

AGENDA

2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011, AT 4:00 P.M.

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ROLL CALL

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

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COMMISSION COMMENT

CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY STAFF ASSIGNED TO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION COMMENT

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 1: Approval of minutes from the July 26, July 28, July 30, August 1, and August 3, 2011 Redistricting Commission public hearings.

ITEM 2: Development of Final Redistricting Plan.

STAFF REPORTS

ITEM 3: Midori Wong, Chief of Staff.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011
LOGAN HIEGHTS BRANCH LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
567 SOUTH 28TH STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92113**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dalal at 6:10 p.m. 38 persons were observed to be in attendance. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dalal at 6:55 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

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

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Quiroz called the roll:

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

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(Transcript Begins)

Comment 1: Michael Sprague

Yes, updating regarding agendas. Out of the last five meetings I've received one agenda before the meeting—that was two hours before the meeting. The other four, about three so far, that will probably be tomorrow, that will be four out five, not getting them before the meetings. One of the ways that you've each underserved people is to provide their information in writing. Not everyone has a computer, not everyone knows how to use one, there are people who are physically unable to use one, there's a whole variety of reasons that people may in fact want to receive information by mail. That's one of the reasons for the Sunshine Laws, and you know it's been made clear from the very beginning that people wanted to receive information by mail and have been systematically either excluded, or if finally included, all of the information has arrived either late or with microscopic notice—two hours just isn't really quite very good. This system was set-up to be email-centric. I can somewhat understand that, but it shouldn't be at the exclusion of U.S. mail. U.S. mail serves a purpose. It provides to many people who cannot receive information any other way, and it should be maintained as a primary source of communicating. Thank you.

Ms Wong: That is the only request to speak.

(Transcript Ends)

CITY ATTORNEY AND STAFF ASIGNED TO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION COMMENT

There was no comment.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ITEM 1 – OVERVIEW OF PRELIMINARY REDISTRICTING PLAN

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

ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING PRELIMINARY REDISTRICTING PLAN

(Transcript Begins)

Comment 1: Tom Hebrank

Good evening. My name is Tom Hebrank. I'm a resident of Kensington, and served as the Chair of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group for the past three years, having just recently stepped down this past April. I want to first of all thank the Commission and all of the various citizens and groups that have worked so diligently in putting together their current proposal. A lot of time and hard work has gone into this process, and I for one appreciate the care that went into the current map and respect that

dividing lines, such as highways, were so often used as boundaries between districts. I also want to apologize up front for our late entry into this process. It was born out of complacency and generally being unaware that our community was being considered to be moved to another Council District. With the importance placed on communities in interest, I had assumed Kensington would remain in District 3.

Kensington has as its communities and interest our neighboring communities to the west and south, mainly Normal Heights, University Heights, Hillcrest, North Park, and Mission Hills. The lifeline of Kensington is Adams Avenue. We share this important business corridor with University Heights and Normal Heights to form the Adams Avenue Business District and the Adams Avenue Maintenance Assessment District. The Adams Avenue communities share the Roots Festivals, The Taste of Adams, and the Adams Avenue Street Fair each year. On the Kensington side of Adams Avenue, just east of the 15, is the shared Kensington/Normal Heights Public Library. Just to the west of the 15, on the Normal Heights side, is the shared Ward Canyon Park. The Kensington Veterinary Clinic is located on the Normal Heights side of Adams Avenue. The 15 is not a barrier to our communities sharing these public assets, but rather, it is a short walk across the bridge spanning the 15. When we leave Kensington it is to shop, eat, and otherwise enjoy the “mom and pop” establishments found along the length of Adams Avenue.

