

**MINUTES
FOR THE 2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PUBLIC HEARING**

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2011

**FORUM HALL AT UTC
4545 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92122**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dalal at 6:08 p.m. 61 persons were observed to be in attendance. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dalal at 7:55 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

(C) Chair Anisha Dalal
(M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow
(M) Frederick Kosmo
(M) Theresa Quiroz
(M) David Potter

ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Dalal called the roll:

(C) Chair Anisha Dalal – present
(M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow – present
(M) Theresa Quiroz – present
(M) David Potter – present
(M) Frederick Kosmo – present
(M) Arthur Nishioka – not present
(VC) Vice Chair Carlos Marquez – not present

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Redistricting Commission on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Comments are limited to no more than two minutes per speaker. Submit requests to speak to Midori Wong, Redistricting Commission Chief of Staff, before the item is called. Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, no discussion or action, other than a referral, shall be taken by the Redistricting Commission on any issue brought forth under Non-Agenda Comment.

(Transcript Begins)

Comment 1: Councilmember Sherri Lightner

Not sure this is quite in your jurisdiction, but welcome to District 1; you are in the University Community Planning Group area. I want to thank everyone for being here this evening. The Redistricting Commission—bet you never thought you'd see it—is in its final stages of the progress, so far. And I cannot thank everyone enough for their involvement in this very public process. First, I want to recognize the Commission's hard work. You have been at this for ten long months, working to create a new district map that respects San Diego's diverse communities while accommodating a new Council district, and the City's population growth—no easy task there. Your outreach effort has been extensive, and you have spent hours upon hours listening to the public, and meeting with them to draw these new districts. You set a standard that will be hard to match when the next one comes around, and I hope you all will be around to advise on how best to do it with your experience. I thank you for your continued commitment to the City of San Diego and its residents. I also thank those in the community who have been so involved in this process. Many residents from District 1 continue to make their voices heard, explaining how their neighborhoods are tied together by geography and long-standing common interests. Thank you again for coming this evening, for participating in the process, and for being such a critical part of this whole procedure. I think you deserve a round of applause. And, I know you'll take the hits, but, thank you. Thank you very much.

CITY ATTORNEY AND STAFF ASIGNED TO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION COMMENT

Ms. Spivak: Only for the benefit of the public, I want to reiterate—any Commissioner who is not present at this meeting, or any other post-map hearing, will in fact, be required to listen to the tapes so your comments will be made tonight to all of the Commissioners, even those not present. They'll be listening to those they did not attend before the four final hearings, in which the Commission will be making any changes to the map. Thank you.

(Transcript Ends)

PUBLIC HEARING:

ITEM 1 – OVERVIEW OF PRELIMINARY REDISTRICTING PLAN

Ms. Midori Wong, Chief of Staff, Redistricting Commission, provided an overview of the preliminary redistricting plan and the materials included in the agenda packet, including maps, demographic tables, and filing statement prepared in compliance with the City Charter. She also explained how street level detail of the plan could be accessed online using the free redistricting mapping tool.

ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING PRELIMINARY REDISTRICTING PLAN

(Transcript Begins)

Comment 1: Andy Berg

Thank you very much. I'm Andy Berg, President of the Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council. Again, thank you, Commissioners for all your hard work. Ten months is a long time, and just another month, hang in there, we'll get this done. I'm here to ask you for one thing, and one thing only tonight, and it's not that you combine all of Rancho Peñasquitos back into one district, it's not even that you move my house back into that main district where Rancho Peñasquitos will reside. I would love you to do that, but I've kind of conceded that those aren't going to happen, and there are logical reasons for them not happening. What I don't understand, and what I'm asking you for, and I've asked you for it three times in emails and twice other times in testimony, is to please move the east-west boundary from Salmon River Road to Black Mountain Road. Salmon River Road is a long, I admit that, but a very narrow residential street that will have more than 100 people looking across the street at their neighbors and being in opposite districts and they won't understand why you did that. It also bends a little bit back east-west, so somewhere you have to draw a line where next-door neighbors would be in opposite districts. The only reason that made sense, and it did make some sense, because you wanted to get the numbers exactly right. You wanted each district to have exactly the right numbers, or as close as possible—that's no longer the case, you've set the precedent. District 1, District 2, District 3, all of which have bigger deviations than what I'm asking you to do will cause for District 5 and 6. So there's no reason not to move the boundary from a small residential street to a major four-lane road that has no houses on either side of it. It's a logical boundary; everybody will understand it. If you don't do that, people are going to get their voter registration, their voter ballots, and they're going to look at their neighbors and they're going to try and figure out what happened and they're going to go, what the heck was that Commission thinking, why did they do that? You know, we have this major thoroughfare, you figured that out with 56, that's a major thoroughfare, that's where you're splitting Peñasquitos. We also have a major thoroughfare going north-south, that's Black Mountain Road, it's just a logical place to do it. There will not be a negative effect. It's, it's like I said, the deviation will be less than other districts you've already created, and there'll be no demographic change, the API populations of 5 and 6 will stay essentially the same whether you do that or not. That's, you know, we're at this final stage. Please finish this out. Please do, do the right thing and stick to really recognizable solid boundaries. Thank you.

Comment 2: Keith B. Rhodes

I'll be short. I don't think mine is actually asking for a change to the, one district to another. I am, but it's really a clean-up issue. If you look at the map right here, my property is located right there. Now, the division line through here is Peñasquitos, between 6 and 5. And you notice that there's a flat spot right here and then 56 goes north, but there's a flat spot right there. That's inaccurate. 56, and that flat spot is my property, that's this line right here. Now, I think it happened because in earlier maps when they taped 56 on the large-scale map, they got, they missed where it goes north here and put straight across and then going north here. What it does is, is I have a vesting tentative map, I'm in the process of selling it, it will build this project, the vesting tentative map, which I got in '04. This black line represents what is now what's dividing 5 from 6. What I ask is that you just continue to use 56 to here and then simply, Torrey Highlands, the dividing point here comes across like this, just take it across to 56, that would

keep this, otherwise you're dividing a multi-family, a self storage, and a commercial project in half. I don't think that was ever, it's, it's raw land right now, so population wasn't taken into effect. But I believe it was just a mistake at large scale. So, I think it's just when 56 was put on there to be the dividing line, when it got here, it thought, it didn't take it up from this point, it moved, I'm a little shaky, aren't I, it moved over here and went up. So just take it up from here and you'd have a correct. This area, all of this would now be in 6. Thank you very much.

Comment 3: Helen Boyden

Hello. I'm Helen Boyden, 8525 Nottingham Place. I'd like to—first I'd like to thank the Redistricting Commission for its hard work and recognition of the Coast and Canyon Plans for Council District 1, as representing the interest of all the communities in that plan. I've lived in an area of La Jolla adjacent to UCSD for 42 years, having previously lived in University City. I'm active in the La Jolla Community Planning Association and maintain many ties to University City, and I'm familiar with issues there also. Over the years, living where I do, I've experienced not only the many benefits, but also the problems that come from living adjacent to UCSD. The UCSD campus is located in the University Community Planning Area, but it's also a community of interest with La Jolla. Faculty, staff, and students live throughout both planning areas and in the other coastal planning areas as well. I believe that the entirety of University City and La Jolla should be united, as you have done, in one council district, so that it can continue to represent the interests of all who live in areas affected by UCSD. Of course, the coastal communities also have additional natural affinities with La Jolla and should continue to be included in Council District 1. Please continue to support the Coast and Canyons Map in determining the boundaries of Council District 1. Thank you.

