

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2011

**SALVATION ARMY RAY AND JOAN KROC CENTER – MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
6845 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92115**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dalal at 6:15 p.m. 264 persons were observed to be in attendance. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dalal at 9:42 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

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

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Quiroz called the roll:

(C) Chair Anisha Dalal – present
(M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow – present
(M) Frederick Kosmo – present
(M) Theresa Quiroz – present
(VC) Vice Chair Carlos Marquez –present
(M) David Potter – present
(M) Arthur Nishioka – 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: Michael Sprague

I'd like to thank you regarding your reply regarding my comments regarding the Brown Act. I wasn't actually bringing up questions of notifications, I think that is quite – it's already been done. There's more than just being notified as far posting something on the 12th Floor of the City building. There is also such a thing as getting the necessary documents to be a fully participating person in the conversation. You can't just go through this whole process getting people maps– tell them to fix the microphone– you can't just provide information after the fact when you have to have information before the fact regarding decisions. That's the purpose of this sunshine law. The sunshine law isn't about a notice posted on the 12th floor; it means you have all the relevant information three days ahead of time. If you can't get that out to people on a consistent basis, then you have to change your meeting schedule.

(Transcript Ends)

CITY ATTORNEY AND STAFF ASIGNED TO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION COMMENT

Deputy City Attorney Spivak stated that although Nishioka is not in attendance, he will be required to watch the tapes of all the meetings he's missed before participating in the final four hearings in which the Commission will consider moving boundary lines. He has, in fact, been watching the past meetings and he will be watching this one as well. Public comments will be heard by all seven commissioners.

ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM 1 – APPROVAL FO MINUTES FROM THE JULY 14, JULY 16, JULY 19, AND JULY 21 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETINGS

This item was tabled until the next meeting to allow additional time for review. The draft minutes have been posted to the Commission website on the Meetings page and can be provided in alternate formats upon request.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ITEM 2 – 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 3 – PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING PRELIMINARY REDISTRICTING PLAN

(Transcript Begins)

Comment 1: Jim Varnadore

I am Jim Varnadore. I do live in City Heights. The preliminary map that you sent out is a map that I like south of Interstate 8 and I hope you can preserve its contours south of Interstate 8. My friends and some of my neighbors in the Asian and Pacific Islander community will want you to make some adjustments to the portions north of Interstate 8, generally along the lines of a plan that is called loosely Plan 3. I join my neighbors and friends in urging you to do that. I believe that's a good pair of recommendations. The worst diet any of us can embark upon is the diet of having to eat our own words. So, if the Commission will forgive me, I will read from the July 21st memo. "The Commission expressed an intention to unite City Heights in one new council district, including the..." dah, dah-dah, dah-dah, dah-dah, "and Ridgeview." That's not happening. No map that you have sent out includes all of the Ridgeview neighborhood in District 9, including the map in the July 21st memo. I stand before you as the expert on the boundaries of City Heights. I chaired the Area Planning Committee when we drew those boundaries and incorporated them into the law. I've written you four times to say you haven't gotten Ridgeview into District 9 and the most recent email I sent you, I expressly laid out the block and tract numbers that have to be moved out of District 4, into District 9 if you are to do as you said – an intent to unite City Heights into one new council district. I want to finally thank you all for the most extraordinary volunteer job that I have ever seen done and I've been around for a long, long time. Thank you.

Comment2: Tom Hebrank

Good evening, everyone. Thank you again for the opportunity to speak to you today to provide feedback regarding this preliminary redistricting map. My name is Tom Hebrank. I'm a resident of Kensington and served as the immediate past chair of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group. I also want to, again, thank the Commission for the ten plus months of hard work that went into putting together this proposal. Members of the "Keep Kensington 3" grassroots committee have appeared at the last 4 public meetings held to provide feedback to the preliminary map. Per Redistricting Commission staff, Kensington residents have sent in approximately 132 emails of support to date, and approximately 25 residents have appeared to speak on our behalf during the first four meetings. Many more are here tonight to support our proposal as well. And I would actually just like to take a quick minute for those who are here for Kensington and support this to please stand, or if you are already standing, wave and identify yourselves. So, I think you may recognize that Kensington is interested in this issue. We have put forward our proposed Adams Avenue reunification map, which asks the Commission to make only a few minor moves of 5,000 or less people between a few districts which will serve to primarily 1) return Kensington to District 3 where it currently resides with our other communities of interest, 2) places Shelltown back in its communities of interests in District 9, thus increasing the Latino population in the described 2nd Latino empowerment district from 50% to 53%. In fact, in May, the Latino Redistricting Committee proposed just that, creating a City Heights-anchored district which would include Shelltown. And 3) carves out the El Cajon corridor that runs through Kensington and keeps that in District 9 so the full El Cajon redevelopment zone is kept together. We are flexible as to where that boundary is, whether that is Meade or Monroe, but I think you get the idea of what we are trying to accomplish. I and others have spoken about our ties to our communities of interest along Adams Avenue, including the historic

and similar nature and needs of our neighborhoods. Maggie McCann took you through a historic tour of Adams Avenue homes and businesses at the last meeting. We're also home to a strong LGBT community. In fact, the LGBT Redistricting Task Force, which was created in charge with protecting and enhancing an LGBT community of interest, specifically identified Kensington as a strong community within that group. Per the LGBT Task Force June filing, they reported that according to Article 21 of the California Constitution a community of interest is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effectiveness and fair representation. Section 5.1 of our City Charter states "to the extent it is practical to do so districts should preserve identifiable communities of interest." The LGBT Task Force goes on to state as its premise that the vote on Prop 8, the purpose of which was to deny the fundamental rights to marry for gay and lesbian citizens as the litmus test for creating an LGBT empowerment district. And this key determining vote, Kensington residents voted "no" by a margin of 69.7%. Our neighbor to the west and community interest Normal Heights voted an almost identical 70.2%. Of the new communities proposed to be added to District 3, Cortez, Old Town, East Village, Core Columbia, Morena, Gaslamp and Horton Plaza, all voted in lower percentages than Kensington. In fact, our new proposed community of interest and focal point for District 9, City Heights actually voted in favor of Prop 8 by 50.3%. I am again asking that you consider our request to be allowed to remain in District 9 and hope that at this point we've made our voices clear. Thank you.

Comment 3: Nancy Parton

Hi, my name is Nancy Parton and I am a 13-year resident of Kensington. I am also a member of the Friends of the Kensington/Normal Heights Library. I am in strong support of Kensington remaining in District 3. Most of our patrons, as well as the financial support we receive through active membership with the Friends, come from the neighborhoods of Kensington, Normal Heights, and the areas to the west of the library. In a climate of decreased library funding, it is imperative for us to remain a strong presence in our immediate community, as well as with the other District 3 neighborhoods who offer the strongest support for the Kensington/Normal Heights Library. Thank you for your consideration.

Comment 4: Ramesses Surban

Good evening, members of the Redistricting Commission and to the others present here tonight. My name is Ramesses Surban. I'm a law student and an urban planner. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be heard. I was raised in Rancho Peñasquitos and my wife and I are lucky enough to find ourselves raising our own kids there. I've lived in PQ for over 25 years and I'm happy to now serve on the PQ Town Council, as well as the PQ Planning Board. Throughout my life in Rancho Peñasquitos I have been fortunate to have interacted and engaged with various people from a diverse assortment of backgrounds, all living and calling Rancho Peñasquitos their home. I believe that respecting the diversity of our community helps to sustain our community. We must ensure that within diversity, everyone has an equal voice. So, I'd like to thank the Commissioners for the hard work and diligence they've displayed during their service. This has been a challenging process and we need to acknowledge that it's okay to have push-back here and there throughout. I was sorry to see PQ divided with the last map and even now my fellow PQ council members, as well as the planning group, would like the district lines to fall on Black Mountain Road, rather than Salmon River Road. But compromise and negotiation are part and parcel of democracy. So, I'm here to recognize that we are nearing the end of this process and soon it will be inevitable that we, all of us as community members, will have to move forward and

work together regardless of where these district lines fall. Let's focus on the future possibilities available to us if we work together as a community, all of us – celebrating our diversity and moving forward, together, focusing on the possibilities for the future, rather than dwelling on the politics of the past. To all the members of the community present here tonight, we all have to come back and sit at the table to work with each other after this. It's my hope that in the future, at the end of this process and once the final map is drawn, we can resolve to work with each other and realize that we live in one diverse community, a community that celebrates its diversity while rejoicing in the shared history and common vision that unites us all. Thank you.

Comment 5: Michael Sprague

Forgive me, Jim, but I'm going to disagree with a little bit of that. The planning group boundaries were drawn at a time that Jim was not a member of the planning group and the community boundaries were done by the Town Council at a time that Jim was not on the Town Council. So, Jim does speak for himself quite well, but he is a majority of one and should watch the pronouns. He is not we; he is he. Anyway, the Redistricting Commission is basically saying that they are going to anoint the LGBT community's division of the gay community. And they are going to do so based on race, based on religion, based on economic standards and first and foremost, anybody who might disagree with them in the future. What you have in front of you is the most racist proposal in the history of this City, at least since the 50s, maybe the 40s. It's openly saying that if you are an Islamic you cannot be in District 3, you are just the wrong kind of person, as are many Jews, as are Catholics, as are Buddhists, and a whole bunch of other people. Just can't be near those religions and active church goers because you might vote against gay marriage. City Heights was not divided according to the Council District in order to prove this one committee's point, but they drew in District 7 in order to show how City Heights voted when in fact that's how the 7th District City Heights voted, not the 3rd District of City Heights. What you have is you're being put in a position of deciding something that is just plain sick is going to be what you propose as a way of dividing the city, and the LGBT community brought forward a small group of the community – I should say brought forward something that you should throw away.

Comment 6: John Ly

Hello, my name is John Ly. In the interest of full disclosure, I currently work for Councilmember Carl DeMaio, but I'm here as a former a San Diego State University student and a former Vice President of University Affairs for the Associated Students. I was VP of University Affairs from 2006 to 2007. AS is an organization with a \$20 million operating budget and represents over 30,000 students and San Diego State University. During this time, I worked closely with organizations such as the Faculty Senate and the College Area Community Council to further various initiatives. One such initiative was called the Good Neighbor Program. It was a program in which I went out into the community and helped students with various issues, such as landlord tenant disputes, neighborhood relations, and of course, mini-dorm issues. The cornerstone of this program was a partnership with the San Diego Police Department. They received a large number of calls for service for nuisances from college students. I think we can all agree that the police have higher priorities. So I volunteered to speak with college students who the police deemed to be nuisance homes. My team and I went up to over 100 visits to these homes and spoke with students about the consequences of their actions. Of these 100 homes, I never once went above north of the 8. I want to repeat that. I could go next to a house next to Pancho's, I would go south towards

University, but I never went north of the 8. In conclusion, I feel that the SDSU community of interest is really between Highway 8 and University. Thank you.

Comment 7: Waskah Whelan

Hello, I'm Waskah Whelan. I'm from Point Loma. Point Loma and the peninsula fit very well into the District 2 map that you've shown that you approved on July 21st. It keeps our common interests and areas of concern together. The peninsula and beach areas share the problem of residential homes and schools in close proximity to tourist attractions and traffic – lots of traffic. Whether it's Rosecrans, Catalina, Sunset Cliffs, or Ingraham, Grand and Garnet, we share these same problems. And of courses, there's the airport. It's a huge problem for Point Loma in noise and traffic. Yeah, there is a map proposed online that I saw that shows the three Point Loma communities being switched to District 3 because of their long association with airport noise it said. One of the communities is Loma Portal; along with Ocean Beach, these are the two most heavily noise-impacted areas of the city. Yet, this group wants to split them up and dilute our ability to address the issue. Two-thirds of noise-impacted residents are on the west end of the runway, not the east. We have a curfew to enforce, while the eastern has no curfew because they don't have takeoffs. They only have landing. And two of the Point Loma communities they want moved because of noise are Roseville and Fleetridge and they're not under the flight path, though they call Fleetridge "Fleetwood" on their map, maybe they're thinking about Fleetwood Mac because they're not thinking about Point Loma. It seems there are always people outside of Point Loma telling us what's good for Point Loma, and they don't even know what our problems are. Some have suggested that we should align ourselves with Mission Hills, or Downtown, or Hillcrest, or Balboa Park. These communities have problems of their own and aren't going to be interested in dealing with ours. When you combine the different problems together across the city, you wind up with no problems being solved, just finger-pointing. I think these outside people that are speaking for Point Loma even though they don't live there, have no interest in helping us. They have political interests and I hope that you will disregard what they're saying because they are not about helping the peninsula and the beach areas solve their problems. I hope that you will keep District 2 as it is shown on the July 21st map, and thank you all for all your time that you've put in on this problem. Thank you.

Comment 8: Judy McCarty

Hello, I'm here to support the preliminary map that you've presented to us before. It is a very big difference for District 7, but our bottom line was keeping the Navajo community together. Splitting Allied Gardens from Del Cerro from San Carlos was just not possible in our minds and you kept it together and we are so grateful for that. We look forward to our new neighbors and new community of interest. I will say as a former Councilmember that I really did enjoy representing those communities south of 8 and it's sort of hurts me to see them cut away from Navajo, and I know that some of them don't want to go either. But I think you've put together a good government map. I want to thank you for your services to this issue and I hope you all continue to support that map. Thank you very much.

Comment 9: Cindy Chan, APAC

Hi, there. My name is Cindy Chan with Asian Pacific American Coalition. We are a grassroots organization empowering the Asians living in San Diego. I live in Peñasquitos, I work in Peñasquitos and I grew up in Peñasquitos. I went to Black Mountain Middle School and Mt. Carmel, as well. Go Sun

Devils! First, I want to thank all the groups in the communities that have been supporting the Asian community here in San Diego, just as we support the empowerment of all minority communities and the LGBT community, as well. I want to ask anyone who's from Peñasquitos to please stand up or raise your hand, wave your hand around. I just want to acknowledge all of you who have come out here because it is a very long way. We're here to present some talking points, not necessarily talking points, but some findings that we have discovered that really provide evidence for uniting Rancho Peñasquitos and Mira Mesa as a very strong community of interest. The conclusions that we've come up with include the fact that Rancho Peñasquitos has more in common with Mira Mesa than with Rancho Bernardo, and that the North City PUSD redistricting proposal presented by the Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council, or RPTC, is flawed and misleading. And now I want to go through those points one by one.

First off, RPTC's first source of data comes from CityData.com. CityData.com is not a reliable academic source of information in which sources are not provided and significant disclaimers are made. The website itself states "we do not guarantee the accuracy, the integrity, or the quality of the content on our site, and you may not rely on any of this content." As we shall also see, the RPTC presentation frequently cites data that is irrelevant, outdated, or unverifiable.

