

September 8, 2021

San Diego City Redistricting Commission
202 C Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

District 1 United's vision for District 1 includes UC San Diego.

A District 1 Community Plan Area with the same boundaries for over 30 years, the University Community is closely integrated with UC San Diego. Many people who work at UC San Diego and attend school there live in University City - in fact it is called University City because it was developed in the 1960s as housing for faculty and staff at UC San Diego. Planning for University City and UC San Diego has been integrated for over 50 years.

District 1 is a contiguous area integrated by major roadways and shared open space resources, including residential, employment, commercial, common public schools, hospitals, parks and open space, and our relationship to UC San Diego.

District 1 communities are closely aligned with the coast and its institutions: UC San Diego, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, the Salk Institute, Scripps Research Institute, and the major medical facilities at UC San Diego and Scripps, as well as parks and recreation, including the Glider Port and Torrey Pines State Reserve.

UC San Diego forms a hub for District 1 around which the City's principle economic engine, the biotech and high-tech industries, revolve. The communities in District 1 understand the common environmental, economic, and institutional issues we face, and we look to UC San Diego for leadership in helping to solve them.

UC San Diego belongs with District 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Nielsen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Nielsen
50 Year University City Resident