Comment 4: Phyllis Minick

Thank you. Like everyone, I want to thank you, and if I could, I'd shake your hands, but there's hardly time. I live at, this is Phyllis Minick, I live in what I just recently found out is called South La Jolla. I didn't know there was such a division. So, I want to certainly thank you for considering that we are a little tail on the dog, that of, the general La Jolla area, only a mile down the hill from the cut-off. But our area loses out to the much larger areas of, all the way from Pacific Beach through Ocean Beach and down the shoreline. Therefore, we've had situations that have really been very difficult and very costly, I would say costly for the City, but actually costly for the taxpayers. And that is the area along Soledad Mountain Road, where property owners complained loudly and lengthily, that their waterlines were leaking. This was completely ignored, and led to, as I'm sure you all know, a very severe landslide that cost the City for over a year of 24-hour-a-day guards to protect and keep people from going through the area that might have slid further, and by the way, did slide before. So, this was a much neglected oversight, probably, I'm sure, because the contiguous business, bars and beaches of Point Loma, North Bay, Old Town, Pacific and Ocean Beach really demanded so much more attention. That area has now become a blighted zone of trash and weeds. That's really sad for people entering our area. Therefore we join the voices of other taxpaying La Jollans who urge that you do not waver in the choice you've already made. Thank you.

Comment 5: Joe La Cava

Thank you. Joe La Cava. And, thank you once again for the opportunity to speak before you. Normally, I start out by thanking the Commission, of course, I'm very appreciative, but on this particular special day I want to thank your spouses, and your partners, and your family who have so graciously allowed you to spend so much time, of your personal time, in this particular endeavor, which is so important to our city. And likewise, the spouses, and partners, and family of all the people that have come to meeting after meeting giving of their time because this is so important to their neighborhoods or communities, and to the city as a whole. I would be remiss if I didn't thank in particular my wife, Loreen, who sits waiting for me ready to celebrate our 30th anniversary tonight, but was gracious enough to give me an extra hour to be here to speak, and before we celebrated. So, but this is particularly important.

Now to the matter at hand, of course, want to agree with the Council District 1, as shown on your preliminary plan, which covered everything that we proposed on the Coasts and Canyons Plan. I want to thank you for listening to all the testimony that you've heard from all the residents, and for listening to the unanimous votes of over twelve community organizations that voted from La Jolla all the way up to Carmel Valley to endorse that plan. And I really especially want to—that you just didn't do it because we wanted it, that you listened to our arguments and our proposals, and you took that information and you vetted it against to what the City Charter required, and you made sure in very careful and thoughtful deliberations, that that was the right thing to do for this corner of the city, not just because the residents, a few residents were asking for it, but because it was the right thing to do for this city, and for this corner of this community. And for that, I thank you for those careful deliberations. And to make no mistake, and you've heard it already, and I think you're going to hear it throughout the night, that the intention of the Coast and Canyons Plan was of course to keep La Jolla whole and make it whole in Council District 1, for the first time in ten years, and to keep UCSD and its surrounds whole and in Council District 1. There's been a lot of compelling evidence to that, we appreciate the fact that you agree with that. And also, to resist efforts to split up University City for really no appreciable gains, but would do irreparable harm to both the UCSD campus and to the residents of University City, to keep that whole and in Council District 1. And of course, keep the other coastal communities, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, Del Mar Mesa, Carmel Valley, I'm sure you will hear from those speakers tonight as well, In addition, even though it's not population-based, but also to keep the Open Space Preserves in District 1. Keeping those Open Space Preserves that are associated with the residential communities that enjoy, maintain and enhance those Open Space Preserves as part of their community of interest. And I appreciate that one last little correction that we got in there, in getting as much of the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve as part of District 1, as it has historically been a part of. And so I appreciate your support, continued support of that.

And, in closing I want to reference, there's been some criticism about the Commission's decision to put that little piece of University City that extends east of 805. I think that was the right thing to do. I think the Commission did it in full knowledge of what the City Charter required. It's not just because it is part of the University Community Planning Area, which it is, and they take very good care of the land use issues and that, but it also aligns with very distinctive boundaries, as the City Charter calls for. Marine Corps Air Station Miramar forms part of that easterly boundary, and a very distinctive Soledad Canyon forms the other part of the boundary. So, it is a very logical and reasonable thing to do, as the City Charter demands, and I believe it's the right thing for Council District 1. So, with all of that, I'll repeat once again, thank you for endorsing the Coast and Canyons Plan, and the way you have drawn Council

District 1 in the preliminary plan, and as others have said, I hope that you continue to keep that solidified as you listen to all the testimony. Thank you again.

Comment 6: Maggie McCann

Thank you. Good evening Commissioners. My name is Maggie McCann. Thank you for once again, for giving us the opportunity to presents some reasons why Kensington should remain joined with our western neighbors in District 3. We share history, we share facilities, and we share Adams Avenue, and now we would like to share our neighborhoods with you. From Kensington to the heart of Balboa Park in 15 minutes without freeways, just two fine streets needed, Adams Ave. and Park Blvd., it's a 5 ½ mile drive.

We're going to take a tour of the 3-mile length of Adams Ave., and starting at the eastern end in Kensington, this historic house is literally the terminus for Adams Ave. and their backyard overlooks Fairmount Canyon. Heading west on Adams Ave., the historically designated Wonder House of Stone is on the right. The family that owns this house also owns Mona Lisa in Little Italy, which further illustrates the ties between Kensington and our other neighbors. This historic house, Dee Dee and Tammy's designated house, reminds you of some of the homes in Mission Hills. The beginning of the Kensington Business District at Adams Ave. and Biona, and this district is part of the Adams Ave. Business Association, as well as the MAD and the BID. Our historically designated Kensington sign hanging over Adams Ave. in the original 1910 Kensington Park Subdivision. Kensington Cafe, our de facto social center, this commercial building has been owned by member of the Kensington Baumann family since 1952. The Kensington/Normal Heights Branch Library and historic park in the heart of Kensington. At the entry to Kensington, an iconic block of commercial buildings developed between 1926 and 1948, with Club Kensington, Ken Video, the Ken Theater, and Ken Grill greeting you as you come in. On the west side of the bridge, over Ward Canyon, is the shared facility, Ward Canyon Neighborhood Park. In Normal Heights, we have the Kensington Veterinary Hospital; the name reflects that fact that the owners are Kensington residents. Adams Ave. is most definitely a collection of locally-owned small businesses. Another shared resource, and the grocery store that is most convenient for us to patronize, the Adams Ave. Vons. The Adams Recreation Center, home of the mid-City Little League with coaches and players from Kensington, Normal Heights, and North Park.