The RPTC first defines the City Council Districts by school districts, but if school districts are a guiding principle to drawing City District lines, then we wouldn't need the Redistricting Commission and we'd have a preliminary map that would look more like what you see up there. The preliminary map filing statement would then also list school districts in a reason in every single district drawn, not just of the proposed District 5. Clearly, school district boundaries should have no weight on how City District boundaries are drawn. School districts are not mentioned in any redistricting principles, laws, or charters. Next, the RPTC proposal indicates that they unify communities in wildland urban interface high-fire hazard zones. What a mouthful! But the reality is that according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, all three communities of Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Peñasquitos, and Mira Mesa are a part of the very high fire hazard severity zones in the same geographical region. The RPTC proposal argues that the PQ canyon is a natural geographic boundary that divides proposed District 5 from proposed District 6. The facts are 1) PQ canyon is a uniting geographical area regarding fire safety for Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos, and 2) the Black Mountain Open Space Park is a much greater geographical boundary divider than the narrow Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. It is much easier to get to Mira Mesa from Rancho Peñasquitos via the main road, the main artery, Black Mountain Road, than to get to Rancho Bernardo. And all the folks that are from Peñasquitos can certainly attest to that.

In contradiction to the data presented by the RPTC, according to the San Diego Police Department's 2011 crime data, Rancho Bernardo and Maria Mesa are actually more similar than Rancho Peñasquitos. In overall comparison, the crime index total of all three of these neighborhoods are [sic] more similar to each other than with other more crime prevalent neighborhoods. For example, San Pasqual's crime index total is 509 and Carmel Mountain Ranch is 20. Next the RPTC cites economic reasons for the exclusion of Mira Mesa. The RPTC uses not only an unreliable source for income levels, but they're using data from that unreliable source from back in 2004. When we looked at SANDAG 2010 numbers, we found that Mira Mesa, PQ, and RB were actually much more similar and much less in deviation in median household income than what was portrayed by the RPTC presentation. We also find the use of housing patterns in the RPTC proposal to be unverifiable. We were unable to find the source of these

percentages that they provided in their presentation. What we could find, however, when using even their source, Citydata.com 2009 data, however, is that the percentage of housing units with mortgages for RB is drastically different from Mira Mesa, Peñasquitos, Torrey Highlands, and Black Mountain Ranch, which are all much more similar to each other than to Rancho Bernardo. Furthermore, the RPTC cites absolute numbers of apartments as a differentiating factor between Mira Mesa and Peñasquitos. The use of absolutes numbers to compare apartment densities is misleading. When we look at the SANDAG 2010 data for these neighborhoods instead, which compares percentages, we found that there were mixed, inconclusive results. There's a lot of numbers there, but you can review that. We also found very interesting data regarding the persons per household. You can see that homes in Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos have significantly larger family households than in Rancho Bernardo and they are much more similar to each other. The RPTC presentation then uses data from CityData.com again, an unreliable source, to make conclusions about house/condo values. In comparison, Zillow.com, an online real estate database, shows that Mira Mesa and RB actually have more similar home values than other towns nearby. With such conflicting information, home values are not a reliable measurement for comparison.

Again, and this may sound like a broken record, RPTC uses in an unreliable source and inaccurate information looking at age groups. SANDAG 2010 data shows that when we look at age patterns, Mira Mesa and PQ are more similar to each other than to RB again. Age patterns include looking at the population of those under 18, those over 65, and the median age. Note the significantly larger percentage of population over 65 in Rancho Bernardo. A segmentation analysis performed by analysts with Zillow.com shows that Mira Mesa is made of foreign born individuals, higher-income urban families, and upper-class couples. Peñasquitos is similarly made of high-income couples and families and multi-lingual individuals. RB, in contrast, is made up of urban singles, military veterans, and seniors over the age of 65. We must note that this is the most recent assessment made by Zillow based on their source, which is the 2000 Census data. So that, of course, needs to be examined. In summary, the supporting arguments in favor of identifying Rancho Bernardo and Peñasquitos as a community of interest is weak and based on inaccurate and misleading data. As we've shown, when using the reliable data from sources such as SANDAG, we find that Rancho Peñasquitos has more in common with Mira Mesa than with Rancho Bernardo. Factors such as age, household size, geographical area, and ethnic diversity are these commonalities. Peñasquitos and Mira Mesa are indeed a very strong community of interest and should be united. My colleagues will also be presenting further cultural evidence for the unification of these two sister towns, just in case this wasn't enough. Thank you very much.

Comment 10: Laura Riebau

Hi, Commissioners and thank you for your time. We have a packed house tonight so I know everybody here appreciates the changes to speak with you. I'm once again here talking about keeping San Diego State University communities together as a community of interest and including those neighborhoods to go north of Interstate 8 and include Del Cerro, San Carlos, Allied Gardens, and Grantville. Community of interest isn't just the fact that we're with San Diego State, though that's a large part of it. The community of interest is borne out by the demographics and the economics of the people in the areas. San Diego State is the largest University in the city of San Diego. It is the oldest; it's the third oldest in the State of California. It has been given the designation by the Carnegie Foundation as a research university with high research activity. We have a lot of students here. It is—San Diego State and the surrounding areas are definitely an asset to the whole city, as has been stated for UCSD, which has been

kept together as a community of interest and USD. One of every seven San Diegans with a college degree attended SDSU. I think that is pretty significant for this entire city. Several buildings within SDSU have historical– are on the National Register of Historical Places, and a lot of the homes in El Cerrito and in Rolando Village are designated historical homes, some also in El Cerrito. We have one of the most beautiful homes there that’s an old mission style home. San Diego State is also the home of one of the best nursing schools in the country, definitely within the state. It ranks No. 1 for students studying abroad as part of the college experience. Over in... off Navajo Road is S Mountain, well, Cowles Mountain– it has the big “S” on it– that is historically a San Diego State landmark. The giant “S” was put there during the opening night of football games for many, many years and it’s historically significant to San Diego State University. The maps I provided to you show the first map with the yellow lines on it, shows that College Avenue goes all the way from 94, all through the Rolando Park and Redwood Village neighborhoods, up through El Cerrito and Rolando Village neighborhoods, up through College East and College West, over the freeway, into Del Cerro, up to a point where it turns into Waring Road and to Navajo Road in San Carlos and Allied Gardens. Montezuma Road turns into Fairmount, which turns into Mission Gorge Road and go under the freeway. Those roads give us access to all those other neighborhoods, and those other neighborhoods are homes to lots of students and to lots of faculty and staff. So, I want you to, again, reconsider San Diego State as a community of interest and the neighborhoods of Rolando Park, Rolando Village, Redwood Village, El Cerrito, College West and College East, with Del Cerro, Grantville, Allied Gardens and San Carlos. Also, there is no road that goes to Tierrasanta from any of those neighborhoods. You have to get on freeway 15 to get to Tierrasanta. Thank you.

Comment 11: Denise Armijo

Thank you all for the task that you’ve undertaken with this, I know it’s a very difficult task. I do want to talk about the same area that Laura was just talking about. I am from Rolando Village and I do feel that our community has a lot more in common with areas to the north and northwest, than necessarily to the south. I also would like to say that in using demographics it’s difficult when you’re just using numbers to really get an idea of the communities. I know that your description of the new District 9 says that the District has a large number of low-income residents. I would like to point out that some of those low-income residents, some are new immigrants, some are older residents. We have in Rolando Village a number of people who are original owners of the homes from the 1940s and 50s. And these, just because of the income, they do not necessarily have the same shared interests. So, I’d like to point that out. Also, I did notice in the report that there was a little bit of discrepancy in using freeways as either a boundary or a connecting point. Under the District 4, you’ve stated it both ways and I think that in some cases communities can span interstates such as Interstate 8 to the north of us. In other areas, if you go down to 94, you know, there is a little bit more of a split between the split. I think you need to look very closely at the communities and the demographics and what the shared interests actually are before you use those as boundaries.

Comment 12: Ann McMillian Eichman

Good evening, my name is Ann McMillian Eichman. I’m President of the Downtown Little Italy Residents Association and Treasure of the Downtown Residents Group. Downtown is my neighborhood. This used to be an undesirable, crime-ridden area. Nobody would want to live there. Today it’s a testament to transformation, vibrant transformation. From Little Italy all the way to East Village, we

have preserved the best of our past, breathing new life into buildings, many of which were considered dead. We continue to eliminate remaining blight, while giving birth to architecture as diverse and as eclectic as the people who live in Downtown – 32,000 and growing. And grow, we will. Projections say 20 years from now, 90,000. The more we grow, the more prosper. The more we prosper, the more it benefits all of San Diego. There was a time when we kind of thought of Downtown as the little engine that could. Well, not only could it, it can and it does, and it does for everyone throughout our city. Yes, Downtown is on the move with deep roots in our past and a clear vision for our future, as articulated in our Downtown Community Plan. This plan from our point of view now includes a big part of District 3. We share not only common geography with our neighbors, but many, many common interests, each community supportive of the other. It is in that spirit, Commissioners, that you recognize, I believe, that we do in fact belong in District 3. We look forward to growing together with our neighbors and improving the quality of life for everyone who lives in our district. Thank you.

Comment 13: Wayne Murphy

Honorable Commissioners, my name is Wayne Murphy, my home address is 4509 Van Dyke Avenue, which is located in San Diego District 3. I've lived at this address since 1989. Along with many, many of my neighbors and other Kensington residents, I strongly oppose the inclusion of our community within the proposed new District 9. For more than a decade, I've observed our Community Planning Group working with District 3 City Councilmembers and staff to solve significant problems which have risen within Kensington. Certainly, each elected City Councilmember has great strengths; however, I strongly believe that the unique common interests Kensington has with the other residents of District 3 enables that Councilmember to provide the kind of leadership we need. In doing a bit of research, I found that District 3 has been around at least since 1933, based on the published election history. I could not verify it to be a fact, but it appears Kensington has been in District 3 since then. I strongly support the Adams Avenue Reunification proposal provided to you by leaders from the Kensington community. And thank you very much for your time.

Comment 14: LaGrand Worthy

Hello, my name is LaGrand Worthy and I live in the Rolando area near San Diego State. I came here tonight to make two requests of the Commission. Please draw a map that reflects the diversity of the city of San Diego, which means empowering minority communities that allows them signification voting strength in certain Council Districts. Please keep as many neighborhoods near San Diego State together as possible in order to give the residents of San Diego strong representation when dealing with impacts that the university has on our neighborhoods. We're strong supporters of San Diego State, and value what it means to the city, but we need to make sure that the city taxpayers who are the neighbors of the university get a fair deal when it comes to the impacts on public safety, quality of life, noise, traffic, parking, and mini-dorms. This means linking College Area, Rolando, Talmadge, Allied Gardens, and Del Cerro together in the same district. Thank you for being here tonight and thank you for listening to the public.

Comment 15: Guy Hanford

Hello, my name is Guy Handford and I thank you for this opportunity to once again express my views on the preliminary redistricting map. My parents, sister, and I have been business owners in Kensington

for 48 years. We're very familiar with the business along the entire length of Adams Avenue. Several people associated with the City of San Diego told me this map is a done deal and that my efforts will be futile. I wish to express my optimism in believing that this Commission is very receptive to the community's input or there would be no purpose for having these community input meetings in the first place. I also believe that you've heard many convincing arguments for adjusting the preliminary map. The argument for keeping Kensington in District 3 will be expressed by many speakers tonight. I would like to give the perspective of the business community. To the efforts of the AABA, the BID, and the MAD, our Adams Avenue Business District of mom-and-pop businesses has become united and works together as a collective body. Placing Kensington into District 9 will totally divide the representation of our Adams Avenue Business Association. I'm requesting the Commission strongly consider keeping Kensington and its six blocks of businesses in District 3. I gave your Chief of Staff a copy of our website; yes, I'm going to refer to that. In closing, this is our greeting on our website of the Adams Avenue Business Association: "Welcome to the home page of the Adams Avenue Business Association. The AABA is an association of the small businesses and merchants along San Diego's Adams Avenue and reaches the neighborhoods from Kensington on the east, and moving westward through Normal Heights and into parts of North Park. Here on our web pages you will find information about the AABA and our activities. The AABA's mission is to promote and increase commercial within the Adams Avenue Business Improvement District." Thank you for the extraordinary efforts all of you have given to seek input from the communities of San Diego.

Comment 16: Pam Sisneros

Hi, I'm Pam Sisneros. I am a Kensington resident since 1963 and business owner. I am also on the board of the Adams Avenue Business Association. At our August 2nd meeting of the Adams Avenue Business Association, a unanimous motion was recorded to support the Kensington community's desire to remain inside the District 3 City Council boundaries. Rather than split our linear commercial district between two separate City Council Districts, we urge the Redistricting Commission to reconsider its tentative map and allow the Adams Avenue corridor and its surrounding residential community to remain in Council District 3. The Adams Avenue Business District and the Adams Avenue Maintenance Assessment District run the length of Adams Avenue, from Texas Street on the west, to Vista Drive located in Kensington to the east. Our association markets the length of the Adams Avenue Business District as an integrated community of small business owners that share a community of interest central to our promotional mission. As far as anyone here is aware, the Adams Avenue Business District has always been located within one City Council District. This has been key to the development and improvement of our commercial strip by allowing our business and property owners to focus our interaction with one city councilmember and their office. At over 100 years old, Adams Avenue is one of San Diego's original historic commercial districts. It is our conclusion that the interest of our commercial and residential property owners are best served by allowing our City Council representation to remain within Council District 3 where we have had a long and beneficial relationship which has served both our citizens and the City of San Diego well. Thank you for your time.

Comment 17: Bob Coffin

Good evening, I must confess I'm in a mist following you folks around the City of San Diego my summer evenings, but if there is a reward there, this is probably the only way that you can actually see democracy in action and it's here in America and all the people who have something to say are invited

to say it. So, thank you. I want to point out that the planning group—the goal of the planning group is to represent the will of the people, and to promote what they want. We didn't quite get it right with this issue for a variety of reasons. In the summer we don't have a permanent place to meet, we didn't have our subcommittees up and running, we didn't have the subcommittee for this issue— we should have but we didn't. People were on vacation, things of that nature. Tom Hebrank was the first to spot the fact that we had Kensington in District 9. We jumped in immediately and started to do what we could to correct it. We rallied the troops, you can see from all the meetings you've been at people of Kensington have turned out, and many are here tonight to say we want to stay in District 3. And Tom put together a map that showed what little impact this would have to keep us in District 3. Remarkably, nobody has stood at this podium and said Mr. Hebrank's map doesn't work, that his map takes rights away from us. Nobody's said that and that's because it's true. Mr. Hebrank's map shows how we can move Kensington out of District 9 and back into District 3 and promote the future and present of Kensington. And I would urge you folks to please make that happen. Thank you very much.

Comment 18: Keith Rhodes

Yes, my name is Keith Rhodes. I'm a property owner in Peñasquitos. If you look at the map that's up right now, you'll see my property runs approximately like this. This is a tract, a census tract right here. There are, I think, 225— something like that— people in that area. What I would ask is that what we've done by putting this area in District 6 and this area in District 5, we have split Torrey Highlands which comes down here, this is part of Torrey Highlands. We also have split what—Rhodes Crossing which is a vesting tentative map. By moving this area into District 5 from District 6, there's practically nobody living there right now, except in this area that is built out. So, it's insignificant as far as a deviation standpoint. But it does put all of Torrey Highlands— which was a newly created community, which most of their commercial is here— in one council district. So, I would ask you tonight that this tract with only 220-some people be moved into District 5 from District 6 so that you have the total of Torrey Highlands, which I think is something that the Commission wanted to do. It does that and keeps all of the future development in this area, which will be this area, in one Council District. Thank you very much for your time. I appreciate it. Thank you for all your efforts and that is all I have to say.