While the review of the map might indicate that the 15 makes sense as a good dividing line, for us it has become an arbitrary line that is being used to divide us from neighboring communities as part of the redistricting process. In fact, I did an Internet search today looking for a particular business and on www.about.com for San Diego there was a little blurb that says “what defines Kensington?,” and what was on there is: Kensington is one of the three mid-city urban neighborhoods whose main thoroughfare is Adams Avenue. It is the eastern end of the strip that begins with University Heights at the west end, with Normal Heights in-between. Of the older urban neighborhoods in San Diego, it is one of the most desirable to live. Like its fellow hoods, it is distinguished by the classic Kensington sign that spans Adams Avenue. We share many other characteristics with our sister cities in District 3: the same infrastructure issues and challenges, our historic character, a significant LGBT population, a predominance of single-family residential units, communities not part of any redevelopment zones, and many more. We are part of the mid-city plan. The same cannot be said for most of the communities in our proposed new District 9. These are not communities of interest to Kensington.

Much weight has also been placed on the need to keep Kensington united with Talmadge because we are combined in a single planning group. While our preference would be to keep Kensington and Talmadge together, if this is not possible, and it does look like, if you look at the map, that this is an uphill battle, I would strongly favor Kensington remaining in District 3. Talmadge has stronger ties to some of the communities in the new District 9 than it does Kensington, especially in City Heights through their shared interest in El Cajon Boulevard and the City Heights redevelopment zone. As I mentioned earlier, I understand and appreciate we are late to the game, but we are a community of only about 5,000 residents and I think maps could be redrawn to place us back into District 3 with minimal disruption. We plan over the next week to present some such plans to Redistricting Commission. Thank you very much.

Comment 2: Robert B. Coffin

Good evening and thank you very much for providing this forum for us to speak. I came to San Diego in 1968 as a Navy JAG officer and stayed ever since. I arrived, my wife and I, and we put our roots down

in Kensington. It was the first and only community that we have lived in within the city of San Diego. And back then, in '67/'68 it was a quiet little area of San Diego. The traffic was not very intense. This was at the time when the development in San Diego was happening in the outlying areas, in the subdivisions in the northern part of the city, and the southern part of the city. But as time went on, those subdivision opportunities have gone away, and so now, what we are seeing in the city of San Diego in infilling, and it comes in many different shapes and forms.

I am currently the Vice Chair of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group and we are receiving, almost ceaselessly, different issues that we have to deal with that result from this infilling. The reason we weren't immediately on top of this issue, and as Tom said, we're a little bit late to the podium, is we've been tackling other major issues. We've been handling the Aldine Slope. Those of you who are familiar with Kensington, there's Aldine Drive that runs down the Fairmount Canyon, and it's one of the largest road construction projects that the City has had in recent years, shoring up all the homes on the south side. We also have undergrounding, and we are leading the way in trying to get the undergrounding into a format where it works for the neighborhoods. So, looking at the future, we believe that we are going to be better suited staying in District 3 than moving to District 9 because we have so many similarities with the older communities who are trying to join hands to meet all of these challenges together. That would be Normal Heights and North Park, and all the way along the line. There are about three areas that have the historic homes that Kensington has. Kensington is one of them, and then there's Mission Hills, and then there's Point Loma. These have the 1928 California Colonials in them, and a lot of those in the Kensington area are being converted to historic homes through the Mills Act, and we believe that we would be stronger, all the communities would be stronger in that respect if we were joined together in one District. And so we would ask this Commission to move Kensington back into District 3, where I believe we are well-joined. We also have similarities, or common interests, Adams Avenue, which is going to be developed, and we think we can develop it as best as possible with all of us working together. So thank you very much and I appreciate your attention.