Normal Heights provides good pubs, restaurants, and unique small businesses that thrive despite not being in a redevelopment area. Almost mid-way on Adams, we come to the heart of Normal Heights, at the corner of Adams Ave. and Felton, with the iconic Lestat's Coffee Shop. About a hundred feet south of Adams Ave. on Felton is Fire Station Number 18, serving Kensington and Normal Heights. The aptly named John Adams Post Office, service the 92116 zip code, which is Kensington's zip code, as well as the zip code for the entire length of Adams Ave. Moving west across the bridge, we're at 30th and Adams, and welcome to Antique Row. Heading toward the Beehive neighborhood on Antique Row, Zac's Attic is owned by Kensington residents. Our Congresswoman, and Kensington resident, Susan Davis, has her office at the corner of Adam's Ave. and Oregon St. The Beehive neighborhood, between the Heights, sits between Normal Heights and University Heights and shares Adams Ave. Here we have some nice Spanish Colonial multi-family residential units as we near Texas St. We're in University Heights now, and we can find this sweet old Craftsman house on the corner of Adams Ave. and Panorama Dr. Old Trolley Barn Neighborhood Park, home of the University Heights Summer Concert

Series, with free Friday night concerts throughout the summer. Last concert's coming up this Friday and features Sue Palmer and her Motel Swing Orchestra. Look south as you pass Park Blvd. and take in the University Height's Business District, or drive south from here and all the way to Balboa Park. Finally, the western end of Adams Ave. with the view across the canyon to north end of Hillcrest. So, we've just taken you on a trip down Adams Ave. from east to west, and hopefully now you know our neighborhoods a little better. We live, work, and play well together, Please adopt a map that unifies, reunifies the Adams Ave. neighborhoods, because Adams Ave. unifies us. Thank you.

Comment 7: John Garrison

Good evening. I'm John Garrison from Kensington, and I'm here to ask you to support the Adams Ave. Reunification Plan to keep Kensington in City Council District 3. I happen to serve on the Community Planning Group, but I'm here representing myself. I mention that because I have heard some erroneous reports that the Planning Group somehow voted to move out of District 3 and into District 9. I am here to inform the Commission that these reports are incorrect. In addition to serving on the Planning Group, I am also the Secretary to the Planning Group, and I recorded the minutes from the Planning Group meeting in May where we discussed redistricting. I'm also the Planning Group webmaster, and I posted those minutes on our website, ktpg.org, for all to see. I also happen to be the member who actually put forth the motion that we voted on and passed, so I'm very well versed with what we did pass and what we did not pass. My motion was in reaction to a proposal that Kensington might end up being moved to a district north of interstate 8, which made no sense to me. There was also a suggestion that Kensington could be ripped out of District 3 and moved east to join the College Park area. That plan also made no sense to me. The motion that I put forth does not endorse moving Kensington out of District 3 at all, nor does it endorse any specific plan, it certainly doesn't endorse moving us to District 9. What it does mention is a preference, to keep Kensington and Talmadge together if possible, but it also mentions keeping us connected with the communities along Adams Ave. to the west. And that is really what I feel is the most important part of the motion that we took and passed, and the reason that I put forth the motion was to keep Kensington united with our natural communities of interest to the west for all the reasons the previous speaker mentioned, including our shared library, our shared post office, our shared fire department—the historical nature of Kensington matching must more closely with those neighborhoods. You have to remember, Kensington is the very first planned subcommittee, excuse me, subdivision in the United States. It makes sense to keep us with those older historic neighborhoods, and I urge you to support the plan to keep Kensington in District 3. Thank you very much.

Comment 8: Loretta D. Spano

Yes, I too would like to thank you for all your work. I've been here before and I would like to reiterate that I do live at Town Park Villa in University City Village on Governor Dr., a senior complex of 575 units in South University City, under construction to become 1,098. I'm here to ask you to please keep the University Community area in one Council District, and to keep it together with La Jolla. I support the Coast and Canyons map, which does that. Our complex originated in 1964 under military housing and hire education influence. And presently it is a senior housing rental complex. It was sold in 2003 and for a number of years the owners had been working on a redevelopment project. This has been a long-drawn-out process that has led to many problems for us as tenants. I have attended the University Community Planning Group meetings and brought numerous land-use issues to them. The Planning

Group has become very familiar with the project, its history and its many changes, and has worked with City Council members' office to help us. In addition, we as tenants get to weigh in on issues of interest in the community that affect us and to vote on the board's representation. It is this kind of history together and shared interests that makes keeping the University Community Plan area all in one Council District so important. I urge you to support the proposal that is nearest to the Coast and Canyons map with the 9th District added. Others would slice through longstanding neighborhoods and higher education campus as well as carve out the University Community Plan. Keep us whole and together with La Jolla. Thank you.

Comment 9: Nancy A. Manno

Nancy Manno, La Jolla. I will second Joseph La Cava's comments about your volunteer work. I agree with Joe La Cava's comments about your volunteer work. I cannot imagine what this has done to your lives for the past eleven months. As a very minor community volunteer, I know what chaos goes on in my household with the volunteer work I do, and I'm just so grateful, so extremely grateful. I think your preliminary plan is excellent. I have no qualms about it, it's just outstanding. And, I'm so grateful that you kept the Coast and Canyon Plan. I think it will work beautifully. Thank you.

Comment 10: Cecilia Carrick

I too would like to thank the Commission for the incredible hard work that's done. It must be terribly, terribly difficult to treat all requests fairly, and I think you've done a super job. The Point Loma community is a unique community of interest, as you know, and it includes the airport, the bay, the ocean, and the entire peninsula. Airport noise and noise abatement plans affect even our own remodeling of homes in Point Loma, in the areas of Roseville and Loma Portal. Large thoroughfares like Harbor Dr., Rosecrans, and Midway our only ways to get to I-8 and I-5 are incredibly impacted by congestion from military bases, Liberty Station, and all the businesses along Rosecrans. The fishing and the boating communities, representing livelihoods and passions of large swaths of Point Loma residents, want and must remain attached to the bay and bay issues, with issues like copper levels, plumes from storage tanks, from Navy, and spillage from water treatment plants, all of those issues are very important to people that make a livelihood of fishing, boating, and tourism. All of these are important core components of a unique community of interest, and I want to thank the Commission for their proposal in preserving us as a unit in District 2. Thank you very much.

Comment 11: Shelley Plumb

Hello. My name is Shelley Plumb. I've lived in San Diego for 41 years, and I've lived in University City for 21 years. And I'm here to thank you for respecting our community and the mapping that you've done to keep University City and our Planning Group whole area together with UCSD and with La Jolla. Since we are a definite community of interest, I ask that you do not cut apart University City. Please just stick to the preliminary planning, the mapping of our area. Thank you very much.

Comment 12: Rick Newman

Hello. I'm Rick Newman, representing the Carmel Valley Community Planning Board. I too want to thank all of you for your volunteerism. I started volunteering later in my adult life and, you know, it's not always something you look forward to, but I think I, like you, recognize that volunteers are needed, and you're very much appreciated. Also appreciate your advocating the Coast and Canyons Plan and the District 1 boundaries that you drew. You have done, in doing so you've kept community planning areas whole, you've kept school districts whole, and very importantly, the coastal community of interest that I think affects, affects all of us. Thank you very much, and I urge you to stick to your plans for District 1.

Comment 13: Gary Rotto

Thank you. Good evening Commissioners. I'm Gary Rotto. I'm here on behalf of the Hickman Youth Athletic Association, and the eight organizations that participate as part of that association, the hundreds of families that participate. If you were at the fields this weekend, and in the parking lot, certainly seemed like tens of thousands based upon how overflowing the parking lot was. We had a major soccer tournament, as well as a softball tournament. And I'm just coming here to say thank you. In your preliminary findings on page 13 you connected North Clairemont with Hickman Field, that's shown in the preliminary plan, and just wanted to, you know, when I brought this to the Association last week, everybody nodded and was greatly appreciative, and I just wanted to reflect that and urge you to continue to reflect that connection in the final plan. Thank you for your time and for your efforts,

Comment 14: Lisa Lem

Good evening. My name is Lisa Lem. I am the Executive Director of the East Village Association, the non-profit corporation that manages the East Village Business Improvement District, and we are a brand-spanking new BID. We want to thank you for your hard work and everything that you're doing for us. We would like to point out that we found out that a little southeast corner of East Village somehow got chopped off and went to Barrio Logan, so we're hoping that you can put all of the Business Improvement District people together. We represent 700 businesses and 10,000 residents, and you might have not known that we are a new BID, so we hope you can take that into consideration. We'd also like to support the idea of keeping all of downtown San Diego together, that's Gaslamp Core, Cortez Hill, Marina District, and Little Italy under the same Council District. Thank you for your time and consideration, and we invite you to our meeting on August 4th.