Comment 19: Frank Doft

Good evening, my name is Frank Doft. I'm a resident and homeowner in Kensington. I have no prepared statement; I hope I don't regret that. I want to thank the Commissioners for all your work. I too am here to request that Kensington remain in District 3. I too feel we have more of an association with the communities to the west than we do with the College area and the new District 9. I am on the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group, not representing them here, but just to show you I do have a strong sense of community. I know all my neighbors and everyone I've spoken to feels we should stay with 3. I am very happy with our representative Todd Gloria and his assistant Dion Akers has been a great help in the small problems that crop up on a daily basis that was started more than a 100 years ago. As was mentioned, our business district is Adams Avenue and to the west, our local park is just on the other side of 15 in Normal Heights. Thank you all for your work and please keep us with 3. Thank you.

Comment 20: Paul Hastie

My name is Paul Hastie. I have lived in the El Cerrito community for 35 years. I have been in the construction business for most of my life and we are constantly on the lookout for unintended consequences that creep into our planning. It is possible that concentrating one group in one Council District will diminish their impact on the City Council. If a Council District has a large percentage of one group, the Councilmember will pay attention to that group. The other 8 members of the Council may not feel obligated to pay attention to the group, because their percentage is small in their district. If a Council District has 20 or 30 percent of a group, the Councilmember will still be influenced by that group. If a council district has 5 or 10% of a group, the Councilmember does not have to pay as much attention to that group. The question becomes is it better to have a great amount of attention or amount of influence with one Councilmember in one district, or a little less influence on more than one councilmember in more of the districts. I think by concentrating as many members of a group in one district as possible you may minimize that group's influence on City decisions. Be careful about what you are trying to do; think about unintended consequences. Your decisions may diminish the amount of influence a group has on the entire City Council. Your decision will last for ten years. Thank you for serving on the Redistricting committee.

Comment 21: Gordon Summer

Hi, I'm Gordon Summer. I'm a Downtown resident for nearly 20 years and I want to talk about Downtown. It was pretty seedy when we got there. We were told not to go east of 6th Avenue for the fear of our lives. Things have changed a lot. Now we can go all the way to 14th Street. Anyway, why has it changed so much for the better? Because of redevelopment and because of great community leaders – my wife is one of them; because of a new community plan that takes to 2030; because a whole bunch of people want to enjoy an efficient urban lifestyle, using less energy, needing less infrastructure than last century's suburbs. We welcome high-population density, where the people in the other parts of the city don't want it. We welcome restaurants, night clubs, entertainment, conventions, tourists, sports arenas, where residents in the other parts of the city don't want these things. We even welcome high-rise affordable low-income housing and we welcome social services because they are a necessary part of city life. Do you know of any other neighborhoods that want those things? All Downtowners want to be represented by people who understand this. If we're split apart, we could end up with representatives whose priorities lie elsewhere. That wouldn't just be bad for Downtown, it would be bad for the entire City of San Diego. Folks throughout the city want to visit Downtown and occasionally experience this urban insanity of ours, but they don't want to live with it every day. Downtowners take what the rest of the city doesn't want and we flourish because of it. Please keep Downtown whole and keep the whole city happy. Thank you.

Comment 22: Joost Bende

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Joost Bende. I am the past chair of the Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board. I've lived in Peñasquitos for 10 years and no matter what your race is, most folks that move to Peñasquitos move there because they want their kids to go to the Poway Unified School District. I want to thank the Commissioners for recognizing the community of interest as the Poway Unified School District and as the Palomar/Pomerado Health District and looking beyond race. If you use District 4 as a great example of where the African American community has empowered themselves

with a ratio of 25% of African Americans, you have in fact created three Asian Pacific Islander districts. District 1 has 26%; District 5 has 29%; and District 6 has 32%. Peñasquitos is prepared to sacrifice the Park Village area but it should be split correctly, according to the Black Mountain Road and not Salmon River Road. Park Village has its own maintenance assessment district, separate from the Peñasquitos East Maintenance Assessment District. The dividing line is Black Mountain Road. Again, I want to thank the Commission—also the Black Mountain Road is also the dividing line east and west for the Palomar/Pomerado Health District. The other area is that—the difference between Palomar—or the Black Mountain Road and Salmon River Road, the population is insignificant to the API population either way. So, with that, I want to thank the Commissioners for their critical listening skills and understanding and looking beyond the <unintelligible> threat of race baiting. Thank you very much.

Comment 23: Betty White

My name is Betty White. I live in the neighborhood of Rolando Park. I'm the president of the Rolando Park Community Council and also served on the University Avenue Mobility Study Working Group. Change is good, it's bad, it's scary, and for Rolando Park it's inevitable. Because we are either going to be in the brand new District 9 or we're going to be in District 4. And I guess I'm here to talk about keeping us with our other College area neighbors in District 9. I have to thank columnist Colleen O'Connor, because she spoke to something that touched my heart and I stole a little bit of her language even though she wasn't talking about my neighborhood. In this redistricting plan, "something intangible and imperative is missing. That something is the soul of the City of San Diego and a sense of this city that is hidden but rarely overwhelmed." The district boundaries for District 4 are not reflecting the spirit of San Diego for my neighborhood. "Some older neighborhoods have been needlessly shifted from their historical roots, communal interests and long lived memories" —ok, we're mid-century modern but that's still an older neighborhood— "in favor of computer-generated precision that ignores the humanness of us all." Rolando Park doesn't belong in District 4. It shares more in common with the other College area communities than not and should remain with them. Leaving Rolando Park in its rightful historical home base requires little effort as one can see from the map, and retains the belongingness essential for any neighborhood survivor. One of the reasons I selected Rolando Park for my residence upon my return to San Diego, was my identification with the greater College area. I received my graduate degree from San Diego State over 20 years ago. Bye.

Comment 24: Jay Wilson

Good evening, Commissioners, I'm Jay Wilson. I'm a 43-year resident of the Navajo community. I'm here today as president of the Del Cerro Action Council. For the past several months, I've been among a number of interested community members who have carefully followed the progress of the Redistricting Commission and testified before you. The community of Del Cerro and the adjacent communities which make up the Navajo community, continue to support the current map as it relates to the new District 7. I have been updating my community every week through an extensive email list. To date, I have not received a single negative response to any of the information and references to the new District 7. You have listened to us and for that I thank you. Your decisions and ultimate conclusion will impact our city for an entire decade. This is a tremendous responsibility. On behalf of the community of Del Cerro, thank you for your dedication, attention to detail and commitment to your task. I urge you to stay the course and adopt the current map as it relates to the Navajo community and District 7. Thank you.

Comment 25: Eric Hughes

Hi, I'm Eric Hughes. I'm a San Diego State student. I kind of wish I'd prepared a statement or something, but I just want to say that I know a lot of people around the college there and it's really good you're including going down to University, that whole area. And up north, you know, across the bridge, was just a headache, crossing the 8 there. But it's a nice area, a good suburban area, good people, but it's not really— it's just a different... it's a culture shift; it's not the same community of interest. So, I want to thank you for the current map you have here; it's a good set up for us.

Comment 26: Brian Pollard

Good evening and it's good to see such a turnout with the City of San Diego. It is a good process and I'm surprised that there are so many people here that are involved. Thank you. First and foremost, I want to thank the Commission for listening to the residents of the city and District 4 and to urge to approve the July 21st rendition of the map of District 4. We believe this map of our district is fair, encourages diversity within our communities, honors our communities of interest, and supports the creation of the new Latino multi-ethnic district, District 9. From the very start, our goal was to make sure that people who have been historically marginalized in City Hall were heard and respected. You've done so far in District 4 and in some other communities. You've done something else that requires acknowledgement. You've given a voice and have given the residents of the new District 9 a fighting chance to have a representative that truly understands the nuances, culture, the difficulties, as well as the hopes of their community. You've also respected the communities of interest in Districts 4, 8, and 9 and other communities throughout the city. Thank you very much for your efforts.

In reassessing the hard work that has been done in this process by everyone, there is one area however, within our city that I believe requires a second look. That part of the city involves the API communities. Over the past seven or eight months, they have appeared before you with petitions, testimony, data, communities of interest facts, and passion. You have heard from their younger generations and more elder residents, and yet it seems apparently higher priorities have prevailed. It is my belief that there are some changes that could be made. Our coalition has been working more closely with the Asian community and together it seems apparent that the map that was earlier submitted, Plan 3 of your version, seems to accomplish much of their goals of being empowered in a part of the city that cries out for Asian American representation. You've attentively listened and responded to the issues of African American representation and you've also honored the LGBT representation and the Latino communities. What I'm asking you to do is to listen to and respond more favorably to our Asian brothers and sisters.

Plan 3 north of 8 solves numerous issues that have surfaced throughout these hearings and at the same time gives you a road map to better empower the Asian communities. The Poway Unified School District is only one component in your decision making process, I believe. It cannot be the only component. As you've done so in other communities that have historically been marginalized, we urge you to look at other factors in which to make changes north of 8. Consider the hundreds of people that signed petitions supporting the unification of Rancho Peñasquitos with Mira Mesa and have outlined data to support their issues. You've looked in other areas within the city as well at the balance that's required to make such tough decisions and I encourage you to be balanced and consistent in this area within our city. This will be a tough decision, but as you've shown throughout this process, you are capable of doing the right thing. In closing, I would once again like to thank you for listening to the

residents of the city and especially District 4 and urge you to approve the District 4 map of July 21st. This is panning out to be a very passionate issue, so what I would like to do is once again outline data and outline similarity with Rolando Park, Redwood Village and District 4. From some homework that I've done, I've discovered that the income levels are very similar. The housing prices are very similar. That we share the use of shopping centers of College Grove and the Triangle on University and 54th. We share the use of that beautiful lake, Chollas Lake. Both are in the same unified school district, in Redwood Village, and we share the Eastern Area Planning Group, which was a big area of concern. 65% of the population in Redwood Village are either Latino, African American or Asian. And we share the Martin Luther King freeway as a major artery to get us into Downtown, to 805, or to out east. These are similarities that cannot be ignored because of fear of change. I want to thank you for increasing the diversity of our wonderful district and to urge you to consider the Plan 3 north of 8 map, to address the lack of representation for our Asian brothers and sisters. Thank you very much.

Comment 27: Anne Schoeller

Good evening, Commissioners. I feel like I know you personally now. It's my tenth meeting. I'm Anne Schoeller and I live in Rolando Village. You are now in Rolando Park and right across the street, across University, is Rolando Village. As I've told you before, we've worked together many years on this Joan Kroc.... Maureen O'Connor, the mayor, was brought here to this site and there were two stores that had moved out. And she had asked her, "Where can I put a complex like this?" So, she was taken to this area and she is our special angel, Joan Kroc. So that is, that's one of the things that as communities of interest... and we also— we have to look at Redwood Village, what their needs are. I think we've shown in the past that we have the same sociological— social networking; we have identifiable communities of interest, reasonable access, everything. I'm sure you came in on College and if you'd went north you would've went to the other northern communities. Now, someone said that, well, that is north of 8...is not, you know, you don't have the same communities of interest. That isn't true. And they have needs to have students in their areas as well as we do. And we need a good strong council that is going to work toward keeping us stable and not splitting us up, within— taking away our identity and diluting our voting rights. I'm all for people to have voting rights but when I cannot elect a council rep that I identify with and that's going to help my communities, or our communities, then I object to that as the 5.1 Charter and the Federal Voting Rights of 1965. So I ask you to reconsider and as someone said reunite 3, well, reunite 7 back to where it should be. Thank you.

Comment 28: Shirley Kelly

Hello, I'm Shirley Kelly and I have resided in Kensington for 40 years. During those 40 years, we have elected four Councilmembers who lived in Kensington to District 3. We were proud of that. Over those years I have been very happy to serve the Kensington Normal Heights Branch Library. We – Kensington and Normal Heights, District 3— have received much support from our Councilmembers in District 3 and we feel that we have a very common, important common interest with this branch library. We respectfully request that you please keep Kensington 3.

Comment 29: Paul Osuna

I'm Paul Osuna. I'm a property owner. I live on Vista Grande Drive here in Rolando Park and I've been watching these meetings on television and reading as much as possible from the information you've

released to the public and that's been covered by the news. And it strikes me that in the case of some communities, especially in North County, it's a story of betrayal for people who have really worked hard, investing in their communities economically, in their families, in doing the best they can. And I truly hope that at some point, you step up with integrity and honesty and listen to the concerns to the various people who have spoken before you the last few weeks. I'm here just to tell you that Rolando Park, my home, Kroc Center, which is only a block and half away, is walking distance to San Diego State. When I finished my graduated program there, I would ride my bike. It's a mile and quarter to the closest boundary of San Diego State. It's a heavily influenced area by that institution. Like most of the communities there are institutions that anchor a community. They influence the business climate, the influence the investment climate, they influence the way people raise their children. San Diego State is one of those institutions. I'm somewhat dismayed to hear you use race. I don't need to be protected. I'm not in a protected class; I don't want to be, whether my ancestry is Mexican or Black or any other defining category. I do think the politics of identity need to be set aside and the integrity of each individual community taken on its own merit. The natural boundaries for Rolando Park are the industrial sector that bounds 94 on each side. Nobody walks across there to the other communities. We might shop occasionally in Lemon Grove or on El Cajon Blvd.; the anchor remains the institution of San Diego State. Keep Rolando Park united with the other communities.

Comment 30: Maria Cortez

Hello, I'm Maria Cortez. I live in the Teralta West neighborhood, which I do not see on the map, in City Heights. I would like to say that those of us in City Heights would like to remain in District 3 along with Kensington. They are our neighbors. We need to reunite and stay together instead of tearing us neighborhoods apart. Because that's what we're here for; we're here for unity. I don't care if you're black, white, yellow, green, whatever. We're all here in this together; we all need to be represented the same way. I too feel the same way about the races. It doesn't matter to me what race you are. We all need to be represented the same way; it doesn't matter to me if you're gay or if you're a lesbian – we all need to be represented in the same way. We need to have our two Councilmembers that we have, Todd Gloria represents us very well in District 3. We would like to remain in District 3. City Heights – we've gone through a lot. We've had one Councilmember once before, and it was a fiasco; it was horrible. Instead of going backwards, we need to move forward and stay the way we are in District 3, be united. I work in both areas. I work in Kensington and I also work in City Heights. I work at Franklin Elementary. I have been there for 23 years. I love going over to Kensington. They have the nice little family businesses. I love to go there. I love to go in my neighborhood. I love to go to North Park. I go to everybody. We all need to be represented and stay together as one; stay together in District 3, that's how I feel.

Comment 31: Janet Kaye

Good evening, Commissioners. Thank you for your service. Thank you for providing these forums. I'm here representing Linda Vista Community Development Corporation and the Linda Vista Town Council. I'm sorry that Commander Farley and Dr. Kaye were unable to attend this evening. I'm a 37-year resident of the Linda Vista Planning Area and I know that the Town Council submitted their proposed map one month ago. We again request not to be parceled out among three council districts. We know this will dilute or voter strength and prevent effective political representation and that is a huge concern of ours. We're still learning how to be strong politically. Instead of pulling USD, who we work with

very closely, instead of pulling them out of Linda Vista, please consider all of Linda Vista Planning Area be included in District 2 – I have not brought this idea up before – instead of dividing us among 6 and 7 and 2. We are only ten minutes from the beach. Thank you.

