

Dear Commissioners,

I have had a chance to sit through the entire meeting tonight to witness the process, and now understand the efforts you have made and appreciate you taking neighborhood resident feedback into heart.

Now Torrey Hills is moved back to D1 as a result of today's meeting, which is a testament of the committee's commitment. And as a Torrey Hills resident, I applaud you for this decision. However, as Kathryn Burton and many others pointed out during the meeting, we need Torrey Hills as a whole to be back to D1, because a portion of a closely held neighborhood is being carved out for no apparent good reason.

Together with many of my neighbors we question whether you realize that the current boundary in the map 87525 put my home and my neighbors on the south side (even house numbers 4606, 4612, 4618, 4624....) of the neighborhood street (vereda mar del sol) in D6, while the north side of the homes (odd house numbers 4605, 4611, 4617....) in D1. Similarly the homes on the two sides of Vereda Sol del Dios are in two different districts. We all have the same floor plans and are managed by the same homeowners association. My south side neighbor comes to use my garbage cans when I have space! We sign each other's consent forms when installing solar panels or need to cut down a tree in the front yards to get approval from the same neighborhood board.

I call vereda mar del sol a neighborhood street because, like many other kids of my neighbors, my now 9 year old daughter learned to ride her tricycle on vereda mar del sol when she was 4 years old, and she still runs across vereda mar del sol in slippers to our northside neighbor to share ice cream with their similar-aged kids. We look after each other's children, we use the same gardener and handyman. Vereda mar del sol is the north entrance to our neighborhood, not a dividing line of D1 and D6. Neither is Vereda Sol Del Dios, which is the south entrance of this neighborhood. Whereas vereda Luz Del Sol goes east and west in the middle of this neighborhood, now the neighbors on this same street are also in two different districts. Using the loop from Vereda mar del sol to Vereda Sol del Dios creates the outrageous phenomenon that many of us end up needing to go to D1 to open my mailbox while our homes are in D6, I wonder how post office will arrange their delivery route, and for that matter whether the city garbage pick up would come to our neighborhood on two different schedules. That is how unreasonable this is becoming. All the neighborhood kids would have been trick-and-treating by zigzagging through D1 and D6 a month ago-- you could just imagine that, but it will be real to this neighborhood should Vereda mar del sol be used for redistricting. And that kind of result would be a disgrace to an important effort such as redistricting.



If prior to map 87525, we Torrey Hills residents opposed "splitting" Torrey Hills, now this map is essentially dissecting our neighborhood with surgical precision while under the pretense that Torrey Hills is being returned to D1. I sincerely hope this is merely a technical error of the mapping tool. Or maybe you just have not had the knowledge where this physically very thin dividing line actually landed. I invite you to come to our neighborhood, to Vereda mar del sol, to have a look, You would be glad to have done so because you will realize right away that this is truly a mistake. And once you realize that, I am sure you will want to fix it. I have observed and somewhat understood your principles in trying to come up with a redistricting proposal that you are all proud of, and I believe what I saw and heard from you tonight should lead you to that achievement.

Again I implore you to please reexamine this part of the Torrey Hills which is being carved out with no rationale. At least please add this comment and concern into the next

meeting's agenda, so you could collect public comments as a necessary procedure. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
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