Comment 15: Jan Iverson

Hi, I'm Jan Iverson. I've spoken to you previously regarding District 7, as I'm a resident of Tierrasanta. For the past ten years, Tierrasanta's been divided into multiple Assembly Districts and State Senate Districts, which is why many of us from the area are so interested and vocal about the redistricting this time. I know it's been a tough job and I know you can't please everyone, but overall, I like this map. You included Mission Trails in District 7 and we in Tierrasanta are very glad of that. You've linked similar communities such as Navajo, Serra Mesa, and Tierrasanta together. While others communities maybe not quite so much alike have also been linked. I believe this is a good and workable plan for

District 7. I appreciate that you listened to community members and took the recommendations that they presented. Thank you for all your hard work.

Comment 16: Mel Hinton

Good evening and I appreciate you coming out this evening and spending your time listening to us. We're glad you're here. For the last 37 years, I've been a resident of San Diego in the La Jolla area and a resident of District 1 that entire time. And I've, for the last 10 years, been involved in environmental issues, and as a past president of the San Diego Audubon Society. During that ten-year period, I've worked on a number of environmental issues, particularly in the North County area. And, issues like Carmel Valley, Sorrento Valley Road, Peñasquitos Canyon, the Salk Institute, Rose Canyon issues involving Regents Road bridge, and most recently on Trolley issues. And I've worked a number of other Council Districts beside District 1, and I want to tell you districts are not all the same. District 1 and the people in University City and these other communities, Carmel Valley and La Jolla, they have an exceptional appreciation of the environment, of their communities, and of the good open-space habitat that exists in District 1. They've worked very hard to protect it. I think it would be a serious mistake to breakup this group, and so I strongly advocate that you adopt the Coast and Canyon map and preserve the district. It's good, it works, and from an environmental perspective, it is unique and I think it deserves being preserved if, even if only for that reason. Thank you very much.

Comment 17: Patricia Wilson

Good evening. My name is Patricia Wilson. I'm a member of the Planning Group of University community, and normally I sit on your side of the table, and for once, I'm very happy to be on the other side of the table. From what we see in your Preliminary Filing Statement distributed tonight, we are very satisfied that you have taken under your wing, the Coast and Canyon Plan to be included in Council District 1. We thank you for that. University City, in particular, supports that plan. Thank you for recognizing the full integration of the La Jolla and University City communities into Council District 1, of which UCSD is such an integral part. Thank you for not separating the UCSD residential areas, and other residents who live north of La Jolla Village Drive, for these are residents as well. Thank you for adding the undeveloped area east of 805 into Council District 1. We are the closest population group and should control the political aspect and the land use of that area since the land is undeveloped and we are the land-use planning group. Please do not deviate from our community plan in this area. Again, thank you for allowing the University Community Planning Group to be able to do their job in the future in a way that supports our community and our community plans. Thank you.

Comment 18: Shirley Kaldenborn

Good evening, Council people. I've been a resident of Clairemont since 1960 and when I first saw these maps come through, I thought, oh well, they'll keep Clairemont together, won't they? And then I got the feeling that south got, ok, and the north where all the growth was, ok, and that Clairemont and Linda Vista kind of got squished. And so I'm here to point out just a couple of things. Bay Ho and Bay Park, although they have a name, are Clairemont. Ok? And they have been ever since, before Balboa went through, when we, we were, you know, just beginning to get together up there. And so, when you go and

look again, will you please consider shifting that line, taking them out of District 2 and putting them back in 6? Other than that, I think you're doing a darn good job. Thank you.

Comment 19: Charles Herzfeld

Thank you, Commissioners. My name is Charlie Herzfeld. When I'm at a meeting in this room, usually I get to sit up there, but in this case I'm happy it's you. I would like to express my thanks to the Commission for keeping the University Community itself together, along with La Jolla and the northwestern communities, as well as the part just east of 805, all together in District 1 in your excellent redistricting plan. You have served many hours patiently listening to many people from the communities of San Diego and have come up with a good fair plan. I graduated from UCSD in the 1970s and now I'm fortunate to live in south University City. I have served for eight years as an elected member of the University Community Planning Group, where we work hard to encourage intelligent economic development and the enhancement of the quality of life for everyone in one of the greatest economic centers of the region. I thank the Commission for keeping us together because that will help us to continue to effectively address the many challenges and opportunities that we enjoy in our University Community. Thank you.

Comment 20: Laura Riebau

Hi, I'm Laura Riebau. I'm here for myself and for Eastern Area Planning Committee. I too want to thank you. I know you guys are really taking a lot of time and taking our input into consideration. And, I too sit on a Board and get to hear the public speak and never with the dedication that you're putting forth in these last ten months. I'm here to ask you again to keep San Diego State University communities together. That includes Redwood Village, Rolando Park, Rolando Village, El Cerrito, the college communities east and west with Del Cerro, San Carlos and Allied Gardens. Historically, our neighborhoods in Redwood, in Rolando Village and El Cerrito were some of the first areas to grow up; they were the suburbs of the time. As time went on in the '50s, a lot of our housing was the post-war homes for soldiers that were returning to the area. And our areas all grew up in the '60s, and you can find the identical housing plans for areas in El Cerrito, college areas, and in San Carlos, you can go, you can take a picture of a house, go onto San Carlos, take a picture of the house, and they're the identical house plan. When I lived in San Carlos in 1963, and my father was going to San Diego State to get his master's degree, Tierrasanta was the island on the hill, it was the new development and it was very different than all the other communities surrounding San Diego State. We share lifestyles, we share values, we shared economic development once. El Cajon Blvd., University Ave. are common streets for us, which we embrace, and which we want to see developed together. Our lifestyles are similar with Allied Gardens, San Carlos, Grantville, Del Cerro, and I really want you to not divide San Diego State. Give it the same consideration you're giving UCSD, Mission Trails, the Canyons and Coastal. San Diego State deserves to be one united group as well. Thank you.

Comment 21: Anne Schoeller

Hello, my name is Anne Schoeller, and I've lived in Rolando Village, which is in the south of 8 that Laura just described. I've lived there 30 years and I've been an active volunteer for 30 years. We have historical homes, we have common interests and we are, we, we are communities of interest. And we

shouldn't be divided into three pieces, the way this has happened, to be plugged in where our population is needed in District 4 and the proposed 9. It isn't fair, it isn't using the principles that are vote, diluting voting strength—and that's one of my prime things—without, if you do, it should be without race being a predominant motive. While taking our, our areas is, is, against that because we are, we have our ethnic groups and we have a good variety of people in our areas, but we do work together and have Rolando Street Fair, we have BOO! Parade, we work with the college neighborhoods, and the college students. We have a lot of, you will be visiting next Rolando, in Rolando Park, the Joan Kroc Center. That was the mutual thing that we worked on, and our President, Doris Perry, a long time advocate for our areas would probably roll over in her grave if she saw this, but the thing of it is, she worked and was on that Board, and many of our members, both Rolando Park and Rolando Village, are on that. So we have, we want one district, we want to able to go be one district with 7, bring our northern communities back, and give us the same consideration that is being given to all of you that have spoken so glowingly. Well, yes, I thank you because I know what being a volunteer is and the time and energy it takes out of you. But, thank you. Bye.