Comment 32: Dorothy Perez

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Dorothy Perez. I'm from Linda Vista. I've lived there for 51 years. I'm a member of the Linda Vista Town Council, Linda Vista Planning Group, and the Linda Vista Park and Rec Council. I stand before you to ask you to consider the map presented to you on the first week of July by the Linda Vista Town Council and the Planning Council. We suffered a loss of the large crew of active supportive people in our community due to a new church, Saint Catherine's, that was built in Clairemont. Our community is a multi-cultural and of approximately 22 languages and dialogues. We have worked hard to get these people involved. We don't need to spread out to the east. We need to work with what we have. We have the only skating rink in the San Diego County, which draws people from other communities and surrounding counties. The picture I handed out to you on the Welcome to Linda Vista side, the turquoise one, the small one, is the one that was put in approximately 1978, and the other one, the Welcome to Linda Vista is 2001. We would like to keep USD on our map, since we have that Welcome to USD. We want to stay within 163 in Linda Vista and Morena Blvd.

Comment 33: John Pilch

Good evening, Commissioners, Ms. Midori, Ms. Spivak. Thank you again for the opportunity to address you. My name is John Pilch. I am president of the San Carlos Area Council. And this is visit number 4 or 5, I believe. But there's some things that have to be reinforced. I'm a 33-year resident of San Carlos, and I appreciate the fact that you've kept our communities in the Navajo area together. That was our initial agenda, that we added Tierrasanta from the north to encompass Mission Trails Regional Park. We agree with your findings on page 14 and 15; they are in sync with our comments. And you have heard people from our area before you at previous meetings. It's how we envision a new District 7 for the next ten years and we welcome the opportunity to work with communities to our west and Mission Valley. In spite of what you heard tonight, we ask that you keep the College area in the new District 9. We are not communities of interest, other than a few mini-dorms and their traffic. We have unique situations, a unique redevelopment in Grantville, just as they have Center Point and the Paseo redevelopment area in the College area. Interstate 8 is a natural boundary and recognized as such in your finding and we ask that you keep it that way. I wanted to mention one other thing, and that is to thank you for putting up with the negative comments about this board and some of you individually. It is not called for and we want you to know that we appreciate your work.

Comment 34: Damian Tryon

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Damian Tryon. I'm a resident of City Heights. And I'm actually in District 7, not District 3, so I was a little confused by the previous testimony in District 3. The reality is any time there is a meeting of our residents it's a crapshoot whether the right Councilmember will show up because we are in three different districts. So I just want to thank you for creating a map that actually unifies our neighborhood finally, so we know who to call for the street, who to call for the park, who to call for the library, because it's been divided. I appreciate that. I hear the consternation others feel where lines are being drawn and I can only sympathize having lived through

that political division that we've felt in our neighborhood; just crossing the street changes a whole other council office. Thank you for helping to get our communities together. We are a lot of immigrants; Euclid and University, you can't find a bigger diversity in food and that's something I love. You got to walk— if you walk my block you have to speak at least two or three languages to get by, but that's what we love about it, and thanks for unifying it. Thank you.

Comment 35: Eric Larson

Hi, I'm Eric Larson. I'm an engineering student at San Diego State University. I feel that the university should be part of District 9 and not 7. Nobody I know— I don't ever go across that side of freeway except for the off-ramp to get to the university. There's no bars there; there's no dorms there. Hey, you got to take a break from studying some time. So, there's really nothing to draw people out there. There might be occasional people that live there. But I know people that live in Downtown that go to San Diego State, so there's no reason that they should be part of District 7. So, I think that your map is generally pretty good in that San Diego State should stay in 9.

Comment 36: Estela De Los Rios

Good evening and thank you again for this opportunity. I know it's been a wrenching five, six months and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you immensely. Ten months! First of all, I wouldn't want to be in your shoes as I mentioned a while back. My name is Estela De Los Rios. I'm here on behalf of the Latino Redistricting Committee. I'm a member of the steering committee, which represents the entire region of San Diego. I want to commend you very much for strategically comprising the 9th District, which is multi-lingual, multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, and the most diverse community in San Diego, which is City Heights. I also to reiterate, because I've listened to most of the comments because we're at that juncture in the evening closing... This is not about race; this is not about a political candidate; this is not about business. This is about communities of interest and ensuring the Voting Rights Act. So I'd like to thank you and commend you for honoring the Constitution and keeping this in addressing the Voting Rights Act and ensuring communities of interest. And again, the 9th District was a reflection of the Census. I personally worked on that, because it is the tracts and it reflects the Voting Rights Act, as well – one person/one vote. I don't know if I saw this light turn on, but again, I just want to reiterate, this is not about politics, this is not about business, this is not about race – this is about communities of interest. And you have defined them clearly in District 4, District 8, and District 9. Thank you so much again for respecting the voting rights and most importantly, all of us in this room respect the Constitution of the United States.

Comment 37: Richard Segal

Thank you. My name is Richard Segal. I am a 13-year-and-half resident of Kensington. I am here to support the Adams Avenue Reunification plan. I have just three points to make. First of all, as you all recognize, as we've all been discussing tonight, one of the key driving forces behind the way we draw our lines for redistricting are based on communities of interest. And one thing that is important to recognize is that communities of interest are not governed by lines on a map, even very thick lines like the 15 freeway. They're not driven by even names of neighborhoods. They're driven by reality. They're driven by the way things actually are, the way people actually act, the way people feel, the way they relate to one another. And the reason why I stand here today is because we believe, I believe and

everybody that I know in my neighborhood believes that Kensington is not properly placed in District 9 and should actually be moved back in kept in District 3 where it's been for decades. And that's because from a cultural, economic, commercial, political, frankly, emotional standpoint, Kensington looks to the west. Kensington is part of the mid-city area that goes along Adams Avenue to the west. Kensington is the eastern terminus of Adams Avenue and when you look to put the boundary of District 9 at the 15 freeway that's a very convenient line, but when I moved to Kensington there was no 15 freeway there; that was 40th Street. There was a traffic light at Adams Avenue and 40th Street. And it is very easy to walk across Adams Avenue into Normal Heights. I do this when we go to the Adams Avenue Street fair. I shop at the Vons on the other side of the freeway. Whereas, going to the east you have the Fairmount Avenue canyon, which I look upon from my house because I'm on the east side of Kensington. And that is an actual barrier when it comes to people going to the east for dinner or anything like that. You can't walk into Talmadge from Kensington. And for all of these reasons, it's very important to recognize that Kensington is part of the neighborhoods of District 3 on all these bases and should be in District 3 for that reason. Second point, when we are talking about communities of interest, the LGBT community, which you've heard a great deal from in all of your meetings, is a unified community and Kensington is a vital and very large part of that community. There is a very large LGBT community in Kensington, which is being disconnected from the rest of our community of interest in District 3. Many of the leaders of the LGBT community in San Diego actually live in Kensington. So, to sort of throw them aside and exclude them from that district, we believe is wrong and anyone who says they are representing the LGBT community who advocates for Kensington to be excluded from District 3 is not speaking for the very substantial LGBT community in Kensington. And my third point which was raised by the speaker immediately before me, is that District 9 was properly created as a result of, you know– or recognizing the Voting Rights Act to create a minority empowerment district for the Latino community. And it does that just barely by population. We are talking about 50%. And the plan that's been put forth by Mr. Hebrank, the Adams Avenue Reunification Plan, actually furthers the interest of the minority empowerment district in District 9 by taking Kensington out, substituting Shelltown, which will increase the minority representation by 3% – and it's not just 3%. I mean, first of all, remember, 3% in elections can be determinative. I mean it's a very large number. And also, when you look at actual voting patterns, removing Kensington and adding Shelltown will have a much more dramatic increase in the power of the minority groups who are being represented in District 9. So, for all of these reasons, I stand in strong support of the Adams Avenue Reunification Plan. Thank you.

Comment 38: Charles Latimer

My name is Chuck Latimer. I live in Allied Gardens; lived there since '57. My family was raised there. My kids went to San Diego State grade school, which a lot of you people don't even know about. It was a campus laboratory school. It is a great teacher's college. And my wife and my son both graduated from State. But that ground's covered. I've told you before that Allied Gardens doesn't appreciate being controlled by the northern neighborhoods of the Navajo Community Partners, especially when it comes to Grantville Redevelopment Project, which we opposed, which Allied Gardens' backyard and has almost nothing to do with San Carlos and Del Cerro. But even if you assume that Navajo is considered a community of interest that should remain in the same district, please take into consideration that the neighborhood just to the south are more a part of the community of interest than Tierrasanta will ever be. In fact, Tierrasanta Community Council voted 13-1 to endorse separation of its neighborhood from the Navajo area in the redistricting process. Here is another example: we have a community newspaper called Mission Times Carrier. The City of San Diego neighborhoods included are in the masthead:

Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, Grantville, College, Rolando, and San Carlos. Tierrasanta was not included because they believed an inland in the hills is not part of our community. Please keep Allied Gardens with the more middle class neighborhoods south of Interstate 8 and with the College area and not Tierrasanta. I brought with me the newspaper I told you about with the community of interest on the masthead and I'll present it to you.

Comment 39: Jonathan Tibbitts

Good evening, Commissioners and thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight and for the work that you are doing. My name is Jonathon Tibbitts and I have been a resident of Kensington since 1972. During my life in Kensington, I also served on the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Committee for 14 years, 7 years as chair. And I was fortunate to work with Chris Kehoe, Toni Atkins, and today, Todd Gloria in getting successful work done in Kensington. For this work, I was honored to be named as a recipient of the Tommy Bowman Kensington Volunteer of the Year Award. I don't want to talk about my award; I want to talk about Tommy Bowman and the book that he created. This book was written by Dr. Thomas Bowman who wrote it to describe the history of our Kensington area and it is indicative of the great community spirit that we have in Kensington. It describes such things as Kensington's founding in 1910; the construction of our historic homes; the creation of our Kensington street names, which are all British in nature; the creation of the Kensington Normal Heights Public Library; and even the street car that used to connect Kensington to University Heights, all within District 3. Now, all of this rich history along with our geographic proximity has connected us socially and economically with the communities to the west: Normal Heights, University Heights, Hillcrest, Mission Hills and the medical complex. Our Adams Avenue business owners work with those in Normal Heights and University Heights. Many of the physicians who reside in Kensington work in the Uptown medical complex. Our passion for historicity matches that of...The creation of Dr. Bowman's book and the efforts of those volunteers who have followed him are indicative of the nature of our residents. We love our community; we are fiercely independent; and we are extremely demanding of our City Council representative. I commend the Redistricting Commission for creating a new District 9 to serve the needs of the growing Hispanic and minority groups of eastern San Diego. They need a voice in City government to represent them and this is a good idea. However, I urge you to let Kensington remain in District 3 where we are most comfortable and having so many interests in common with the rest of the district. This would allow the new councilmember from District 9 to concentrate his time and efforts on serving the needs of those groups that he's been elected to represent, particularly along El Cajon Boulevard and University Avenue. He would not have to devote time to Kensington issues such as the Adams Avenue Business Association and our proposed historic districts. Instead, please keep Kensington in District 3 with our similar communities to the west so that the social and economic fabric that we share together with these western communities is represented and supported by the same councilmember. Thank you for your time.

Comment 40: Frank Silanos

Hello, my name is Frank Silanos and I'm a resident of Kensington. I'm here today to discuss why I believe Kensington should remain in District 3. Many people have talked about why they think Kensington should stay in District 3, such as shared facilities, including the library and parks; our location on Adams Avenue, which is our main shopping area that connects us to Normal Heights and University Heights; the fact that Kensington has no redevelopment zones unlike many of the areas in the

proposed District 9; the predominance of single-family homes compared to the higher density, newer housing in many of the homes in the proposed District 9; the importance of preserving historic homes by keeping historical areas such as Kensington, Mission Hills, North Park, and Normal Heights together because we have a similar infrastructure issues, such as older sidewalks, streets and waterlines. But I think one of the things that people have talked about, the LGBT community of interest and the large gay population that is in Kensington, but I think there is something more than that. And that is the fact that Kensington is an area that has a lot of gay families. I think more than all of the other areas in District 3. There are— whenever I'm out walking about I see, you know, gays and lesbians with their children and I think that is very interesting and very unique and I think that is something that is really, you know, is a factor that should be considered for keeping us in District 3. I don't think District 3 should just be for single gays and lesbians who live in Downtown or Hillcrest; I think it should be for all LGBT people and the families. I think, again, that is very unique and interesting, and that is why I think we should stay in District 3. Thank you very much.

Comment 41: Pat Stark

Thanks for the work that you're doing. I've been in a lot of these districts throughout San Diego. I think I've lived in Clairemont, Point Loma, PB, La Jolla, went to school in Linda Vista, went to San Diego State. So, I've been in all of them, but tonight I'm here representing the Centre City Advisory Committee in Downtown. It's a 28-seat board of elected people who are the planning group. We have an adopted community plan which we are trying to implement. And I support the preliminary plan as represented here tonight. My urgency and desire is to make sure that we keep Downtown whole. All of these people have common interests. In the way that you presented it, it is all in District 3 – I think it makes sense. As you get challenged to move things around, what I'm hoping is that you'll make sure that you keep Downtown whole. Thank you.

Comment 42: Dr. Dorothy Smith

Good evening, my name is Dorothy Smith. I am a proud resident of Oak Park. I've lived there for 38 years and I was very pleased to serve my community, the community in which these District 4 communities are represented as school board member, from 1981 to 88. District 4 is a proud, highly diverse, and resourceful district that welcomes all people. We are a highly diverse district. I am in support of the July 21st version of the District 4 map. This map increases our diversity, while honoring our communities of interest. I want to thank you, Redistricting Commission members, for all of your hard and diligent work to provide a process and a result that is fair to residents of all cultures and communities in the political process in San Diego. Thank you very much.

Comment 43: Jon Becker

Thank you, Commissioners, for all your diligent efforts and participation in the process and trying to steer this. I also want to thank Midori Wong for coming to our Planning Board to review some of the process that occurs through that. And with that, I'm Jon Becker, current Chair of the Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board and Black Mountain, as well as Torrey Highlands. I would hope that we could keep that planning board intact into one district. The proposed map District 6, I don't foresee that the communities of common interest which reside within that planning area occur. Midori, I don't know if you can zoom into that area of Park Village, but I think some of my associates on the board as well as

with the Town Council have noted a couple of the issues that I wanted to point out during this process. I've been a 17-year resident in this community of Park Village, which is— as a 17-year resident there, it is a bedroom community that is surrounding an elementary school in the Poway Unified School District. It is not like a lot of the other communities which are to the south of an industrial base. It's also an area that is separated by natural boundaries. You may be familiar with the Rancho De Los Peñasquitos Canyon which is about a half-mile wide; it's about 1100 acres in size. It's a natural boundary. It's got its merits and it also has its difficulties. As one who has been vacated during the Witch Creek fires, that is prone to some of the fire concerns that occur within the areas in the district up further to the north in District 5. With that, I hope that Park Village can be kept in District 5 as a community of common interest. However, I recognize that a balance can be achieved and I hope that with it, we could shift the line from Salmon River to Black Mountain Road. Thank you very much.

