

Honorable Chair Hebrank and Commissioners,

I had the honor of representing Council District 1 from 2008 to 2016. When I was first elected the District included all of the Ranch Peñasquitos planning area, and the associated communities of Torrey Highlands and Black Mountain Ranch. It included Del Mar Mesa, Torrey Pines, Torrey Hills, Carmel Valley, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Fairbanks Ranch, Torrey Pines Mesa, University City and most of La Jolla. With the 2011 Redistricting all of Rancho Peñasquitos was taken from the district and the whole of La Jolla was restored to D1.

I want to thank the Commission for assuring that the southern end of the Torrey Pines plan area remains in District 1. As Councilmember for District 1, my office dealt with the flooding of Roselle Street, Sorrento Valley Blvd and the train tracks which was caused by unmaintained storm drain channels. During the power outage of September 8, 2011, Pump Station 64 failed because both of the electrical circuits, main and back-up failed. Pump Station 64 is located in this southern end of the Torrey Pines plan area. Both of these issues were better addressed in one council district.

The watershed for the Peñasquitos Lagoon must be kept in the same district as the Lagoon to facilitate actions which protect and enhance it. Whether it be the flooding experienced during some storm events, a pump station failure, sand accumulation blocking the lagoon's drainage to the ocean, the treatment for mosquitoes, the double tracking project, sea-level rise, wetlands restoration, Coaster connectivity and access to the business parks and the Torrey Pines State Park Ranger's home, it is important that these areas are all in District 1. Assuring maintenance of the storm water drainage system is much easier if it remains in the same district as the watershed.

Thank you in advance for making sure that this area, the southern portion of the City approved and documented Torrey Pines planning area remains in D1. The attached Exhibit A shows why this is important. The boundaries provided by the District tool, the navy blue line in the exhibit, are not correct and place Pump Station 64 in D6. When the actual planning boundaries are used, it is in D1 where it should remain. Additionally, the western portion of Peñasquitos Canyon should be included in District 1 as it is in the same watershed. The actual 2011 Council District boundary should be used to define the interface between D1 and D6 for the Peñasquitos Canyon. These areas with minimal population are extremely important to the Peñasquitos Lagoon and other areas of District 1 as mentioned above.

Best Regards,

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