

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Marc Leibowitz, and I'm a 20-year resident of Torrey Hills, in the St. Augustine community. I was disheartened to learn that my community is proposed to be moved out of District 1. It is inappropriate to exclude our streets from the rest of Torrey Hills, to effectively cut our community from our immediate neighborhood, both ethically and logically. For one thing, it does not follow the spirit of redistricting stated on the Secretary of State website- It does not use natural boundaries or respect the geographic integrity of neighborhoods and communities. Additionally, it does not consider that we have been loyal taxpayers and involved members of our neighborhood and community for many years - **THAT SHOULD NOT CHANGE!** We are all immediate neighbors and share the same streets, shopping centers and schools as our neighbors immediately adjacent.

It should be mentioned that it is especially egregious that the large apartment buildings in Torrey Hills have been allowed to remain in District 1 rather than the entire single family residential neighborhood of St. Augustine. Obviously to carve out the apartments that are essentially in my back yard and owned/operated by the Irvine Company is a slap to those of us who actually own our homes and pay our taxes and community fees versus those who do not invest in the community but simply live where they do for the top tier schools. We bought specifically in our neighborhood because of the public schools, parks and shopping that was part of the whole Torrey Hills community – never would we have thought you would be thinking of carving out our neighborhood and removing us from the community we have been a part of since our purchasing off our home.

It should also be mentioned that this action clearly will be affecting real estate values moving forward. Believe me, a home in Carmel Valley is much preferred to a home in Mira Mesa and you are directing affecting my homes value without any consideration of the short and long term impacts that will have on the home owners. Just look at the map you folks are proposing – who thinks that carving out small portions of neighborhoods is appropriate. I bet none of your homes are impacted by this.

I would assume that if you do act in a fashion that negatively impacts my neighborhood that there will be significant legal action that hopefully will raise your awareness of the illogical thinking that seems to be in play here. In sum, it is both discriminatory and offensive that the St. Augustine neighborhood is being carved out- there is no valid or fair reason to select this community for redistricting. On December 7th, please do the right thing and **make ALL OF TORREY HILLS part of District 1 so that we can keep Carmel Valley as ONE COMMUNITY. (Revise Map 89040).**

Regards,

Marc Leibowitz