Comment 44: Matt Adams

Good evening. Matthew Adams, 30-year resident of the Navajo community. When I was thinking back of where I've lived it's always been pretty much in Navajo. I started in Tierrasanta and then on Waring Road, then on Jackson Drive, then the last 14 years in San Carlos. So, I'm very pleased with the map you have prepared in general, with most of the communities and specifically with District 7. I think you have to put the lines somewhere, obviously, and you have a challenge in front of you. It's hard enough to do community, but to do community work with maps involved is even harder, so I applaud your efforts in this regard. But the community of Navajo and District 7 as presented seems to be an appropriate process by which has been undertaken. When you travel from Navajo and south on College and then head up to San Diego State, you truly are heading into a distinct and clearly different community. So, with one of the guidelines being you don't want to break up community, you're really not. It is separate and distinct, unto itself. I spent nine years on the Navajo Planning Group and very rarely would we hear from any comments from anyone from the College area, south of the interstate 8 on any issue that we were talking about. And frankly, we have more in common with the Serra Mesa and those other regions, because of the river. We have more in common with the San Diego River, more than San Diego State at that point. I also serve on the Grantville Stakeholder Group and there is representation from Tierrasanta and the Navajo Area but nothing really from the College area. So, I support what you've done for District 7 and ask that you retain that in your final decision. Thank you very much.

Comment 45: Jolaine Harris

I can sit here and tell you all the things I do, and I'm nosey so I know what's going on all over the city. I sit on so many boards, I just find out all kinds of things about everybody everywhere. I kind of enjoy it. I also I watch CSPAN so I even know what's going on in Washington all the time, My husband kind of gets tired of it but I just enjoy the heck out of it. I am in 4th Council District now and we have plans to do a lot of good things. I've already started working on a camp for the kids next year. I started on it as soon I told you guys; I started calling people to see what we could do for the kids next year. So, that is where I want to be. It's by the lake. That's where my heart is. I've worked for these people. Like Dorothy said, we've been diversified and diversified we've been. We've figured it out long before anybody else did, trust me. It was just so funny because when everybody started talking about it, I said, what's that? We already know all about it, don't we, Dorothy? She was one of the people active in our community; Shirley Webber just left. So we've had active work from people that have come into our

community, that have been in our community and have worked with us one on one to help our kids do great in our schools. So, we've been really lucky with what we've done and they've succeeded at everything they've done and I've been really proud of what I've been able to do win the community. But don't ask me what I do because I always tell people, I just do things for children and I don't like people to know. I like to do it secretly because that way it makes it special to see a child smile so much, when people love them that much. So, I really appreciate you guys listening. I don't know how you are going to do it. I think you're going to be here till midnight. Because every time somebody speaks, somebody throws in a sheet and I've been counting. So just good luck, God bless, and drive carefully home, ok? Promise?

Comment 46: Elizabeth Chopp

Yes, Hi, I'm Elizabeth Chopp. I live in the El Cerrito area, I've been there for 24 years. Mario lives in Rolando. He's lived there for many years as well. I think our other speaker is in Rolando Park. I think we all have a lot in common in that we feel that our neighborhoods, Rolando, El Cerrito, and also the areas north of College, east and west, do not belong in with District 9. We have a wide disparity between us and the other areas that are in that district. I even think the district is rather strange, it goes, it's a very long narrow district, and for example, we have absolutely no interaction with the areas in the south part of that district at all. With respect to City Heights, which we're much closer of, in our area, 54th St. is a big dividing line between our neighborhoods and City Heights. City Heights is much different demographically, ethnically, economically, so we don't really have all that much in common. What our areas have in common, and I'd also say that it would apply as well to Redwood Village, is the college area. And I'd say that we also share that to some extent with Allied Gardens and Del Cerro as well. The college is a big influence in our areas, we do have many college students who live in our neighborhoods, and that is something that really does influence us. I think some of the other speakers that we've had have also spoken about that. I also think, in a way, that our neighborhood, our neighborhoods dilute from some of the purposes that District 9 have been set up for. Our areas do not have predominant Hispanic populations, and it's much, a much more middle class area. So what I would ask, you have had some plans that I think meet our goals a lot more closer, I think the previous plan, Plan 6 was much closer to what we need, but we like our district now, we like Marti Emerald, we feel that she represents us well. So, I'd ask you to basically reconsider the inclusion of our areas in District 9. Put us back in 7.

Comment 47: Mario Ingrassi

Thank you very much. My name is Mario Ingrassi. I live just up the street here on the other side of Chollas Creek, which is supposed to be a big dividing line, and I bet none of you could find Chollas Creek out here, but that's a very big dividing line according to your reports and everything here. Some natural boundaries are just really not boundaries, I mean, our communities right here, have been together for many years and it's just a little drainage swell down through there, and it's not really a big dividing line, so there's not really a logical place to put a boundary, one thing. And, oh I forgot to, anyway, that's alright. Anyways, we do feel like we do have much more in common with the people on the north side of interstate 8, including, in addition to the college, other things, I do much more shopping north of there than I do in City Heights—very rarely go to City Heights. And, as far as being part of District 4, for Rolando Park and Redwood Village, I mean, I think everybody in District 9 probably, in your drawing, would use College Grove, so maybe we should all be in District 4. We all use Chollas Creek Lake, it's a regional thing, so it's no really because it, that doesn't mean they should be in District 4. The same thing

with north, we use the park and Lake Murray, and so maybe that's a reason we should be up there. But anyways, we've been part of District 7 for a long time, we feel very much more in common with them. The last few speakers, everyone else I've talked to in the Navajo area wanted to have some influence with the college area. And everybody else I've talked to up north of there wanted to see the old district back. So these last few people that talked, from Navajo, were the first time I've heard them say that interstate 8 was a good place. Interstate 8 is definitely a big, wide highway through there, but we have a lot of connections going back and forth and we use the area up there, and they use the area down south. Now, one thing that I'm apologized for, is we should have been involved with this process sooner. We kind of had a lot, I've been to many community meetings around here, and we've all given our input over the last few months to our, to certain individuals who came to you and spoke. But apparently, instead of representing the group, you like to see faces so, we're speaking here tonight because we want to let, there were a lot more people here earlier that had to leave. Otherwise, I would have like to have a raise of hands how many people are here for the eastern area, because there were a lot of people here earlier tonight. So I apologize for not being in the earlier meetings. There were some, what I was, when I was following it, it seemed like there were a lot of different plans, including this number 6, and but they had similarities and then all of a sudden on the 16th it seemed like everything changed and you went right and jumped to this plan. So I don't know what happened that weekend, or that night, or, but it seemed like it, without being at the meeting, I'm not sure what happened. But we, those of us in the eastern area would like to be in number, District 7. Thank you.

Comment 48: David McPheeters

My name is David McPheeters and I'm a resident of Kensington, and a business owner on the west end of Adams Ave. I served for over ten years on the board of directors for the Adams Ave. Business Association, and during that ten-year period, it took it almost that entire period to join the Kensington and the, into the BID, and be one contiguous group. So, I urge you not to divide, you know, what took so long to put together. It seems to be working well. You've heard lots of, it's good to hear the residents of Kensington have accepted Normal Heights and the rest of Adams Ave. as their shopping district. So that's encouraging. Fairmount Canyon makes more, more sense as a district border, so I urge you to keep Kensington united in District 3. Thank you.

Comment 49: Ann Cottrell

Hi. My name is Ann Cottrell. I am a member of the College Area Community Council, and I'm here speaking on behalf of CACC, not just myself, although I've lived in the neighborhood for 40 years and I was a professor at State. I see the community that I live in, and this community is very much as you indicated, a community of interest around San Diego State. The College Area Community Council voted on who we would like to be connected with in kind of two tiers. First of all, our priority, absolute priority, is to have College east and west, El Cerrito north and south of El Cajon, and Rolando, and I think we assumed that Rolando Park was part of Rolando, together in one district, and you've done that and we're very appreciative. Our second tier of preferences I think make very clear that we feel a great deal in common with the I-8 corridor and not much in common with the south end of District 9. We voted to be with, our next choice would be Talmadge, Del Cerro, Redwood Village, and Kensington, so if there's any thought of how District 9 might be reshaped, we feel more in common with the I-8 corridor, but we're very, very pleased that those first communities, College, El Cerrito, and Rolando are

together and we hope that they will stay together, because they are really united around San Diego State. Thank you.

Comment 50: Jose Lopez

Good evening, Commissioners. Thank you for your time. I'll try to be brief this time because the mind can remember what the seat can endure. Not my words, Scott Peters'. Ok, so, thank you for the mid-City Council District 9. The preliminary map of District 9 provides the great opportunity for the LGBT community of Kensington and Talmadge to advocate and enlighten the sister community of City Heights about the issues of same-sex marriage. Let us not forget that the City Heights community of Azalea Park is a renowned gay and lesbian community. As a matter of fact, they were in front of you because they were saying that, hey, we want to be in District 3 because of the gay community. Well, you have the communities of interest in District 9: Kensington, Talmadge, and Azalea Park. We are grateful that you, Commissioners, have included world-renowned San Diego State University, along with the sister communities of interest of El Cerrito, College Community, Rolando into District 9, along with a portion of City Heights, now in District 9. Many of the people that have come out and talked to you have not told you yet that Fox Canyon is in District 7—Fox Canyon is a community of City Heights, and we have a lot of interest with those communities of College West, Rolando, El Cerrito. So, that we have never been there, I have seen many people down here that have attended my neighborhood association meetings, and they are all from those communities—we want them in District 9, we proposed to have them in District 9. In the Fox Canyon community of City Heights, we strongly support District 9 as a social economic justice district. We need to couple communities of enlightenment with communities of need, communities of wealth with poor communities, so we can all create a district that is vibrant, that is avant-garde, that is progressive. Let us not forget that City Heights is the lap for San Diego State University. Most of the social work that happens in City Heights is done by the State University. My community of City Heights always have received the wealth of the students from State University to help in graffiti-fighting and in social issues. Isn't that a community of interest? Definitely it is, at least in my book. Definitely, we need to think that economics has something to do with a new district, and the economic justice that needs to happen in District 9 is great. Now, let me give you the second gay district in the city. I thought you're ready, and instead of getting the communities of Talmadge and Kensington out in to District 3 to emit their power, emit their power with the communities in City Heights. So, historical districts, somebody says, hey, look, we have a historical districts in Kensington and in Talmadge, well, best kept secret, I'm going to spill the beans tonight. Those beans are that the community, the City Heights community of Islenair, the entire neighborhood, is a historical district. Do we have something in common with this? Sure we do. So, what we are to do, I have only 22 seconds. Please keep District 9 the way it is. I have advocated to include Rolando Village and Redwood Village and Redwood Park in District 9, but if you cannot provide for the numbers, then they have accepted to be where they are. Thank you.

Comment 51: Don Rosencrantz

Well, I commend all of you for keeping your eyes from completely glazing over at this point. I'm yet one more Kensington resident, and have lived there 33 years. You've heard so many arguments as to why Kensington should be in District 3, I can't possibly add any more. My thoughts are the arguments you've already heard, drive home the point with pile-driver thoroughness, and I urge you to adopt the map that Tom prepared and presented to you. Thank you.

Comment 52: Adam Manhbaoboua

Good morning. I mean, good morning? You see how late it is! Alright, reset. Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Adam Manhbaoboua. I am here representing the Asian Pacific American Coalition, but above all, I'm here as a San Diegan. First off, thank you, thank you, thank you for your hard work and sacrifice. Most of us don't fully understand how much time, effort, and commitment each of you have devoted to this process. Some of you are now probably thinking, you got more than you bargained for. I understand that this process has been long and grueling, and I'm sure you want to wrap this up as soon as possible, and I don't blame you. I hate to tell you this, but you still have unfinished business. Citizens from the API community still want fair representation, and we're not going away until we get it. Our community refuses to wait another ten years, we refuse to be disenfranchised again. The API community arguably fought harder than anyone in this process, but why does it seem our efforts don't matter? What's it going to take to make you realize how serious we want fair representation? What's it going to take? What do we have to do? In addition to the countless testimonies, and I mean countless testimonies, we collected over 2300 petition signatories, we protested. This is the first time for many of us, and I am so proud of our community for stepping out of our comfort zone. But make no mistakes, we will not stop. We will continue to do more, and more, and more—whatever it takes. APAC is no longer just a coalition made of just different Asian groups. We're now part of a much larger coalition, a coalition that's about civil rights, equality, a coalition that fights for communities that are traditionally underrepresented. This coalition includes the LGBT, African Americans, and Latinos. This is the coalition we belong to now. This coalition represents not 16%, but nearly 60% of the population in the city of San Diego, yes, 60%. Ten years ago, we were late to the game. This time, we made sure we were first in the game, and without a doubt, we'll be the last out. We put all of our chips in from day one. We were all in from the start, because we understood, there is just too much on the line. Our kids and grandkids depend on it. Our city depends on it. I wouldn't be here if I didn't believe in my heart this was in the best interest of our city. There is no denying the fact that we, the API community, are an essential part of the spirit and soul of this city, and the final map needs to reflect that. Thank you again for all your hard work. Good night.

Comment 53: Jessica Maliepaard

Hi, good evening. I just wanted to represent a little area called Redwood Village. My husband and I went to purchase our first house, and we were really excited, we wanted to have a great place to raise our first child, she was already born, she was a year. Now she's three, now I have a 14-month old, and I'm just begging you because it's a home that's paid off, the bank doesn't own it, we own it. And we wanted to live in a nice area, we wanted to live in La Mesa, but we couldn't afford it, so we found Redwood Village. And we drove there, and we were like, this is amazing, it's in the San Diego area by College area, by La Mesa. It's right down the street from, there's those two shopping centers in College area where they have the signature, like, girl twirling her baton, and we're right in-between those two shopping centers. So, just to kind of throw that out there, that it's considered College, like, to me, off of the 94 you exit College and Broadway and you go left, and you go past that girl with the baton, so, you're like, in the College area, and then there's us on the top of the hill, Redwood Village. Such a cute community, we did our first year of Christmas caroling and the, this lady does, like a little newsletter every month, and it's so adorable. We have a garage sale—I was going to invite whoever out, this Saturday, August 6th for it, to see our residence. I just really beg to please keep us in the College area for

my children, I mean, just our, for our home, for the future of our kids, that we can be in that area. We'd love to eventually move to Clairemont, but we're very happy where we live now. I don't know, that's all I can say. God bless you guys so much for all this, for staying up late, and all your effort, like everyone said, and it's true. Ok, thank you.

