



December 6, 2021

City of San Diego Redistricting Commissioners
202 C Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear City of San Diego Redistricting Commissioners:

We want to thank you for your leadership during this necessary and much needed process of refining the preliminary map. We know that this has not been easy, but you have each demonstrated civility, empathy, and sound judgement which every San Diegan can appreciate.

APAC stands firm on the position that UCSD should not be divided as currently shown in the preliminary map with a small part of it in District 6 and the remaining majority of it in District 1. We strongly support UCSD in its entirety, to remain in District 1. Dividing UCSD is similar to dividing neighborhoods; UCSD will be stronger if it remains whole; restored in its entirety into District 1. In this process we have listened to many public testimonies and we have heard that no one wants their communities to be divided, and we should not treat UCSD any different. It is for this very reason why Clairemont has fought so hard to be reunited and not split as their residents have demonstrated passionately. As you make this change you will need to make the adjustments to the overpopulation of D5 and the under population of District 2. On the October 29th meeting, nearly all the Commissioners unanimously voted to keep UCSD in District 1 and we strongly support this decision.

The APAC Board also makes the following recommendations:

- APAC finds all three scenarios of the explored maps to lower the deviation of District 5 (Map 89283, Map 89302, and Map 89602), acceptable to District 1 because they unite Torrey Hills and keeps most of UCSD.
- Of all three maps explored, APAC supports Version 3 as the AAPI community is in strong favor of 40% or higher AAPI. Map Drawer's Note: This version only lowers the D5 Deviation to 3.88% (above the suggested benchmark of 3.5%), but achieves an Asian percentage for District 6 of 40.08%.
Map 89602 -- V3 -- Explore Lowering the Deviation of District 5
Link to map: <https://districtr.org/plan/89602>
- APAC recommends that Haystaq evaluate ways to decrease the population in D5 by moving portions of Scripps Ranch to D6 and/or moving part of Torrey Highlands to D1 or restore the whole UCSD to D1.



We commend you for your perseverance and dedication to the redistricting process. As this journey reaches its final stages, we encourage you to finish strong and continue to make courageous decisions that shape this city, America's Finest City. As the community have witnessed in previous hearings, fear and intimidation have no place in the democratic process. As Bruce Lee once said, "Courage is not the absence of fear, it is the ability to act in the presence of fear."

We want to thank you again for all that you have done and continue to do for all San Diegans.

Sincerely,

Steve Hsieh

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