioned my name as a speaker but, never called on me.

Here are my thoughts:

I urge keeping District 1 together as is; it allows for stronger representation from our council person and other city representatives. It provides continuity with our schools, libraries and recreation facilities and holds onto a secure tax base by not moving businesses into another District.

Who does this benefit by splitting University City, who is really driving the bus?

Do not divide University City, keep it whole, don't break up the family.

I also am addressing the UCSD students who are blaming La Jolla and University City for their housing issues, that is misdirected. The onus is on the University; they accepted more students than available housing. Why doesn't UCSD do more outreach in all communities to assist with housing? Are the students given some type of discount if they don't live on campus?

All the students complained that they have nothing in common with the residents in our community; have they actually even tried to get to know us? Do they reach out to the neighbors, as they should and may be pleasantly surprised at how welcoming we can be and interested in them or, do they stay hidden behind closed doors and only socialize and have conversations with other students? Most of their socialization is on campus anyway and they are there temporarily, maybe 4 years.

There are choices, they can attend another university in a location where they feel more comfortable or consider living in our community and embrace it.

Taking the university away from District 1 is unacceptable and so is dividing it.

Kind regards,

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