Comment 54: Dennis Spurr

Good evening, Commissioners. I'm Dennis Spurr. I'm a 26-year resident of Rancho Penasquitos, and a 39-year resident of San Diego. And I was before you two nights ago in support of your decision to include Rancho Penasquitos in the proposed District 5 with its neighbors to the north and the east along I-15. My position and support remains unchanged. However, I need to address some points made up by a previous speaker. First of all, school districts may or may not be allowed to define areas for the City Council, or for any other. However, Penasquitos is defined by Poway Unified School District. That was the major selling point by all the developers for the last 30 years in Penasquitos. That was the drawing point of major division to the areas to the south, and one of the reasons why we ended up there also. Fire hazard—can see their point, that the canyon is an asset and a hazard to both Mira Mesa and to Park Village and they need to have a common voice. But also, the Black Mountain open space to the north in Penasquitos is also a common asset and a common threat between Penasquitos, Black Mountain Ranch, and Rancho Bernardo, all part of the proposed District 5. We need a common voice there to for preparation, and also for evacuation. Preparation is key to that thing and that's where the City Council comes in. The Witch Creek fire, by the way, in 2007, was poised to break over that mountain, heading from RB back down to Penasquitos when the firemen managed to stop it back on the river. PQ patterned itself after RB and Scripps Ranch in its infancy, and in-between those two communities, Carmel Mountain Ranch with PQ have complementary street fairs. PQ in the spring with the festival and the, I've got the Gong Show here going, and Carmel Mountain Ranch with theirs—we have a commonality, we need to keep that. Thank you for your decision. Thank you.

Comment 55: Julie Adams

Hi there. I'm Julie Adams. I'm a 21-year resident of Penasquitos and a 50-year resident of San Diego; I'm 50-years-old. I moved to Penasquitos because of the school district, from Bay Park. I had a two- and a three-year-old. Like I said, I've been there 21 years, and in looking onward to live, I wanted to live in the Poway School District, so it was Poway, Carmel Mountain Ranch, Rancho Bernardo. To the APAC members, I never would have moved to Mira Mesa; that was not an option for my children. I was recently selected PQ Volunteer of the Year, and I'm telling you that because I want you to understand my commitment and knowledge of PQ. I fought to end the brownouts in San Diego, but specifically, Penasquitos because we had the worst coverage in the whole city. If there's a fire in Penasquitos, or a medical emergency in Penasquitos, we, they could only get to us 24% of the time in five minutes, so I worked really hard on that with some other community members. And Adam, I would like to get your phone number so that you could help me with other PQ issues because I've never seen you before in PQ, or any of the APAC members, and, and they're very united and we could really use their help, so I appreciate their, their unitedness. Unlike APAC's comments, PQ has much more in common with RB than Mira Mesa, like I said, I moved there for the school district, we shop there, our kids sports, our health district. I would like to see all of PQ in District 5, but I know you guys have choices, and you have to, you know, you have to do what you have to do. But I am, I'm very happy at least part of us are in District 5 again, I'd like to see all of us there because we're a huge united community, but I would at

least like to see the dividing line at Black Mountain Road and not Salmon River because that's a natural dividing line. Thank you.

Comment 56: Mateo R. Camarillo

Buenas noches. Good evening. My name's Mateo Camarillo, Chairman, Latino Redistricting Committee. I want to commend you for what you've done thus far. What I see in your product, you're, you've got over 90% right; just got a little ways to go and I have a couple of recommendations. Just as in the side, I sat in the chair that you're sitting in ten years ago. At this point, we made changes three times to the map based on testimony we heard from, on the public hearings afterwards. The two suggestions that I have is to District 9, which is based on City Heights, multicultural, multilingual, immigrant community. The northern boundary has three communities that you've heard from here tonight, that have very little in common and they want to be liberated, they don't want to be part of District 9. I say to you, liberate them! Kensington doesn't want to be a part, fine, I've lived in Kensington 20 years. Besides my family, the number of Latinos in Kensington I can count on one hand. San Diego State, I taught at San Diego State, I have two degrees from San Diego State, I was alumnus of the year. Great university, they don't want to be a part of it. When I walked in it says liberate us, we don't want to be part of you. That's cool man, let them be liberated. My last comment is on suggestions to make a 100% on your, on the map, is Linda Vista. If you want to empower Asian Americans, unify Linda Vista. I owned a business, my first business was McDonalds of Linda Vista. The reason that was profitable, because of the unification of Linda Vista. The Asian Americans, Latinos, and the University faculty and students. Unify Linda Vista. Thank you.

Comment 57: Tom Cleary

Good evening. I'm Tom Cleary. I am Chairman of the Linda Vista Planning Group, been on the Planning Group for six years. I was previously a three-term member of the Linda Vista Town Council. First, let me thank you for doing a thankless job. I just, I cannot imagine a tougher job than to suffer all these comments and criticisms, the last time I spoke before this Commission. Thank you very much for uniting the USD campus into one Council District, that was most appreciated. But I'm here tonight as the Planning Group Chair to let you know that Linda Vista is not happy with this map because it is divided into three different Council Districts. As a community of interest, Linda Vista was one of the first suburbs of San Diego. History goes back 60 years to when the defense plant workers started that community. Eleanor Roosevelt dedicated the shopping center there in 1944. It is a very diverse, dynamic community and it does not deserve to be cut up into three different areas. Again, the last time I spoke to you, you started down the path of looking at that northern part of Linda Vista, of trying to take it out of District 6 and then incorporating it into District 7, so at least the community would be divided into two, as opposed to three. I went back and was looking at some of the reasons that the community was divided. One of the reasons that it was included in Mission Valley was because of these, a school boundary. There are very few children from Mission Valley that go to Carson Elementary. And, in dividing the community as you've done, you've actually lopped that school boundary in half. I do have a map of the northern part of Kearny Mesa I'd like to share with you. A large portion of that area is military family housing.

Comment 58: Rhea Kuhlman

Hello. I'm Rhea Kuhlman representing the College Area Community Planning Council, and I'm also on the College Area Community Council. I wanted to start first by clearing up something. I thought the people with signs that said, "College Area wants to be in District 7," that is, was not part of the vote of the College Area Community Planning Council, or the College Area Community Council. Our priorities were to be included with El Cerrito, all of El Cerrito, all of the College Area together, and Rolando together. And we assumed that that included Rolando Park. We want to thank you first for all of the work that you've done, and secondly, for granting us those priorities. We would like to again request that Redwood Village and Del Cerro be included with the College Area community of interest. And the reason for that is, first of all, Redwood Village, and Rolando Park for that matter, are part of the College Neighborhoods Foundation. We consider them part of the College Area, they consider themselves part of the College Area. Del Cerro, I know that some people see I-8 as a barrier, but in fact SDSU has announced plans to expand into Del Cerro, the traffic circulation problems are rampant, that whole area needs to be considered as one area because of the traffic problems. And finally, I'd like to just point out that SDSU is a 30,000-person city within the city of San Diego, which is not represented in the census for the most part. And, it really is the big elephant in the room. We need to plan that whole area in unity. Thank you.

Comment 59: Janelle Riella

Good evening, members of the Commission. My name is Janelle Riella with the Downtown San Diego Partnership. First, I'd like to say thank you for the countless hours you've put into this. This has been an incredible process and a learning experience I think for all of us, so I really appreciate it. I'd also like to thank you for keeping downtown whole in your preliminary maps. We've been to a few of these meetings and it's been very important to us, both with the community planning lines, with our community of interest, and we have a clean and safe program that covers five neighborhoods of downtown, and we work with Little Italy on their Maintenance Assessment District. There are several reasons to keep downtown whole, and we're just here to ask that you continue to do that. I do want to mention that since the maps have come out, we've worked with some of the other communities in the new District 3, or the proposed District 3, and we're very excited. We share many issues and common interests and I think it's going to be a great district, it's a very compact urban district and I think this is a phenomenal map, and I thank you very much.

Comment 60: Sari Hotchkiss

Hi. My name is Sari Hotchkiss and I'm a 40-year resident of San Diego, and I've lived the last 13 years in Rolando. I'm new to this, sadly, I didn't hear about it until recently. But the first thing that struck me when I looked at the different districts is, you get through them all, and I can look at them and see a lot of areas of common interests. But then you get to District 9, and as opposed to the other communities where there's maybe 12 at most, there's 25 communities listed here. And I find it really hard to believe that those 25 communities share that much of an interest. I find it hard to believe that you can take Rolando Park away from Rolando, and yet give us Southcrest. I don't think the concerns that we have in Rolando are shared in Southcrest. And I don't feel this is considerate to either of our communities. It seems to me that the communities that are north of 94, east of 54th, possibly belong in District 7, and the rest of those would be better off together serving their own needs. Thank you.

Comment 61: Lee Rittiner

Good evening. You have heard this, I will repeat it. It seems like repetition is part of what you're looking for. I attended a meeting in July where I heard that you hadn't heard from the College Areas, and possibly your concept of College Areas might be College west and east, as you're hearing tonight. That extends all the way down to Redwood Village and Rolando Park, and eight or nine of us were in the audience as you said that. We have asked you, I'd almost like to see a Supreme—oh I'm sorry, the glass are new to me, you all got blurry for a second—the, more of a Supreme Court model where you question us, ask us to prove our arguments. I have no problem doing that. I've lived in these communities for decades—I'm a little older than I look, as these prove. We have, the main common interest of course is obvious, it's the oldest university, the largest university, SDSU. I applaud the students that get up here—it is great to see youth getting involved at that age. I also liked hearing, because I've seen it, I was here with Judy McCarty in these neighborhoods putting a Single Family Overlay Zone because of the problems that San Diego State created. I've worked with Jim Madaffer over many dorm issues and we're working with Marti Emerald again. This is a continuous 800lb. gorilla in the neighborhood. It's not all bad, these kids do great things. They did recently get together, as the gentleman much earlier on stated. he's worked with us, he's helped the kids understand you may be here for four years, but this university's been here for a long time and wants to stay here and wants to get along with the neighbors, some of which in Rolando Park, are originally owners from 1952. Our neighborhoods in District 7 were predominantly single-family residents. You are now trying to combine us with high-density neighborhoods like City Heights, like the areas of old District 4. It just, it doesn't make any sense.

I believe Commissioner Quiroz asked them, well, what would it take for us to shift Redwood Village and Rolando Park back to District 9? And she was amazed how little area it took out of Mountain View, which has been cut into three by the way that's been chopped up. Again, we're taking, you list in your filing that State Route 94 is a natural boundary, yet you had two communities that were north of that. You have now removed three from south of it, that makes sense to pair with that district that are high density, that are Hispanic-influenced, and you've removed them from that and diluted that district to put in two even further north of what you declare as a natural boundary. I can tell you it's a natural boundary. I do not shop south of the 94. Much to the City's chagrin, I occasionally shop in Lemon Grove and La Mesa because University and El Cajon need improvement. We're working on that, we've got the BID for El Cajon that's doing very well, we're getting one started on University. Jody Talbot has spent over ten years of her life doing that. I have spent 7 ½ years of my life putting in, not personally, obviously, it wasn't my money, but browbeating, and I'm sure Laura and many of other eastern board members that either are here or were here, every time I've brought up that traffic light, the eyes roll and they go, oh god, here he goes again. I stayed with it through these horrible fiscal times, I finally got Caltrans to do a study, oh my god, they said, this is dangerous—no kidding.

Come to us, you have asked us what communities of interest that census data doesn't show you that, we're telling you. The College neighborhoods are banded together by decades going back to the '50s, they're banded together by similar densities, similar building codes. Part of the problem I see with blending two of our neighborhoods with the old District 4, the two that are north of 94 now, continuously complain in eastern area because they're spread too thin. They have vast needs down there. Mr. Pollack got up here—I may be butchering his name—and he said, well, we've got the school in

common. There's five school districts in 9 Council, of course there's going to be a 2-to-1 overlap approximately. But the three times that I have gone to the mat with Unified to save Rolando Park Elementary, the neighborhoods that have joined us were Redwood Village, El Cerrito, our own Rolando Park—I'm forgetting some, and I'm going way off my script. You're going to spread that Councilmember so thin because suddenly he's going to have to deal with many dorm issues they've never had before. We have graffiti issues on the outskirts of our areas, only one block in Rolando Park has a block in it that has most of its houses with bars. I told you earlier when I testified, that one of the things I did as a troubleshooter—worked my way up the ROV over a decade now—my troubleshooting area was Mount Hope, Mount View, Southcrest, going into Shelltown. When I drive that area that day from 5 in the morning, 'til 10 at night, almost every house has bars on it. I don't fault those people for that, they should protect themselves. We should not be trying to draw down on their resources for our needs, when they need that funding so much. Your screens on what are supposed to be the priorities are the population. Well, the obvious thing when you started before any drawing, the one Council District that was lower than your highest deviation now, was 7. The one thing that doesn't make sense in 7, because you look at these maps and just above what you have drawn on the bottom end of 7, that looks like this massive area. And it is. And if you look at the populations in that area, there's a rifle range according to satellite views where I think two of the marines that trained there lived. Everything else is zero. And Rancho Encantada and some population on the air base, put them with District 5, it makes sense. District 1 and 5 are both over by almost half a district. Carve the new 9th District out of there.

Part of the reason we never showed before, earlier on, is because everybody was prognosticating the new district should come obviously from 1 and 5, and parts of 7 and maybe 6. The Asian communities are up there. This map has them at 31%, I can draw a district in 5 that has 36%. I hate that though. Frankly, we're all Americans, we're all law abiding, and we're all supposed to, it's all about blind justice, not looking at this, we want to get around this, let's start practicing it now. District 4 is a classic example. I keep hearing it said, African American district, it's 46 or 47% Hispanic, it's just a few points away from being the technical majority minority. And even some of the legal slides that were presented to you all by the City staff has said, the 50% doesn't change it 1/10th. Keep close. There are two Latino districts. They have either chosen not to take one of their districts, or quite possibly, they're beating us to the punch and they're going—we can be represented by someone who doesn't look exactly like us. I think you're almost insulting the population of this great city, that we can't possible get along if we don't elect one of our own. I think Carl DeMaio—that's just 3, 3 is our LGBT district, no doubt about it. I've done a lot of work in those neighborhoods because I helped those communities. And Carl still gets elected to 5. This is the problem we've always had, we have all these rules to protect from dilution, or to protect from fragmenting, packing, cramming. Look at 8. If that's not a case study for what cramming is, I don't know what is. It's over 70% Hispanic. Draw the line down the 94, take 4 and 8, rotate the populations just a little bit. You'll have two better balanced Hispanic districts. You can make 4 and 8 a majority district easily. One will be 60+ percent, the other will be in the mid-50s. Now, if they decide to elect an African American, good for them. I grow tired of this, we can only be represented by our own. It makes, pits people against one another, it's disgusting. You all are better than that, I know it, I've seen it, I've heard the comments. Commissioner Quiroz has said, we need to spread out, give us a little room. Fine, we'd love to give you some room. No problem with spreading out, but the one district that should have stayed the same was 7. Take the little bit of the top of it, fix Oak Park, for some reason they want to be with District 4, they've been in District 4, leave them alone. You're going to put us in a position where this will affect us to '12 or '14. And now instead of having an election this coming cycle, we're going to go six years before we get to represent somebody. I'll cap up real quick, Rolando Park is being

helped out by District 7. For the first time they have a park in Rolando Park. You're going to take that away from us. Thank you.