Comment 22: Marilyn Dupree

Hello. I'm Marilyn Dupree, a University City resident and also on the Planning Board. And I want to thank you all for all your time. It's just coming to an end, I think you have, what is it, 28 days left, and then you can take a major vacation. But thank you so much for your time and effort. And I also thank you for keeping the Coast and Canyon concept intact. It's really important being on the University Planning Group to, to have you realize that keeping the communities together that are in the planning groups and have projects in the works, or planned, and then when it, dividing these areas, it would be most difficult to continue on, it would take a major adjustment, in my opinion. Also, I grew up, I just have to add a post script, I grew up in Kensington, and just, the Kensington-Talmadge area has always been a part of that Adams Ave group, and they have a tremendous food fair, and it goes from Talmadge clear west on Adams Ave. and it's always enjoyable. And also the Kensington parade, which is enjoyed by everybody up and down Adams Ave., in fact, they're participants in that area. I was just surprised to see that Talmadge and Kensington were taken out of that major area. Just, thank you.

Comment 23: Tim Lucas

Hi, my name's Tim Lucas. I echo the thoughts everyone said before, thank the Commission for all their hard work. I am in support of the Coast and Canyons Plan. These communities are very linked together. I've been in La Jolla over 50 years, I was here before UTC was even developed, and these communities have all grown together. I used to work in UTC, now work in Sorrento Valley area, so you know, I am in the same area and many of the people I associate with shop, and work, and live in these, these areas—these communities are just so tied together. Anyway, I urge you to keep with your preliminary plan, and keep Coast and Canyons together.

Comment 24: Dennis Spurr

Good evening. My name is Dennis Spurr. I live in northeast Peñasquitos. I've been a resident of San Diego since late '71 when I came into town as a Navy pilot and put roots down here, got married here, bought a house here, got sent to Texas for a little bit, came back, lived in Mission Hills—by the way, the

Normal Heights presentation was nostalgic for me because of all the old stuff down there that I really appreciate—moved to Rancho Peñasquitos 26 years ago and got involved in the Planning Board, which I'm now part of, this is the second time through on that, part of Homeowners Association called HOOPA, and also part of the Fire Safe Council, and that was a doing of my own that I worked with the Town Council, primarily because of the fire danger that we have at both sides of Peñasquitos and the mountains to the north and the canyons at the south. While I was in Mission Hills though, I was a neighbor of Mark—Mike Stepner, who was a city architect at the time, and he burned my ear a little bit on city building, and one of the points he made is city building is far more than land use, it's dynamic, it involves culture and a whole bunch of other things, and that's why this meeting is important to me, because this is the first time that I've seen that we've been able to put districts together in a nonpolitical, logical manner, and I appreciate the Commissioners for doing what you've done in your thoughtfulness. And that's the next point, listening. You've listened to my community and you've kept us intact along with our northern neighbors, which we have a tremendous amount of commonality with, along the I-15. We really appreciate that, and I urge you to keep that setup. There's just one, actually two little details that I want. One is, or suggest, one is Salmon River. Moving the, moving the boundary line from Salmon River, basically, that's where the aqueduct is right now, moving it to Black Mountain. And the other one is, Keith Rhodes, that's a technicality, if you could correct that I'd appreciate it also. Thank you for your time. Thank you for your interest.

Comment 25: Ann Garwood

Hello. Thank, thank you for having another meeting. My name is Ann Garwood. I live in Hillcrest. I'm a member of the Hillcrest Town Council and we submitted a map to you for, including the older neighborhoods of character around Balboa Park. Our map did include Talmadge and Kensington because they are, they have the older homes, they have the neighborhoods that are similar to the ones that you've included in District 3, with, with the exception of downtown. I can understand why District 2 didn't want downtown included in their district. I don't want it in District 3 either, if, if, if you're really trying to, to get neighborhoods of interest, a heritage neighborhood, don't include East Village, don't, don't include the Marina. I mean, if you really want a Council that represents the older communities, give us back Kensington. I mean, there's downtown—we, uptown, where I live, we get connected to downtown a lot and we shouldn't be. I mean, we're more like the other older neighborhoods. And I think that there's some tweaking, I think you're close, but I think if you can give back Kensington, maybe even Talmadge, and then to the orange, give back Rolando and Redwood Village, and then downtown, give 8 all of downtown, and give Shelltown back to the orange. I mean, there's, if you're really trying to make a neighborhood, a community of interest that circle the park, that is older neighborhoods, think of what you're putting, what you're giving us if you give us downtown, you're giving us CCDC, you're giving us the stadium, I mean you're giving us the whole, Petco Park, that is not the older communities and neighborhood, neighbor, the older communities of interest. Thank you.

Comment 26: Nancy Moors

My name is Nancy Moors, and that's a hard act to follow. And she's my partner too. My name's Nancy Moors. I'm a resident and business owner in Hillcrest, property owner in Banker's Hill. I'm the immediate past president of the Hillcrest Business Association, I'm on the Steering Committee of the

Hillcrest Town Council, the neighborhood voice of the residents, and importantly, Ann and I are the cofounders of the Hillcrest History Guild. I'm here to ask you to reconsider the eastern boundary of your proposed Council District 3 and the western boundary of Council District 9. The Hillcrest Town Council presented a proposed district map that we were referred to as a Heritage District, and the Heritage District was made up of a, of neighborhoods of character, the older neighborhoods of the uptown area. And we, I would encourage you to revisit that map, maybe in a little bit more politically correct way, including downtown in our Council District would make it like the tail is wagging the dog. We really do not have a common interest with downtown that we do have with the neighborhoods of character that would include Kensington, and we do ask you to please reconsider moving Kensington back into the Council District 3. Thank you very much.

Comment 27: Mike Shoecraft

Hi, I'm Mike Shoecraft from Rancho Peñasquitos. I've lived there 18 years. I'm a member of the Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council, the Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board, and the Rancho Peñasquitos Fire Safe Council. I have four short points I'd like to make. First, I'd like to thank the Commissioners for their hard work. As a volunteer myself, I know that this commitment sometimes means time away from your family, and you'd rather be with them than here. Second, I have to ask that you do not split Rancho Peñasquitos. Route 56 is a natural boundary to Rancho Peñasquitos—it does not divide our community, it's a manmade structure that took 40 years to get it built, and our community fought to keep it out of Rancho Peñasquitos Canyon, which is the natural barrier to our community. Third, I'd like to identify two inconsistencies in your descriptions of the proposed map. First, Torrey Highlands is split, it is not identified as being split. One way I'd suggest you correct this is, there are just several blocks that you could move from District 6 to District 5, they're in the Via Panacea and Carmel Mountain Road area; population is just 400, it would be a very minor correction. Second, your description states that Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve partial western boundary is in District 5, that should be eastern area, not western area. And, you've removed the Los Peñasquitos Canyon totally from District 5 in putting the area between Salmon River Road and Black Mountain Road into District 6. That area could be moved to District 5, give us part of Peñasquitos Canyon back, the eastern area, it's just a small part, the population is 2,000.