Comment 3: Guy Hanford

Thank you, Commissioners, for this opportunity to speak. I'm a business owner in Kensington on the Adams Avenue corridor. A few of the reasons that I wanted to come here and represent the businesses in Kensington, is for the last seven years we worked very hard to unite the business district along Adams Avenue through the formation of the Adams Avenue Business Association, the Business Improvement District, and the Maintenance Assessment District, and in the past seven years that we've been working so, together on this, we've really seen great advantages to the entire Business District as, you know, the result of all this hard work. We put our grants together, we have our activities and our events, our Roots Festival, as Tom had mentioned. So, it's not my purpose that we want to disengage ourselves from any of the other surrounding areas, because they're all fantastic—they support Kensington, we support them. But the natural alignment with Normal Heights is so important to our business corridor. That's the only reason I'm here to speak to you today, is so that Normal Heights and Kensington will be considered as being in the same district. I think it would behoove the entire Adams Avenue community for that. And then I make reference to three of your principles that I think also support that idea. One, the contiguous territory to form districts with reasonable access between the population centers and the district—Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, Kensington, people are always traveling back and forth in that whole area, so they're very easily populated back and forth through the business, shopping, and the visiting. The preserving the identifiable communities of interest. I think that's a really important point, the whole

Adams Avenue Business District. And then finally, observing the natural boundaries as district dividing lines. I know you've got the 15, but I don't think that should be considered as a natural dividing line. I think there's other areas, unfortunately, Fairmount Canyon would be one of those. So, if you would kindly consider aligning Kensington with Normal Heights, I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

Comment 4: Margaret McCann

Good evening, Commissioners, and thank you for your service. My name is Maggie McCann. I live in Kensington. I'm also the Chair of the Heart of Kensington Neighborhood Preservation Group. I think, as the gentlemen before me have said, most people in Kensington had no idea that when the mapping dust settled that we would wind up separated from the neighborhoods to our west, with which we share so much. As I explained in a rather lengthy email that I sent to you last evening, Kensington developed and grew up, as did Normal Heights and University Heights, because it was a street car suburb, served by the Number 11 street car. And that ran down the length of Adams Avenue from Park Blvd. in the west to the eastern end of Adams Avenue in Kensington. And from the time that that street car first rolled into Kensington in 1910, we have continued to share Adams Avenue. We share facilities; Adams Avenue has "mom and pop" stores up and down that everybody patronizes. But as Tom said, we've got the Kensington/Normal Heights Library, which has moved back and forth between Kensington numerous times before it finally settled where it is. We have a lot of Kensington residents who are business owners of businesses in Normal Heights, and vice-versa. In fact, the Kensington Veterinary Hospital, which is on the Normal Heights side of the bridge, is owned by Kensington residents. So, you know, we continue to share facilities, history, and Adams Avenue, and we ask that you look at moving the approximately 5,000 residents of Kensington back into District 3, so that we can continue to have a shared destiny and a community of interest with those neighborhoods. Thank you very much.

Comment 5: Brian Pollard

Good evening. I wanted to address you this evening to thank you for your service, and to ask you to keep intact the District 4 boundaries you have identified in this map, the July 19th plan. I've noticed there have been numerous pleas to alter the boundaries as it relates to District 4, and I understand the fear and anxiety of moving into another district—change is a difficult process to accept for anyone. These areas were joined with District 4 in your proposal to ensure the multilingual, multi-ethnic residents of the new D9 to reach their threshold in creating the additional new 9th District. In that we are bound by the east and west, there was no other place for us to reach our goal of approximately 140-some in population, except to go north, which included Redwood Village and Rolando Park. I understand your decision; others may not. For the record, most of the residents of D4 understand this shift and welcome our potential new neighbors to our district. In an effort to become more familiar with Rolando Park and Redwood Village, I've done some homework, and I've discovered that we have much more similarities than differences. Some of the similarities I've discovered included: both communities have similar household incomes, and similar housing prices; both communities, all of the communities, are in the same San Diego Unified School District; as in District 4, both share the School Board Trustee, the same School Board Trustee, Miss Shelia Jackson, as a representative; as in District 4, parks and recreation areas for our children are a major priority, as they are in Redwood Village and Rolando Park; both communities share the same shopping centers located in Oak Park, which is College Grove, as well as the University business corridor; as in District 4, both communities share beautiful Chollas Lake; "The Voice and Viewpoint," a major District 4 paper, is located in Redwood Village; as in District 4, both