Comment 62: Sean Sala

Good evening. I will thank you by being quick. July, or June 3, 2011 I became a veteran after six years of active duty service in the Navy in three tours overseas. I'm also a proud member of the LGBT community, and I represent the LGBT Redistricting Task Force. I came from a city where it was not safe to be openly gay and I now live in Hillcrest where I feel very safe to be openly gay. On top of this incredibly map that you guys have drawn, I feel even more safe. And there is a vast amount of LGBT and straight veterans in the downtown area and in the Hillcrest area, and this new map makes it very sustainable for veterans as well. The downtown partnership expressed their ability to unite with us to fight homelessness, and might as I say as a veteran, a lot of veterans represent that. Everybody talks about their nice homes, and that's all cute and nice, but sometimes districts need to merge to fight a problem, and homelessness is an epidemic that, you know, affects all of San Diego. And we see right here, the map that you guys have drawn for District 3 is incredible. And you already see the stepping stone of people uniting to fix a specific issue. Same problems, same desire for social human respect, as far as gay rights and the same need for veterans and homeless veterans care in the emphasis on fixing the issues with that. And if I can, I've got thirty seconds, I've like to yield it to Linda Perine, if she's here.

Comment 63: Norma Damashek

Good evening. I'm Norma Damashek. I've been involved for the past two decades in promoting what we called 'good government' when I was president of San Diego's League of Women Voters. I also did a stint working for, several years ago, inside City Hall for a City Councilmember. And I had the honor of chairing the City's Citizens Task Force that helped San Diego council members make the transition to strong-mayor form of government. While I'm pleased with how my own district is shaping up, because I live in District 1, my real interest continues to be promoting the health and the well-being of the city as a whole. I have to admit that I had my doubts a few years ago about the political motives of people who are pushing for a City Charter amendment to create the 9th Council District. And I still have some doubts. But silver linings really do exist. You have taken what was originally understood to be a mere political tool for our new strong-mayor government, and, or, in the process of transforming it into a just, fair, legal, and workable council district map. You've used wise judgment in creating the 9th District as a multiethnic empowerment district, and not only that, you've also drawn just, fair, legal, and workable boundaries for Districts 3, 4, and 8. And it looks to me as if you could readily do the same for an API empowerment district in what would be District 6. I urge you to do that. Last, but not least, since city planning is in my blood, I want to encourage you to finish your job with the just, fair, and legal map that honors the integrity of neighborhoods and keeps communities intact whenever and wherever possible. Thank you.

Comment 64: Linda Perine

Good evening. My name is Linda Perine. I'm the Chair of the LGBT Redistricting Task Force. I would like to thank you again for your incredible service to our community. Also, like to ask you a question. Have you noticed that now, a lot of people come and tell you you're doing good job? I mean, most

people come to complain. And I'm not one of those. I've come to tell you that you did a remarkable job south of 8. You listened to the hundreds of people that came and told you what they felt they needed for their neighborhoods. They were present, you were present, you heard what they said, and you delivered. North of 8, just one little thing, possibly the API district could be amended as it was in the Plan 3. I believe that's an accurate reflection, and it keeps Rancho Penasquitos together. I would like to come back down south of 8 and just address an issue that's, it's been brought up this evening, Kensington. Originally, the task force had Kensington in the District 3 and you actually removed it and put Golden Hill in, and I think you were right. Kensington certainly has a strong LGBT factor to it, but this is what you have to do in order to put Kensington back into District 3: you have to cut up Normal heights, you have to cut up Kensington, and you have to chop Golden Hill. And you're being asked to do that in order to honor a BID, the Adams Ave. BID. All of your job at this point is measuring better and best. And I think you've done as well as you can with that. I think that in order to contort to put Kensington back into 3, you have to ignore many of the rules you've established. Thank you.

Comment 65: Andrew Poat

Thank you, Commissioners. My name is Andre Poat. I'm a native San Diegan, and I'll be very brief. I hope that you consider yourselves—I want to congratulate you for doing a very, very difficult job. I sit on state commissions, I know how tough it is working in a public setting, and you've done a great job. I hope you consider your journey almost finished, because I think the maps that have emerged have been a great job of bringing together from the big picture, I know you're hearing a lot of individual concerns here today about individual neighborhoods, but from a big picture, you all have done a remarkable job of bringing together geographically-compact neighborhoods that have similar housing, transportation, business, and commercial interests, as well as weighing the ethnic balances that go into each of these, into the Council as a whole, and the City is, in each of its districts. So, I just want to help build the record, we think you are almost there. I understand that you have a few more tweaks to make, but we hope that you will see that you've done a very good job of recognizing what are the natural communities of interest around San Diego. We urge you to keep the fundamentals of what you've got today.

Comment 66: Dr. Allen Chan

Good evening, Commissioners. This presentation is a combined effort of Menie Lee, who was the former Los Pen PTA Treasurer of Poway Unified School District, and long-time resident of Penasquitos, as well as Jeffrey Chen, who's a parent and resident of Penasquitos, and myself, I'm Dr. Allen Chan. I've been in Rancho Penasquitos for 23 years. I have, now have three generations in Penasquitos. Dear Commissioners, words cannot express how much we really appreciate your tireless effort trying to fairly and effectively empower all the citizens of San Diego. As I have stated, in November hearings, Rancho Penasquitos and Mira Mesa are truly a community of interest because both share vital public services and infrastructure that require representation from one council member. Both have facility benefit assessment districts in their community, both share the city water, waste water, and reclaimed water district distribution system, and both are served by the same police division. And I'd also like to add a bit of what the other minority leaders have presented earlier, and we really applaud your success in achieving the empowerment of the traditionally underrepresented Latino and African American communities of interest, as well as the LGBT community of interest south of the I-8, and it is the right thing to strengthen the representation of these communities of interest. However, we also strongly believe that a little bit more work is needed so that the residents of the ethnically and fully integrated

neighborhoods of Mira Mesa and Rancho Penasquitos can be fully represented. And furthermore, in addition to what was presented by Cindy Chan's team, splitting the neighborhoods between the districts may cause conflicting priorities and policies from council members, which would be detrimental to the quality of life of the residents there. When vital infrastructure for the community needs upgrading, needs repairing, or when the city services are slashed or deteriorated, they demand the advocacy of a single council member at City Hall. There are also strong economic ties between the neighborhoods. A significant number of residents from Rancho Penasquitos and Mira Mesa work in Mira Mesa, especially in Sorrento Mesa, providing an opportunity for a council member to represent both work/home community notes. There is also a significantly higher number of home-based businesses in these two neighborhoods, which necessitates a single council member who understands their importance to the regional economy. The use of Poway Unified School District boundaries to divide these neighborhoods is outweighed by city policy matters that take precedence, and have a much more direct impact of the quality of life of every resident there. So I would suggest to the Commissioners, at the end of the day please look in the mirror and ask yourself the following questions:

1. Are the two neighborhoods of Mira Mesa and Penasquitos qualify as a community of interest?
2. Do the 200,000+ Asian Americans deserve the fair representation in the city?
3. Would the union of Rancho Penasquitos and Mira Mesa as one single district, and the city appreciate that the people elect, prevent any students in Rancho Penasquitos from attending Poway Unified District schools, or from competing in their favorite sports with others in the same school district? As beautifully stated by our Commissioner Quiroz.
4. It is being in the, is it being in the same school district or is it the political ramification from uniting neighborhoods with proven community of interest into one single district that has the direct and long-lasting effect on the health, safety, social, and economical, or political future of the people in that district?
5. How many of your ten guiding principles of mapping have been, will be, or can be followed during your final stages of empowering the Asian Pacific American community?
6. Should the 144,000+ residents in the proposed District 6, who live and work downwind from the water treatment, from the wastewater treatment plant, or any potential power plant at the corner of 805 and Miramar Rd.—sorry, I lost my place—have any say, have any say to safeguard the health and health, the health and safety of the children if, heaven forbid, that power plant, or that waste water treatment plant has an environment of disaster?

I'm very much looking forward to someday, that my brand new grandson, when he searches the web he will find that 150 years after the first Asian step foot on the shores of San Diego Bay, and who had helped the founding of downtown San Diego. The colorful Asian Pacific cultures and the significant contributions made by the Asian Americans to the city of San Diego, were finally recognized and respected. And wish that he will find out that it was Commission Chair Anisha Dalal who had led the Commissioners Kosmo, Potter, Marquez, Nishioka, Quiroz, and Morrow, in answering the wish of the people. It was this team that had drawn, with the help of the professionals from NDC, and had approved the first ever Asian Pacific and other influenced City Council Districts, which finally unite Mira Mesa

and Rancho Penasquitos. And my grandson, he would understand that it was this Commission of 2011 that finally gave the opportunity of true representation to the Asian Pacific Americans in this great city of San Diego we call home. Dear Commissioners, you are holding the key to what is going to be the written, going to be written into the most important chapter of San Diego's Asian American civil rights history book. Please do not divide our community of interest into three separate districts. Please do the right thing and help us make that dream come true. Sala mapo, gum eng, xie xie, cumsa hamida, dhanivad, khob chai, domo ari-nga-do gozaimashida, mahalo, au kgun, Khob khun krab—each simply means, muchas gracias, or thank you so much in the native tongues of the people and the volunteers of the APAC. Thank you.

Comment 67: Deborah Knight

Hi. Thank you very much. Deborah Knight. I live in Council District 1, the future Council District 1 and the current one. I wanted to thank you once again, and just urge you, you have carefully drawn these boundaries and you have done it with good reason and that I urge you not to, to change these boundaries at all. They are exactly right and you have made the decisions to put the boundaries where they are for very good reason. I also wanted to clarify, I spoke to you on Monday, and I said, you know, you have this map exactly right, don't change it. I did not mean the entire map, I meant Council District 1 and I just want to clarify that for people. I am not speaking on any of the other Council Districts. So, do keep Council District 1 and I'm going to stay out of rest of the city. But I just want to make absolutely sure that people didn't think I was, have, you know, encouraging to keep the entire map exactly as is, because that's not what I have an opinion on. Thank you.

Comment 68: Pat Shields

I almost said good morning too. Thank you so much for your patience. Thank you. Your eyes are all still open, I love that. Let me say, I hope to be very brief. Last time I spoke to you as Chair of the Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee, now I want to speak to you as a long-time resident of San Diego. My attachment to the city of San Diego, and the neighborhoods to the east of that, meaning North Park, South Park, Golden Hill, Southeast San Diego. I started out as a young college graduate civil rights worker, became a social worker, became a master's-level social worker, became a licensed clinical social worker, was mental health program manager for the homeless outreach teams for 15 years in these areas, was manager of the mental health clinic in Southeast San Diego for adults for about three years, I'm now an attorney and I somewhat impact the community. I care passionately about the individuals who live in this community, and I wish that all of them could have done as well during my lifetime as I've managed to do with opportunities. I think that, I want to speak to you very strongly about putting Golden Hill back in Council District 8. My neighborhood was perfect until we became a pawn of interest groups and organizations. We had the best of both possible worlds, our Hispanic community in Golden Hill was represented by Council District 8—the more Council District 3 type folks—the GBLT maybe, I don't know who that group is, I mean, I fit in there, I think it's a highly diverse community. But we had the best of both possible worlds, and Golden Hill certainly was represented, as far as its ethnic minorities. The second part is we have a common planning group, so we plan together, but we preserve the rights of individuals to vote—god, that was fast. Please put Golden Hill back into Council District 8, move Kensington over. The Kensington folks have modified their map, so it's no longer divided. Thank you.

Comment 69: Edith Smith

Good evening, and thanks for the opportunity to be able to speak. My name is Edith Smith. I'm a 13+-year resident of Rolando Park. I spend, probably for about the last nine years, most of my volunteer hours in District 4, so I think I know very well both of those areas. I know about the past, present, and possibly future representation in those areas. And, Rolando Park and Rolando Village should not be split. They are like communities, they have like interest, and that's really all I have to say about the map. Do not split Rolando Park and Rolando Village. Thank you.

Comment 70: Anthony Catanese

Thank you very much. My name's Anthony Catanese, and I live in downtown San Diego. I want to thank the Commission for giving us a voice in Balboa Park by including us in the same council district. However, I would like to ask that you please put downtown back with the airport. Downtown is greatly impacted by the noise from the planes flying in and out of Lindbergh Field. In addition, downtown is the hub of the very lucrative San Diego tourist industry with the Convention Center, cruise ship terminal, Santa Fe Depot, and the great majority of the Class A hotels in downtown. That synergy gives hand-in-hand, I beg your pardon, that synergy goes hand-in-hand with the airport, which is really the engine that keeps our tourism industry spinning. Right now, we have a lot of proposals going forward downtown with the Convention Center expansion, North Embarcadero Visionary Plan, and a possible stadium for the San Diego Chargers. It would make sense to have all of the region's tourism infrastructure in the same district, considering the proximity. Having a Councilmember monitoring all of these aspects of that industry, tourism industry, including the airport, would be similar to how you've put the majority of the biotech cluster into the, into District 1. So again, thank you. I would like to just ask that you please keep downtown with the airport. It's important to our quality of life as residents, and it's important to the tourism economy. Thank you so much.

Comment 71: Ed Harris

My name's Ed Harris. I'm representing life guards, speaking on behalf of life guards. I wanted to thank you for the work you did in keeping the beaches together. I think that was an important thing and I think you hit it right on the head. Keeping Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Mission Bay, you can see on it, right there, it's, it is very much a community of interest, and I think that having downtown, being it's set aside, there's not the competition, the council member can focus on the beach area, the businesses surrounding the beach area. The one thing that you see is that everybody uses the beach, but the beach needs its own representation, it needs people that are keyed in to public safety. We may cover six thousand rescues a year, most people don't realize that, they just come to the beach and they enjoy the beach, they don't know that we made 50 rescues in Mission Valley on river rescues this year, or that we make 60 or 70 cliff rescues every year. Mission Bay is a huge economic engine for the whole city, but it needs to be taken care of, and same with the beach area. When people come to San Diego they go to Sea World, but they came here to see the beaches, and they came here for the weather, and they came here just to enjoy everything, and the beach is a huge portion of that. So, I think you got that right. I want to thank you for doing that, and keeping Point Loma, keeping the beaches together was a huge success, so thank you very much.

Comment 72: Amy Reyes

Buenos dias, me llamo Amy. That's Spanish, by the way. What I just said is, good evening, and my name is Amy Reyes. I can also speak Tagalog fluently. I was born in the Philippines, I came here in 1981 when I was 13-years-old, so I've been a 30-, I've been a 30-year resident of Rancho Penasquitos, and a lot of my relatives and friends live still in Rancho Penasquitos. My father was not in the Navy, just to let you know, but you know, was a working professional. So, just to let you know, my, I just want to have Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos together, and parts of Sabre Springs. The reason being is because there is a lot of us, if you go to a Catholic church in anywhere of those three regions, Sabre Springs, Rancho Penasquitos, and Mira Mesa, it's all mostly Filipinos. And, just to let you know, we Filipinos, because I am now, I just, you know, I'm, really I'm, I would like, I'm really totally aghast by the low representation that Filipinos have in this, in the city of San Diego, mainly from North County. And I am the owner and publisher of a Double Press International now. I am a graduate of San Diego State University in microbiology, and I am also very, very, how do you call it, well-informed of the problems here in San Diego, in central San Diego, having worked in alternative school in Twain here in, by 54th St. and University Ave. I also now, I'm a product of Poway Unified School District. Just let me know, just, I'm representing those people who are not here because they work, a lot of work, Filipinos work side, back-to-back, and we lay out, we feed, we help you nurse, as nurses, as health professionals. We planned the roads in San Diego as engineers. We are scientists that live in North County, and not only that. I do apologize, but just to let you know, homelessness is not only limited to people of color. Ok, thank you very much.