Comment 28: Michael Costello

Good evening Commissioners. I'm Mike Costello from La Jolla. I'd like first of all to say that I am a Trustee of the La Jolla Community Planning Association, though representing only myself. But in representing myself, I'd like to thank you so much for all the hard work you've put in. And, also, you know, I think this is not just hard work, I think it's successful work. You look at your 21 July preliminary plan, I really like it. I like it not just because you've incorporated the Coast and Canyon Plan, yes, I'm from La Jolla, so I love the Coast and Canyon Plan, but I think it's also a viable plan for the rest of the city. In, in trying to make that point that, yes, I like your plan, I'd also like to bring up one last point trying to make this really brief. It's most important to keep neighborhoods and communities together, rather than to come to numerical equality of all the districts. And it's, it's about the people, the community, the neighborhoods, not statistical similarities, statistical equality. Thank you so much.

Comment 29: Dr. Ariane Jansma

Good evening. My name is Dr. Ariane Jansma. I'm a structural biologist at the Scripps Research Institute and I'm here to represent the scientific community of interest in San Diego. And as a member of that community, I'm very, very pleased to see the adoption of the Coast and Canyon map and very thankful for what you're doing with this, and I hope desperately that it continues. As many of you know, University City was named for the UCSD in La Jolla which has some of the top scientific programs. What maybe people, what is lesser know, is that the scientific community in San Diego encompasses also the Salk Institute, the Sanford-Burnham Institute, the Scripps Research Institute, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, and a myriad of biotech companies from Takeda to Novartis to Pfizer, just to name a few. And those are all within that La Jolla area. Many of the people that work in those businesses, in those companies, and those institutes, live in University City, myself and my husband included. And what that enables in San Diego is this very unique network between scientists, which allows research and collaborations to thrive as well as they do here. Our presence, our scientific presence in San Diego is extremely unique. Only a few other cities in the entire country are able to maintain this kind of research presence. And really, the reason for this is this strong sense of community that we have. And so much of that is, again, because we live and work in the same district and the same place, we have very similar desires and needs for our communities. And my husband and I see this all the time when we travel, when we go to a community event and see people we work with. So I thank you very much for adopting this map on behalf of the community, of the scientific community of interest. I hope very sincerely that you maintain it because I think dividing University City and La Jolla would have a significantly negative impact on the scientific community. And it's very important I think to San Diego. We bring conferences, jobs, we've, we've done a lot for the city and I'm very, very grateful for this and hope it continues. Thank you.

Comment 30: Janet Kaye

Good evening Commissioners. Thank you for your service and for providing this forum. I'm here representing the Linda Vista Town Council and the Linda Vista Community Development Corporation. All the many organizations of Linda Vista are united in these comments. I, myself am a 37-year resident of Linda Vista. We ask that you please reconsider the 3 district division, which dilutes our voter strength under City Charter Section 5.1. We feel it is not being honored because, in fact, the new District 7 is not geographically compact; it meanders quite widely. We feel that we will not have fair and effective political representation with this 3-way division. We ask that you please retain USD into the Linda Vista community in District 7 and not District 2, that's part of the 3-way split. We really don't have a commonality over into Tierrasanta, Navajo—they're all wonderful people, great communities. Our better connector, natural connector, is with Clairemont. Mission Trails is—Mission Trails Park and Trails; we have Tecolote Park and Trails. Let's divide up these wonderful parks and trails in these different districts, so let's keep our Tecolote Canyon. Under your findings and reasons, we're pretty high-up on the slope in hillside review, up above Fashion Valley, we don't want to have a river flooding impact, our bigger impact is with the Rock 'n Roll Marathon. Thank you for listening to us, and good luck with your decisions.

Comment 31: Deborah Knight

Hi. Deborah Knight. And welcome to University City. I want to really express my profound gratitude to the Redistricting Commission for creating the new District 1. And also for the other people who have worked to put together and unanimously support it throughout the Coast and Canyons map that we proposed. And I've watched as you've struggled with so many things and I want to say that you're findings and reasons are right on target. You're boundaries are right on target, you've drawn them carefully, and I strongly urge you to stay with this map. We have talked a lot about the community planning area, boundaries for District 1 and for University City, I should say the University Community Planning Area, I would say it may not be that in all areas of the city community planning groups are equally important, but ours is. And that area right along 805 where you've created that boundary there—that has high-density housing right west of the 805, the water treatment plants right east of 805 and also open space MSCP land that has had various proposals to put significant development there. It's really critical that our planning group area maintains the oversight of that land because it is very much part of our community, it's adjacent to a lot of residents in our community. And it just is a very significant, but nonresidential piece of land. So, thank you so much and I trust that you will stand firm by your very good work. Thank you.

Comment 32: John Straw

Good evening. My name is John Straw. And first and foremost, I want to thank you guys for the job you've done. You've done an amazing job and I think this is a great map. I'm here tonight as a resident of Golden Hill, and I want to thank you for putting Golden Hill where it should be with other communities of like interest. Golden Hill is a park community and it always will be and I'm glad to see that we are with the other park communities that most people consider communities of like interest. So, again, I really want to thank you, you guys have done a great job and I know that this is a very tough, tough job that you guys have all volunteered to do, so many, many thanks.

Comment 33: Dorothy Perez

Mr. Cleary had to leave early so I'm speaking for him. Good evening Commissioners, and beautiful Midori. Thank you very much for your hard, hard work. My name is Dorothy Perez. I'm speaking for Tom Cleary, Chair of the Linda Vista Planning Group. I'm also on the Planning Group and Linda Vista Town Council, and Park and Recreation Council. Mr. Cleary would like to express these items here regarding the current draft map, which divides Linda Vista in 3 Council districts. Linda Vista is not politically connected. Linda Vista is not La Jolla, which is influential in council elections. This division will weaken the political strength. We all know this is not right. Mr. Tom Cleary works at USD and would like to see USD stay in Linda Vista. We have nothing in common with Birdland, Grantville, Allied Gardens, Tierrasanta, San Carlos, Del Cerro. They could never help us. We've tried so hard to make Linda Vista what it is now. And for Morena Blvd, they've been closer to us than these other communities. So, please try to keep us together with them. We don't want to lose USD, Kearny High School, Navy housing, or Tecolote Canyon. Some of the people, like Point Loma, have no complaints because where else can they go, there's no neighbor to the ocean. So, please try to keep us together, we'd like to stay with Clairemont, and Morena Blvd., and let's see, probably Bay Ho, but take us off the east communities. We appreciate it and thank you so much.

Comment 34: Margaret McKnight

Margaret McKnight. I live in north UC. Thank you for your long, unselfish community service. We here in District 1 have had, and continue to have, many issues that are particular to the UC, La Jolla, and other coastal and canyons areas, I'm particularly concerned with open-space issues that are unique to these areas. We believe that the preliminary plan that you've developed is excellent and will give us the best opportunity to maintain and to plan and to build the community that we love to the greatest advantage, both for our residents, and for all the San Diego residents who also enjoy the beaches and canyons in District 1. Thank you.

Comment 35: Anne MacMillan Eichman

Good evening Commissioners. My name is Anne MacMillan Eichman. I live at 395 W. Cedar St. in downtown San Diego. I am now a proud, proud resident of District 3. Nine years ago today, my mother died after a protracted illness. She died happily and peacefully. She left as her legacy, seven adult children who have all been raised to believe that what you need to do is to get up, stand up for what you believe in. She also said, you also always, you always have to say thank you, thank you for the people who make things possible and who get things done. I like to think I'm one of the people who gets things done. I'm President of the Little Italy Residents Association, Treasurer of the Downtown Residents Group, and also on a community action group. Several weeks ago, I, in conjunction with Marco LiMandri, who heads up LIA, the Little Italy Business Association, and Gary Smith, who is President of the San Diego Downtown Residents Group, came and spoke before you urging you to keep downtown all one, and to keep Little Italy in it, and also I'm speaking, also on behalf of Lisa Lem, who urged you to take that little sliver of East Village and give it that little, back in. So anyway, once again, on behalf of my mother, whose memory I honor every single day, I thank you. Thank you for doing this hard work and we urge you to keep the map as you have designed it. Thank you.