communities nearest transportation main artery is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freeway; both communities actively participate in the Eastern Planning Group, as do at least two communities within District 4, Oak Park and Webster. I've numerous more similarities, but only have a limited amount of time in which to point them out. I'm mentioning these similarities to provide you all with data, which outlines more things in common with D4, Rolando Park, as well as Redwood Village, than the differences. I believe your recommendation of placing these communities within District 4 is a good and sound decision. Not only does it encourage diversity in our district, it supports and honors similar communities of interest, but it also assists the new creation of the 9th District, which is long overdue and appropriate. Additionally, this could be the start of a more diverse, even more diverse District 4, one that could work together for the common good of the District, as well as each community within the District. These lines appear to be a natural transition to the more diverse District 4 now, and potentially in the future. Thank you once more for your effort, attentiveness, and your ability to balance many, many factors in your decisions. Thank you very much.

Comment 6: Jerry Guzman-Vergara

Good evening, Commissioners. I always get more nervous up here, and I speak in front of a lot of people all the time. I think maybe because I'm getting videotaped or something. I'm going to be really quick. I just quickly want to say that I'm in support of the preliminary map, and the continued unity amongst the historic Barrio District. I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Jerry Guzman-Vergara. I'm a resident of District 8. I'm the Executive Director of the Historic Barrio District CDC, and the Sherman Heights Community Center, and I'm also a voting member of the Southeastern San Diego Planning Group. It's going to be really quick, I want to thank you for listening to the constituents of District 8 for not including any part of Downtown into the new district, or the District 8, the existing District 8. And to end, I want to say really quickly also that I am still in support of the 2nd Latino Empowerment District, the African American Empowerment District, the LGBT Empowerment District. Thank you.

Comment 7: Liliana Garcia Rivera

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Liliana Garcia Rivera. I have spoken to you many times before. My message is always the same. Today I'm here, very happy that you're here in the Historic Barrio District, of which I am a resident, and welcome very much—I welcome you all and thank you very much for coming here. I'm also a member of the Latino Redistricting Committee and I speak on behalf of them as well. I want to thank you for all of the time and attention. It's very evident from your map that you have given a lot of attention to what people are saying and I know that we're all going to lose, we all have to lose numbers, unfortunately. But I appreciate that you've respected the community cohesiveness of the historic Barrio District, which is Sherman, Grant Hill, Logan Heights, Memorial, and Stockton together with our beloved Barrio Logan, and we're happy to embrace Shelltown in the proposed map as well. We know that the process is not over, and we ask that if for any reason—we're very happy with this map, we like it—but if there was some deviation, please do not separate the historic Barrio District neighborhoods. And by no means do we want any part of the Downtown/East Village incorporated; we're totally different, with different missions. I want to thank you for recognizing the 9th District, as it should be centered around City Heights. If there are any changes to that map, please do not dilute, further dilute the Latino population. Furthermore, I am always in support as well of the African American Empowerment 4th District by increasing the African American percentage in that district. And I also support enhancing what has been done with the LGBT Empowerment District, the new District 3.

Historically underrepresented groups in San Diego deserve representation in City Hall, and it is possible for all of these communities of interest to get this empowerment. I appreciate all your work and thank you very much for everything you've done.