Comment 73: Geoffrey Chan

Hi, Commissioners. I promised Commissioner Marquez I would be here because he invited me July 21st; I remember that. I've lived in Peñasquitos over 24 years. I've seen the development and I've seen things change in Peñasquitos change in the past 24 years and I've heard testimony from the Council and Planning Group and one person has been there only for 10 years and he knows very little about Peñasquitos and Mira Mesa. And now, if you see some of the businesses have been doing really bad in Carmel Mountain Ranch, but it's booming in Mira Mesa. And for me, I go with the winner. I've never been in Rancho Bernardo, but in the past because I don't find that kind of entertainment or facility in Mira Mesa, I went to Carmel Mountain Ranch, but now I see that the only theater in Carmel Mt. Ranch is almost closing down because everyone goes to the Edwards 21 in Mira Mesa. And also, if you have a chance and if you try to get into Mira Mesa, you'll see Westview Parkway and they had to set a traffic light right there, just because that areas is booming. They have been attracting business from Peñasquitos, from Rancho Bernardo, and I do not see any reason for Peñasquitos to be tied to Rancho Bernardo because Rancho Bernardo is basically a retirement town and I still have 10 years to work. I'm not there yet. So, please consider. Thank you.

Comment 74: Andy Huelskamp

My name is Andy Huelskamp and I've lived in the Oak Park community for almost 40 years. I've been involved in the political arena trying to get a better quality of life for Oak Park over 35 years. I've held various positions in the community as chairs of Oak Park Eastern Area, currently Chollas Lake. I'd like to also thank you for putting Oak Park in District 4, for keeping it there. And also, I'd like to on behalf of Redwood Village, Redwood Park, excuse me – welcome you here to this community. Across the

street it's another community, Rolando. I urge that you move Redwood Village and Rolando Park into District 7 along with El Cerrito and Rolando. They have things in common as they've said before, namely a lot of the problems come from the college. And putting Redwood Village and Rolando Park in District 4 you are moving a problem in this area to District 4 which have enough problems of their own, trying to solve their problems. By working with the current City Council person, they can solve the problems more readily by having continuity rather than having two people come on board, namely Tony Young. He has problems of his own in his district, and now you are giving the problems that that community has, namely mini-dorms, etc. that stem from the college. So I urge that Rolando Park and Redwood Village go back into District 7. Thank you very much.

Comment 75: Carlos Mejia

Good evening, Commissioners, and thank you for this tireless effort that you've given to us. I know it's coming down to the wire but hopefully you can stick for a few of our comments that are left. As I mentioned, my name is Carlos Mejia. I live in the College area of San Diego, right near San Diego State. I'm here to ask you to consider adding College area and Rolando the other parts of Mission Valley which you have currently placed in District 7. Doing so would actually combine San Diego State with a large number of students and faculty that live north of Interstate 8 by less than even a mile, but are kept in another City Council District under the preliminary draft plan. Now, San Diego State is not just a school, but it's a community and to this process it is a community of interest. Now, we've all a stake in the land use impacts of the campus such as the mega-dorms, the mini-dorms, our football field at Qualcomm stadium, the Paseo project and others. So we'd like a city council member that is responsive not just to the needs of the students who live on the campus or the few neighborhoods south of 8, but also the Aztec family of Del Cerro, Allied Gardens, Grantville, and Mission Valley. I please urge you to keep this in mind. Thank you.

(Transcript Ends)

ITEM 4 – COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Chair Dalal thanked the public for all their input and outlined the process going forward.

Commissioner Marquez thanked the public for their involvement and stated that he has reevaluated some of his assumptions because of their input. He will continue to try to balance citizen priorities.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dalal adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Julie Corrales, Executive Secretary
2010 Redistricting Commission

**Written Comments Received August 3, 2011
Redistricting Commission Public Hearing**

Comment 1: Shelby Donnan

Keep SDSU united in District 7. Use University to separate D7 & D9 not Highway 8 in regards to the College area.

Comment 2: Marleana Mahoozi

Keep SDSU united in District 7. Use University Ave. to separate D7 & D9, not Highway 8 in regards to the College area. Thank you!

Comment 3: Ashley Aldana

Keep SDSU united in District 7. Use University Ave. to separate D7 & D9, not Highway 8 in regards to the College area. Thanks.

Comment 4: Sarah Darish

Keep SDSU united in District 7. Use University Ave. to separate D7 & D9, not Highway 8 in regards to the College area. Thanks.

Comment 5: Algonso Padills

Keep SDSU united in District 7. Use University as a boundary to separate D7 and D9, not Highway 8 in regards to the College area. Thanks.

Comment 6: Michelle Deutsch

Keep SDSU united in District 7. Use University as a boundary to separate D7 and D9, not Highway 8, in regards to College area. Thank you.

Comment 7: Linda B. Parker

Regarding Kensington please refer to your introduction in forming District 9:

- Use contiguous territory to form districts
- Preserve identifiable communities of interest
- Observe natural boundaries as district dividing lines
- Kensington is contiguous with Normal Heights via Adams Ave is not contiguous with areas east due to the natural boundary of Fairmount Ave.
- Kensington share an identifiable community of interest with Normal Heights, University Heights, and Mission Hills.

The proposed inclusion of Kensington of District 9 does not conform to the principles stated on page 1 of the Preliminary Plan Introduction! Please keep Kensington in District 3!!

Comment 8: Lei-Chala Wilson

We fully support the map of D4 as drawn on July 21. We embrace diversity in our district and encourage it throughout the city, state and nation. District 4 is a proud community that has its best years before us. We urge you not to change your D4 map of 7.21.11. As I became more engaged in this process, there is one segment of our community/city that has not been fully represented in the past which is our Asian brothers and sisters north of 8. I therefore encourage you to adapt a previous map you develop earlier, Plan 3. Plan 3 gives you a roadmap to better represent the Asian community No. of 8. In closing I urge you to approve the map of D4. 7.21.11 and use Plan 3. No. of 8 for our Asian brothers and sisters.

Comment 9: Staajabu Heshimu

I don't have the numbers but something like this would work:

Kensington – 3

Rolando Park – 9

Mt. View/Lincoln Park – 4

Southcrest – 8

Golden Hill – 9

Eastvillage – 8

Grant Hill – 9

Linda Vista gets the worst of this map. This community was divided for 10 years after the 1990 Census. The 2001 Redistricting Commission worked hard to put this community back together. Please leave it that way! Better to put that piece of Kearny Mesa & Clairemont East between 805 & 15 in CD7.

Comment 10: Barbara C. McGill

I commend your efforts creating council districts as equal as possible on many levels. I agree with your 7/21/11 map and support all efforts that keep South Park in District 3. If Kensington is moved back into District 3, I would ask that that does not cause South Park to be shifted elsewhere. We belong with North Park and Balboa Park communities as well as those along 30th Street North.

Comment 11: Vicky Kerly

Thank you for your work on District 3 as it appears in the current map. As a resident of Golden Hill, I ask that you keep my neighborhood whole. Do not split my neighborhood to benefit a business district. My neighborhood closely identifies with your District three and we ask that you decline to split us up to keep Kensington/Talmadge in one district.

Comment 12: Phillip Liburd

I want to commend the commission for holding all of the public forum. You have made the public a part of the political process. Now please stay the course and adopt the current Redistricting map that was voted on in July 2011 (7/21/11). I live in District 4 and the plan of 7/21/2011 present the best opportunity for people who have been traditional left out to have representation and a voice. We in District 4 will not go back to a place in history where only a few powerful people ran everything. Thank you and see you at the final approve Redistricting map.

Comment 13: Shauna Carson

I endorse the Adams Ave. Reunification map. Please keep Kensington in District 3.

Comment 14: ?

I have lived in Kensington 9 years and seldom leave the Adams Ave. corridor to shop, go to MD appointments, bank. I volunteer in Mission Hills. I feel that Kensington/Adams Ave. corridor makes a cohesive district, unlike what has been proposed.

Comment 15: Martin Offenhauer

Please keep Kensington in District 3. Kensington is part of the Adams Avenue Community. This will increase LGBT representation in District 3. It does not benefit those communities in the proposed District 9. The Adams Avenue Reunification Plan also includes Western Golding Hill in District 3. This proposal provides benefits to Kensington and District 3 with a minimal move of persons to a new district < 5000 persons.

Comment 16: Pascha Gerlinger

Please keep as much of the Eastern area neighborhoods, (Rolando, Rolando Park, Redwood Village, El Cerrito, College area West) Talmadge & Kensington together with our neighbors North of I-8. Please do not use I-8 as a border, these neighborhoods should stay together in District 7. Thank you for your consideration.

Comment 17: Jolie Castellucci

I feel the communities of Kensington, Talmadge, College, Rolando and El Cerrito should be included in proposed District 7. Interstate 8 should not be a dividing line. These communities represent a middle class SD neighborhoods as do the communities of Del Cerro, Allied Gardens, Grantville, Serra Mesa and Tierrasanta. The proposed District 9 communities of Oak Park, Chollas Creek & Hollywood Park etc. are not representative of the communities listed above. Please use more analysis and data to make your decision. Thank you for taking the time and energy to make adjustments to the proposed map.

Comment 18: Frank M. Jodzio

Adams Ave is a natural corridor for Normal Heights, Hillcrest and Kensington. The East boundary of Fairmont on Adams to the west boundary of 163 provide a geographical boundary to keep Kensington in District 3. I urge the Commission to keep Kensington in areas of joint and common interests. Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.

Comment 19: Lorraine Iverson

Keep Kensington District 3 endorse Adams Ave Plan.

Comment 20: Doug Cooper

Keep Kensington District 3.

Comment 21: Kate Miller

Keep Kensington 3. I endorse Adams Ave business district.

Comment 22: Darryl White

Kensington should remain in District 3 instead of District 9. Kensington share more common interests with District 3 than District 9!

Comment 23: Cynthia Offenhauer

Oppose Kensington being moved from District 3. This will break up the connection with Adams Ave communities that will stay in District 3. Break up the connection of LGBT community and connects us with communities we have no commonalities with. Please consider strongly reunifying Kensington with communities that we have a strong commality and history with. Thank you. AKA Adams Ave. Reunification map.

Comment 24: Yolanda Thomas

Please consider leaving Kensington in District 3. I favor the Adams Avenue Plan that keeps Kensington with its geographically neighbors to the west. Also the impact of returning

Kensington to District three would be minimal. Kensington neighbor will not help make district a strong Latino district.

Comment 25: Suzanne Grant

I am here this evening to encourage the commission to keep Kensington in D-3 and keep the Adams Ave. corridor and historic neighborhoods united. Our needs are more consistent with the needs of the other neighborhoods. We desire representation in a district that will have concerns for Kensington's needs. Please keep Kensington in D-3.

Comment 26: Karen Friedman

I am not in favor of redistricting Kensington. The area you want to put Kensington has nothing in common with Kensington. They are two distinct neighborhoods with different needs. Kensington is part of Normal Heights and should not be separated from that community. Kensington shares its old world charm with Normal Heights, Hillcrest, and Mission Hills. It shares none of that with the area you want to redistrict Kensington into. Kensington does not identify with the new district.

Comment 27: Anthony & Karen Starks

We wish to have Kensington to remain in District 3 to not disturb the Adams Ave community business and to retain a similar demographic from El Cajon Blvd. north.

Comment 28: Darlene Love

Please leave Kensington with District 3.

Comment 29: Serena Phuong Ngo

I am the program manager of a non-profit Little Saigon Foundation and we are located in City Heights, an area with a large number of Asian/Vietnamese residents. We are in support of combing the API communities into one voting district so we have a stronger voice on the needs of our community. As a minority group in San Diego our voices are diluted not heard since we are dispersed in different communities. We need to be represented and this plan will help achieve that.

Comment 30: Dr. Andrew Zakarian

Please keep Golden Hill part of District 3, as we are connected to South Park and Balboa Park in many ways. This community has a large LGBT representation and culturally similar to South Park. Removing Golden Hill from District 3 would be very detrimental!

Comment 31: David Strickland

I approve the current plan in regards to Golden Hill & South Park being in D-3. Any deviations would not be acceptable especially if the plan changes to break up the community into other districts.

Comment 32: Laura McKay

Keep Kensington part of current district. We are a vital part of the Adams Ave corridor. I do not think the demographics of District 9 fit the needs of Kensington nor does the true needs of District 9 meet Kensington.

Comment 33: Edwina J. Hardieway

There are so many talented neighbors in the Skyline area. We are too often not asked to contribute but this causes a loss to all of San Diego. I am editor of the “Skyline View”, and have the opportunity to collaborate with the (ASB) Associated Student Body at Samuel Morse High School and with the collaboration of the Technology and Graphics class our community tells about the progressive news relating to Skyline. The students will be learning about the fabulous history of our area and how we with the wise elders will see our community San Diego really be the wisest and the brightest part of the country.

Comment 34: Dorothy M. Boutemps

Here to support the July 21 map Fourth district.

Comment 35: Esther MacIlray

I would like to see Kensington remain in District 3 as I am much more oriented to Adams Ave commercial area than to El Cajon Blvd. or University Ave. I use the Post Office on Adams Ave rather than the one in North Park. Fairmont Ave seems more a line of demarcation for Kensington than does I-15.

Comment 36: Joan M. Conliffe

I would like to keep the 7/21/11 map. This represents my district.

Comment 37: Joyce Summer

Please keep D1 town whole. Please put the portion of East Village that is currently in CD #8 back with the rest of D1 town. Thank you.

Comment 38: G. Pitt Warner

Please keep Kensington in District 3.

Comment 39: Shirley E. Wooley

I support the Adams Avenue Reunification Map and keep Kensington in District 3.

Comment 40: Philip Paiton

I am here to support keeping Kensington in District 3.

Comment 41: Mark Eichman

I support having all of the Downtown neighborhoods together in District 3.

Comment 42: Allard Jansen

Keep Kensington District 3.

Comment 43: Salimisha Logan

I want to commend the Commission for the great work it has done. I support the District 4 map adopted July 21, 2011, and appreciate the diversity it represents.

Comment 44: Anita Green

Kensington should stay in District 3.

Comment 45: David Outzs

Kensington should remain part of District 3, for the many reasons presented during this meeting.

Comment 46: Amy Del Nagro

Kensington must stay in District 3. In District 9 we are separated from our Normal Heights, University Hgts. business cultural, historic and natural geographic neighborhoods. Plus these redistricts smacks of incumbents re-election insurance, not what's best for the voters and taxpayers. It certainly looks like a Democratic re-districting power grab.

Comment 47: Shirley Webber

Keep District 4 as it is; Oak Park wants to stay in District 4