

## San Diego City Council Redistricting Commission

I have been part of the Clairemont community since 1964. I was briefly in other communities but wanted to be in Clairemont to raise my own family. From this I became involved in the local schools as the Madison community co-chair for 15 years, the president of the Kiwanis club and ultimately was asked to bring the Clairemont Chamber of Commerce into the modern age.

In all these years I was constantly working to make Clairemont even see themselves as a community. By working with at least two city council members, it has been hard. I saw this much more clearly with the chamber of commerce when local businesses wanted more access to the city as they really didn't see themselves as part of Clairemont. More than once, I had to reconcile to one part of the community being awarded more funding or opportunity because of more access to one city councilmember than the other. The community of Clairemont is not without its own voice but has been encouraged, over the years, to see Clairemont as split apart and not a complete community.

Now with the current Chair's map, I see one high school cluster, fighting to even be considered local schools, being split apart into two city council districts. A cluster where almost half the students leave for other communities because, well, we really don't have community schools where there is no community anyway. This will make for quite the challenge when getting support as one group within the cluster cannot receive supports from the others if funded by a council member. I have run into this with funding to the town council for a project in south Clairemont versus funding for the chamber, which now must stay within the confines of their own council district.

I was startled by comments from this commission that Clairemont is too large to be within its own district. Seems Mira Mesa, which is only 4% less in population, gets much different treatment, having never in my recollection, ever been divided. I will wait for that explanation. This is disingenuous enough. Then to have the lower income and Hispanic population put with District 6 that is being built for the Asian community. Has no one studied the actual demographic makeup of Clairemont? It is as diverse as you could be, matching both the city and county in numbers. And none of these groups are included in the attempts as inclusion.

As someone who has struggled to bring Clairemont together as a community, so that we may actually have a voice when it comes to helping the growing minority and lower income population in the north of the community, I am loathe to believe that while we undergo the most drastic changes to the community since our founding in the 1950's that we would again be divided. And by greatly increasing the community population through infill and the addition of multifamily units on the single family lots, I believe this may be the last opportunity to bring the community together in one district as a message that we matter to the city at large,.

I encourage you to make Clairemont whole after so many years of being divided. Please support Clairemont in one district.

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