

My name is Dennis-Michael Broussard and I am a current resident of District 1 and I went to school at UCSD.

Concurrently, I do a lot of work, both for nonprofits and as an independent contractor in D6. Being partly of Asian descent, I am also for an Asian empowered/influenced district, but I am against UCSD and UTC areas removed from District 1.

I've read many of the student comments from UCSD that want to go to D6 - but many of those are transient residents - and many do not even know who their district representatives are - or even what the real consequences of redistricting are. Many UCSD students do not register to vote, and some of the ones who do, don't actually vote - including for their district representative. So I wonder why they feel so passionately about being tied to a district when most don't vote for who will represent them - or even know who DOES represent them...

I speculate that they have been deceived and lied to and someone is probably getting paid per head to get the students to make comments. These students want to be united with D6 because that's where they party and hang out - in the Convoy area of D6. While I don't want to invalidate that desire, that isn't strong enough of an argument to break UCSD away from where it belongs, in D1.

UCSD and UTC are tied to La Jolla and the coast. UCSD is in La Jolla and UTC businesses and residents need a representative who is familiar with the issues unique to that area.

D6 can surely expand the Asian population, instead of dividing a community. I do want to see an Asian empowered district so that a representative will be voted that will keep this community and its residents' best interest in mind, but I would rather not see that as a consequence of removing La Jolla from D1.