

Dear Commissioners Hoy, Kosmo, MacPhail, Malbrough, Nevin, Nielsen, Hernandez, Hebrank, and Roberts,

It is my understanding that the current redistricting plan to move most of Torrey Hills back into District 1 will exclude the following streets:

Torrey Circle
Vereda Mar del Sol
Vereda Luz del Sol
Corte Luz del Sol
Vereda Sol del Dios
Terraza Mar Marvelosa
and Corte Mar Asombrosa

I write to ask you to modify this plan so that the 606 residents who live on these streets remain in District 1 with their neighbors. Please look at the map of this community -- the plan under consideration carves up the small, close-knit neighborhood of St. Augustine and potentially the two streets just south of it. This tiny development of houses has a strong connection. If this plan is adopted, children and families who live in houses across sleepy streets from one another and who play and gather in our cul-de-sacs will be in different districts. All St. Augustine residents share a community of interest with one another, with Torrey Hills, and with Carmel Valley. Our children attend the same schools and play at the same playgrounds. We shop in the same shops, read in the same libraries, drive on the same streets, and hike in the same canyons. We are one community sharing the same infrastructure and should have the same political representation to best protect our common concerns. We do not have these common interests with District 6, which is physically separated from us by the Los Penasquitos canyon systems.

I also urge you to keep our community dog park and the Los Penasquitos Canyon in District 1. The dog park is a vital part of the neighborhood and is used by Carmel Valley residents. And since there is no population in the Los Penasquitos Canyon, it should continue to be part of District 1 so the wildlife corridor is not partitioned into parcels subject to different representation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Clare Lemon