

I have been studying the proposed redistricting plan at <https://districtr.org/plan/87744?portal>. When viewed with the current district and Neighborhood Area overlays and in conjunction with the proposed populations vs the ideal district population level, it makes me question the motivation for the number of neighborhoods and geographic areas that get split by the plan.

With all due respect, the inclusion of an area of Torrey Hills in District 6 on the proposed redistricting map looks a lot like the Gerrymandering examples that I saw in grade school civics classes. The arguments that I have read for the inclusion of Torrey Hills in District 6 seem particularly untenable when looking at the details of the redistricting plan. What first jumped out at me was that a geographically and socio-economically similar section of what is currently in District 6 in the Kearny Mesa area north of Montgomery field will be moved into District 7 which contributes to the result that the proposed District 7, at population 157,764, will become the district that is the most over the "Ideal" population level of 154,433. The more I studied the map, the more I saw that looks odd. For example, looking at the "Neighborhood Areas" overlay, it seems that the proposed District 6 boundaries unnecessarily breakup the neighborhoods of:

- Carmel Valley with the move of the Torrey Hills area to District 6
- Scripps Ranch which becomes partially District 5 and partially District 6
- Kearny Mesa which is currently District 6 is half moved to District 7 (which is now too large)
- Etc., etc., etc.

It appears that there are ways that the districts could be drawn so as to better keep "Neighborhood Areas" and geographic regions intact. This obviously leads me to question whether there were political voting block drivers behind aspects of the proposed redistricting. After all, that's what Gerrymandering is all about. That, however, is just a question and not an accusation in that I only became aware of the redistricting plan this morning.

I request that the proposed districts not be approved as-is. Rather, in keeping with Item 1 on the December 1 agenda, I believe that keeping Torrey Hills in its entirety within District 1 and moving all of Kearny Mesa to District 6, etc. is far more reasonable.

Sincerely,
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