

To Redistricting Commissioners:

I am very concerned that the comments of UCSD students at the District 6 Redistricting Community Meeting this Wed/Sept 8 will be given a heavier weight of consideration than that of Clairemont residents in reference to Council District 6 redistricting. We the Community have a vested interest just as much as the students, we have families, churches, businesses, pay our fair share of taxes, and the plans are to CHOP UP our community! We are hard working residents who love, care, provide employment and participate in all facets of bettering the Clairemont community. However, this meeting basically told us to SHUT UP and that our VOICE MEANS NOTHING! That is very TROUBLING! This affects the well-being and the everyday life in the Clairemont community and many adjoining communities. **Chopping up Clairemont Mesa will mean the community will no longer exist and this is disheartening.** The people are the very fabric of what makes a beautiful and vibrant community (**different ages, different walks of life, color, creed, ethnicity, interest . . . and THAT is what you call the AUTHENTICITY of a DIVERSE COMMUNITY**).

My concern is . . .

1. Will the UCSD students that spoke maintain a connection to San Diego by living and working here once they graduate? How will you determine that, you can't! It should be seriously considered when redistricting, which will affect our communities for the next 12 years. If you want to make all the communities whole and fair, break it back down to only 5 districts and quit dividing the people! Quit playing the political game, special interests and truly help ALL people, **not just one kind**. It was very obvious in the meeting who and what was being addressed, which all led to a one-sided interest.
2. During the meeting, UCSD "Asian" students clearly had help and were given information that were pushing for special interests as though a **particular council district is needed just for them**. It was a constant REPEAT of REQUESTS! **Diversity is the cornerstone of American Democracy and to have a council district focus on one portion of the population is WRONG!** DON'T DIVIDE PEOPLE! THAT IS CLEARLY INAPPROPRIATE AND GROUNDS FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION. WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF DIVISION IN THIS CITY, THIS STATE AND THE ENTIRE NATION! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!
3. Another concern is the speaker who urged that Kearny Mesa should be combined in a council district with Mira Mesa and Sorrento Valley. **That would make a council district with the sole focus on the Asian community when there should be diversity in all council districts.** In addition, Kearny Mesa is separated from Mira Mesa by the huge expanse of MCAS Miramar and therefore would not be contiguous.
4. Combining Kearny Mesa with Mira Mesa and Sorrento Valley in a district is clearly the wrong path and wrongly separates Communities of Interest, namely Clairemont and Serra Mesa, from Kearny Mesa. **Clairemont and Serra Mesa are Communities of Interest with Kearny Mesa** especially because those communities are impacted by

Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport regarding current TOXIC LEAD AIR POLLUTION from LEADED AVIATION FUEL, AIRCRAFT NOISE and SAFETY CONCERNS, **whereas Mira Mesa and Sorrento Valley are NOT! It makes no sense!**

Your consideration to keep Kearny Mesa in either Council District 6 or 7 is appreciated. Please keep us whole.

Respectfully,,
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