Comment 36: Cindy Chan

Thank you. My name is Cindy Chan and I grew up in Peñasquitos, and I currently live in Peñasquitos, and I work in Peñasquitos as well. I'm also an Asian-American; I'm sure that was pretty obvious. I'm very different from a lot of people from, who are here today. I have to say that I'm probably a little bit more similar to a lot of the people who are living in University City. But, with that being said, I want to thank the Commission for your time. I also want to thank the Chief of Staff for, you know, taking all those speaker slips, and you know, it's all over the place, and especially, you know, on Thursday, I mean, it was kind of crazy with all the people who came out to support APAC and the API community, and I really thank you for putting up with that, I mean, it's kind of the nature of a new grassroots organization, so thank you. Even though north University City and UCSD is a huge community of interest for APIs, we, you know, we do understand it's a shared regional asset and that it should remain in District 1 at this time. We look forward to working with District 1, as these northern districts have many commonalities such as the 805 traffic, and new, and the new Trolley line to UTC which will go north to Mira Mesa and south to the heart of Convoy. We do request however, that the Commission reunite the parcels of land east of 805 back with Mira Mesa in Miramar, where they belong. I also wanted to read to you an opinion piece from the *Rancho Bernardo Patch* that was put out today called,

“Redistricting Unfair to Asian Community.” My, and this of course was written by columnist, Colleen O’Connor, so this is in her words in that piece:

“My father used to advise, ‘If you speak from the heart, you can’t help but be eloquent.’ It is in that vein, that I write this column. The new proposed San Diego City Council District boundaries need tweaking. No doubt the efforts of the seven commissioners charged with the task of redrawing lines to fit the guidelines of geography, “protected classes,” population density, census blocks, “communities of interest,” and various state, federal and constitutional guidelines, etc., have completed a yeoman’s job. However, something intangible and imperative is missing. That something is the “soul” of the City of San Diego—an essence of this city that is often hidden but rarely overwhelmed. An essence that is remarkably fair. Such is the danger with the new districts currently being proposed. They are needlessly unfair.

“Simply put, the district boundaries do not reflect the “spirit of San Diego.” They are admirable computer print-outs, wonderful mathematic projections, and attempts to justify what should not be justified, i.e., the obvious neglect of consideration for the oldest of San Diego’s neighborhoods as well as our sizable Asian-American community.

“To be more specific, some older neighborhoods have been needlessly shifted from their historical roots, communal interests, long-lived memories, and a glue-like affinity for their once sacrosanct streets, in favor of a computer generated precision that ignores the “humanness” of us all.

“Simply put, Mission Hills does not belong in District 3. It has been in District 2 for over 50 years—and shares more in common with Point Loma than not and should remain in District 2.

“Kensington does not belong in the new District 9. It has been in District 3 for generations and should also remain so. Leaving Mission Hills and Kensington in their rightful, “historical” home bases requires little effort (as one can see from the map)—and retains a “belongingness” essential for any neighborhood’s survival.

“More difficult than adjusting these simple boundary changes is the much more important task of addressing the exclusion of the Asian-American community from the possibility of enjoying a district of their own—something many assumed with the addition of a new ninth council seat.

“Here is where the “soul” of San Diego enters the argument. Asian-American families have lived in this city since before the 1900s. They are highly educated, hard working and prominent members of the larger community. They have contributed far more than any census tract can enumerate, and should not be divided in order to be conquered.

“Nonetheless, they have been carved up, separated, and rendered un-represented in the newly proposed district maps. While some argue that they speak for the “poor” without speaking to them; or represent “the people” while not talking to them; I make no such claims in regards to the Asian-American community.

“Rather, I speak from the heart—as a native San Diegan who has witnessed the disintegration of the old neighborhoods (Little Italy for example), as well as the incursion of “downtown developers” with their “in-filling” and high-rise condos that debase what once was unique and historically precious. I also speak for the need to preserve and encourage the traditions and sanctity of all cultures among us.

“As a historian, I believe that heritage is more than just a word. It is the legacy of any great city and its peoples—and must be cherished and preserved. We have done so with districts for our African-American and Hispanic communities. We must do so, again, for our Asian-American residents. And, in so doing, preserve the best of San Diego’s history.

“I only ask that the Redistricting Commission consider the “soul” of the City of San Diego and let Mission Hills and Kensington stay where they have been for generations as well as draw a district more inclusive and representative of the city’s Asian-American community.

That this enlightened approach might also avoid costly lawsuits and needless special elections is only of secondary importance.”

That’s the end. Anyway, so, I thank you very much for your time and consideration, and we’ll be back.

Comment 37: Ralph Peters

Good evening. I would, I would like to thank the Redistricting Commission for their hard work, it’s—we’re getting to the end and, just a few loose strings to, to get together. I would first like to ask the Commission not to do anything that would put Andy Berg back into District 5, we want to keep him in District 6. Secondly, you might have, might notice I’m in my bike togs, I biked down Black Mountain Road to get here today and I’m hoping that I can get a ride back. But I can tell you that Black Mountain Road is...did I screw that up, Andy? Black Mountain Road is a four-lane super highway, it is the natural boundary and I would echo Mr. Berg’s sentiments about moving that boundary over to Black Mountain, that is a rational basis and it only shifts 1,000 or 1,500 people, if memory serves. With respect to my predecessor, I would suggest that what the Commission has done is actually create two Asian districts, in District 5 and District 6. District 6 with Indians, Hawaiians, and Asians is over 35% Asian Pacific Americans. And, District 5 is over 26% if you include Indians, Hawaiians, and Asians. And I will remind the Commission that the, the, what is considered as safe African American district gets about 20%, or has about 20% black people. So, I think you have created a district, a plan that arguably could put two Asian district representatives in the City Council, and I would applaud that if the elections showed that to be the result. I would conclude by asking the—and I know the Commission is very close to finalizing its visions, but I would suggest that Park Village would be the natural dividing line for District 5 and District 6. Thank you.

Comment 38: Joyce Summer

Good evening Commissioners. My name is Joyce Summer, and I’m a resident, proud resident, of downtown San Diego. I’m also the former chairperson of the Center City Advisory Committee, downtown’s community planning group, and also served on the committee that drafted downtown’s community plan. The area that is bounded by 5 on north and east, and on the bay, and the bay on the

south and west, has been known as downtown for decades. The community plan was written for that exact area. The people who live and work here have many things in common, among them, the desire for an urban lifestyle. We welcome high-population density, where the people in many other areas of the city don't want it. We welcome restaurants, nightclubs, entertainment, conventions, tourists, sports activities, where as residents in other parts of the city don't want these either. We even welcome high-rise affordable and supportive housing, and we welcome social services because they're a necessary part of city life—other neighborhoods don't want these things either. Your committee, I believe, is charged with making sure that people of like-interest are within the same district. Therefore, we ask you to please keep all the neighborhoods of downtown whole. In addition, I want to thank you for keeping the urban areas of Hillcrest, Bankers Hill, Golden Hill, North Park, and others, together, who also have common interests. And I thank you very much for your time. Thank you.

