

December 9, 2021

Dear City of San Diego and the Redistricting Commission, **KEEP OLD TOWN IN DISTRICT 3:**

My name is Patricia Ann Fillét, and I am a graduate of California State University with a master's degree in American History and an emphasis in race, class, and gender during the post- American Civil War period (1870-1878). I am also a generational family of Old Town San Diego and continue to live in my childhood home, inheriting my family's property.

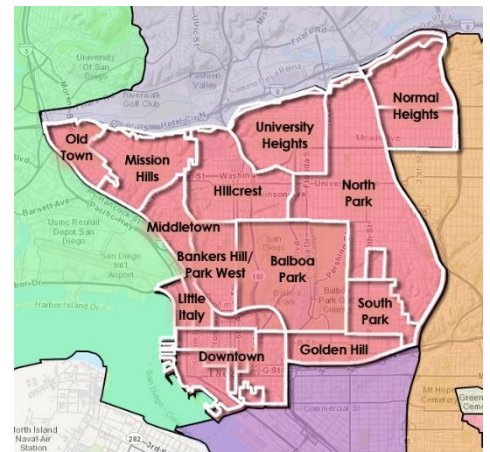
Old Town is the first Settlement in San Diego and is considered the birthplace of California. Historically, the outgrowth has been to "New Town" or the Gaslamp area, communities of Mission Hills, Balboa Park, and Bankers Hill. In fact, you can follow this growth and development if you have the time to visit the San Diego History Center and view the historic photos. (See first map to the right shows the existing council district 3 and Old Town's organic outgrowth to the neighboring communities)

***Our story does not begin with you the commission to draw lines and tell us where we live, it is for us to tell you where we live and how we will continue to grow. Where do your redistricting lines begin? We see where the new redistricting proposes to separate Fort Stockton to be the boundary between Mission Hills and Old Town. Historically, Fort Stockton is Old Town and part of the story of how our National Heritage of Presidio Park remains inextricably linked to California and state hood. Our indigenous brothers and sisters are our true representatives for Old Town and by redrawing lines, you are redrawing their histories as well and what we recognize in American history, as "revisionist" history. And again, with no indigenous voices to stand for our historic communities, SHAME ON YOU to separate Old Town between Mission Hills at Fort Stockton and your proposal to move our neighborhood community into District 2!***

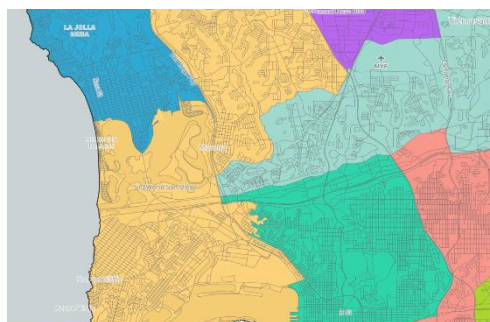
And as you may also recognize, the history of Old Town is indeed quite diverse then your redistricting panel, here today. Presidio Park, Fort Stockton, and the Historic Mormon Battalion march to Old Town, the San Diego River, and our first settlers, our indigenous brothers and sisters who have been long removed to reservations are just that – missed from this story to redraw your lines. Families that were able to remain in Old Town and survive and thrive is a result of what you see today – Our neighbors of Mission Hills, Bankers Hill, Balboa Park, Gaslamp, and others within district 3 (and beyond) all have direct threads of history that link us together and not separate us as you propose to do here today. *In fact, Fort Stockton is historically, Old Town, and as we remain in District 3, we will continue to remain stronger, together!*

We urge you right now, tomorrow, and forever, to keep Old Town together and in our historic district where we continue to thrive and welcome all individuals, nationally and globally! And if you are unaware of other historic communities disrupted for political gain, reread the historic neighborhood of Barrio Logan, and understand what the City irrevocably has allowed: a neighborhood historically misrepresented and left out of the neighborhood process for the economic benefit of the City of San Diego: a neighborhood that is fighting for clean air and environmental rights, long divided by overdevelopment of large businesses and the Coronado Bay Bridge.

Old Town is one of those places and spaces that remains on the top 5 - that's top 5 destinations - to visit when here in San Diego and in California. Look around, Old Town is linked to more than what you see. Our imprint is all over this generous and beautiful city – the many neighborhoods that make this city a beautiful place needs your help to keep our history continuous and not revisionist. **Keep Old Town in District 3, the historical and**



Current boundary from 2011 redistricting  
Preserving historic resources and significance



Proposed inclusion from 2021 redistricting  
adversely affecting historic resources and significance

**geographical outgrowth of how this community grew to allow the birthplace of California to become the “Plymouth Rock” of the West Coast!**

Yours very respectfully,

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