Comment 39: Dr. Allen Chan

Good evening Commissioners. I want to express my sincere gratitude for your contribution and your sacrifice. I myself have, have two restaurants that I manage, two offices that I run, and also a new grandson that I've helped taken care of, so I can really appreciate the sacrifice that you are making. I'm Dr. Allen Chan, I've been in San Diego Peñasquitos for 23 years. And since a lot of people are talking about their backgrounds, I'm going to talk about mine also. I'm the charter president of San Diego United Lion's Club, which is a multiethnic Lion's Club. I'm also the co-founder of the Young Foundation, which is the charity of Jasmine Seafood Restaurant. I've also served on many Asian community organizations, charities mostly. And also, I'm the member of San Diego Community College School District, Citizen's Oversight Committee. I'm involved with so many things, as many of the other Asian Pacific Americans are because we really appreciate the opportunity this country's offering us. I came here in 1970, I didn't know anybody in San Diego, in the U.S., and I came to San Diego 23 years ago, and I did not know any single soul in San Diego either. I didn't have money to open my office, so I had to borrow money from my sister, and I had a Vietnamese-American family took me in and offered me shelter until I could be on my own, on my own feet. And that is the reason that many of Asian Americans are giving back to the community, because we appreciate the opportunity that we have here, that we didn't have where we came from. And also, we would like to appreciate, appreciation of the community support from all over San Diego, and the media, and especially from the leaders of the minority communities. We applaud the Commission for doing such a great job in empowering all the minority folks down south. But we also want to express our sincere appreciation and wish that you can do a little bit more to empower, truly empower, the San Diego Asian Americans, 16% of the population in San Diego City.

Regarding the vacant land that we're talking about around Miramar Rd. and 805, it has always been in District 5 and 7 on the west of 805, and we are very concerned with that property because I, I can't believe that nobody here would like to live near a treatment plant that has potential of mental and health issues. And also, we would not allow that piece of property to be developed in the future for any other involvement with the sensitive facilities. And being the prevailing wind is going east, so it's natural and just makes sense that the control, or at least part of the control of the property, should belong to the district that is east of 805 where that problem, that treatment plant is located. And, I bet everybody would agree to that. And the U.S. Constitution calls for 1% of one vote, and we hope that the Commission remembers that and to uphold the principle, and is fairly treat anyone of the close to 2500

testimonies and various forms of input by Asian and non-Asian residents of San Diego with the same weight as comments from other communities. Please put the issues of Asian Americans as same as important as everybody else. Thank you.

Comment 40: Dan Holstein

Hi, Commissioners. I want to thank you for your considerable time and effort. I'm Dan Holstein, and I live at 971 Point St. in Point Loma. I have to say I'm very pleasantly surprised that you've done a fair and honest job with the July 21st map. For my community of Point Loma in District 2, this map makes a lot of sense. Point Loma's a beach community similar to Ocean Beach and Pacific Beach. And Point Loma also includes Midway, Loma Portal, and Roseville Fleetwood, so these need to stay in District 2. All of Point Loma is also impacted by the airport, so I'm glad you included the airport in District 2. And further, if you look at the map, highway 5 forms a natural barrier, and there are some people who joke that we in Point Loma never go east of highway 5, and if we can only move Fashion Valley into Point Loma, I would never go east of the 5. I want to say thank you very much for a fair and honest job, you've done a great job of resisting political influence and keeping natural, keeping the natural communities together. So, please keep District 2 as you have it in the July 21st map.

Comment 41: Lisa Heikoff

Good evening. Good evening. I'll keep it simple. My name is Lisa Heikoff. I'm a physician. I moved to San Diego in 1972. I've lived in La Jolla and completed my undergrad at UCSD, came back to the University City community 21 years ago where I've raised my three children and enjoyed community life. And I just want to thank the Commission for the creation of the new District 1, I feel that it really recognizes our communities of interest, as have been well-described before—the academic community, the business community, the environmental community, and the community of our children, the shared schools, the shared scout involvement, the shared athletic involvement, and something that I hold very dear to my heart, having raised my kids in these communities. So, thank you very much and I hope you will continue to support District 1 as it's currently laid out. Thank you.

Comment 42: Janay Kruger

Janay Kruger, Chairman of the University City Planning Group. Welcome to our neighborhood. I just would like to say one thing, you know, and add my voice to thanking you for your time, but as I sit here and listen to everyone and the passions for their neighborhoods, I just love it. I mean, I think it's so wonderful that everybody cares so much and is putting their two cents in to help you complete your map. Our planning group unanimously has endorsed the Coast and Canyons and we also support the preliminary map. We think you've done a great job listening to everyone, I guess there's some more tweaking to do so that you can make sure that everybody's kind of taken care and the people that have pride in their neighborhoods. We are a very diverse community, and we like that, we're, we have one of the most diverse elementary schools in the whole San Diego Unified School District, Doyle Elementary. And, we have clustered around the University of California, and our community of interest is primarily scientific and a major employment area, is what's happened, and we're really proud to stay together with La Jolla, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, Carmel Valley, and the Coast and Canyons because that's where our scientists live—they work, they work in our communities, but they live there. So we're in a growth

spurt of high-tech and scientific research and if all goes well, we're going to end up with nine hospitals and over 600 biocom and high-tech scientific communities. So we support your ten findings and reasons for adoption of the District 1, the Coasts and Canyons, on page 4. And we thank you very much.

Comment 43: Amy Reyes

Good evening. This is such an opportunity to bring representation to the, the Asian American. I'm Filipino, and the reason why I came back to San Diego—I lived in Riverside for two years—was that San Diego is such a diverse community, and we're also an international seaport to Mexico and to the Pacific. And I do recommend that District 6 and District 5, which is hugely populated by Asians, there has to be two representatives. I grew up in North County San Diego, and I'm also a product of San Diego State University. I came here when I was 13 and when I was, when I went to San Diego State my first class was geography 101, I thought I was just going to be learning physical 101 geography, but now. So when my research was due, I had my own report of economics, the politics, the vegetation of Rancho Peñasquitos in 1984, and back then there was no Sabre Springs, there was no Carmel Ranch, there's no Black Mountain Road, or much less, Carmel Valley. I would highly recommend that Mira Mesa, Peñasquitos, and Scripps Ranch, and east Miramar come together as one district. And also, because there's huge population above on Black Mountain and Rancho Bernardo, that should be another Asian district. I know this because I've lived in Rancho Peñasquitos and Mira Mesa, and I live all over San Diego County. I was in the San Diego City School District, so I know. I've lived from Imperial Beach northeast, southeast, west for the last 30 years. Thank you very much, and I'll be back for more.

(Transcript Ends)

ITEM 3 – COMMISSIONER COMMENT

There was no comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dalal adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Susan Manning, Executive Secretary
2010 Redistricting Commission

**Written Comments Received August 1, 2011
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Comment 1: Stephen Egbert

I live in Peñasquitos. Ideally PQ should be kept together. If it must be divided, use major boundaries that do not have residents on them such as Black Mountain Rd. or SR56. PQ has common interests with RB over Torrey Highland, Black Mountain Ranch. They share a common school district. Please do not subdivide developments, such as Rhodes Crossing in PQ. As they are built dividing neighbors into separate districts will cause a lot of confusion. It will make that development without a focused councilman. Thank you.

Comment 2: Kevin Smith

I would request that Rancho Peñasquitos not be broken up into two districts.

Comment 3: Patricia Brounstein

I've lived in North University City for over 30 years. You got District 1 just perfect! Thank you.

Comment 4: Janet Hawkins

Thank you for your hard work. Please keep the District 1 plan as drafted. It is keeping our communities intact, and we are grateful.