Comment 8: Michael Sprague

It's always interesting how anybody who's had a segment of Downtown certainly doesn't want it, but District 3 thinks it does. I'm sure we'll regret heavily that decision as they lose their Council member to the Downtown business interests, and by the LGBT community won't have any representation because they'll be a business interest of Downtown. A few quick points, to say the planning groups aren't being divided—that's not true, and frankly, it's not relevant. City Heights, one of the things brought up many years ago was, if a neighborhood has more than 40,000 people, having access to two Council members is not inappropriate. And when you have more than 60,000 people, having access to three Council members is not inappropriate, but to cut a neighborhood's access by two-thirds, yet say that they are more empowered, doesn't make sense. I mean, one is less than three, and I don't see how that's particularly difficult to understand. And City Heights has frequently been able to use the combination of Council members to build projects such as libraries, such as police sub-station. The entire renaissance of City Heights has been based on being in multiple Council districts and multiple money from Council districts. It would be devastating to take that apart because you'll see City Heights go backwards. You created a District 9 that has 25 percent Latino. It's a fake district. It's telling Latinos they have a district, when in fact, they don't. Unless it's District 4, because they are now the largest population in District 4, and Asian-Pacific Islanders are now the second largest in District 4. The African American community is now the third largest in District 4. So, District 9 is not the new Latino district, District 4 is. It is a shame to see where everywhere else you've said, oh we can't go across the freeway, and then we see District 9 jumping a freeway. I don't think you've set your own—you've set goals but haven't been able to reach them. Thank you.

Comment 9: Carlos Martell

Good afternoon. Just wanted to reiterate how for District 8 we would like to continue being one community, being one spatially organized neighborhood. If there is any deviation, we would like for it to not inflict, divide, or separate our community, which includes Memorial, Logan Heights, Barrio Logan, Grant Hill Park, and Sherman Heights, and our neighbors to the south in San Ysidro, of course. This sounds too weird. Anyways, I'll support the 2nd "Latino" district in the 9th District, as well as the African American District in the 4th District. Thank you very much.

Comment 10: Eva Vargas

Thank you, Commissioners, for doing such a good job, except, except in the community of Southcrest and Shelltown. They're like, right on the tip of the yellowing of the map, that's Shelltown and that's Southcrest. However, Southcrest is not a community. The community of Shelltown considers all of that Shelltown. Southcrest was given that name by SEDC, the Southeast Development Corporation without the community's input. And they've since agreed to return that name to Shelltown. I just want to let you know. As you have on your preliminary plan, it says that you recognize that the City has well-organized group of communities and neighborhoods. That last bullet, that is the essential part of that community. We have our community organization. San Diego Organizing Project is there in that community, and a

number of other planning groups, and Southcrest is also the name of the park, that's another planning group, but it's a park, not a community. I would like to congratulate you on doing what the , interstate, , State of California tried to do to Shelltown. They tried to put a connector of freeways to separate that community. They were not successful. That's how tight this community is. So I'd like you to reconsider that part of Shelltown to be a part of District 9, not part of District 8, but part of District 9. Thank you.

Comment 11: Andrea Carter

Hello. I'm a resident of Grant Hill in District 8. I'm fairly pleased with this preliminary map. I think you've done as good a job as possible with trying to keep together all the communities of interest. I just wanted to make comments along the lines of, if you do need to do any other last minutes changes and fiddling around to keep other communities of interest together, perhaps what we're hearing with Kensington or other things, please do not do it at the expense of District 8 and the communities of interest that you've already recognized here. In particular, please don't give us any of Downtown. If you need to make, you know, minor changes, please east of the 15, or as little as possible. Thank you.

Comment 12: Ben Rivera

Good afternoon. Welcome to Logan Heights. First of all, I'd like to thank the Commission for all the hard work they've done and the maps that they've put together. All of us have worked very hard all during these months, meeting after meeting. And a few weeks ago we were very relieved when we saw this map put up, and we thought, well, the job is done. But, as politics would have it, it's not done, so we have to come back, and, you know, keep coming to these meetings, and the message is still the same. The first thing is that we want to maintain the unity of our communities west of Highway 15, and that has been said. No inclusion with Downtown East Village, I'd like to put that in bold letters, bold writing. Also, no more last minute changes, especially ones that would give us Downtown. That was our first thing, and we appreciated that you, and said it yourself, you locked us in first. We appreciated that because we didn't want to be the remnant for all the changes that are going on up in the northern area. And I'd like to emphasize that again, we do not want to be the remnant. And one last thing regarding Latino districts, African-American districts, we, all those of us who are neighborhood organizers, we organize neighborhoods and communities, they happen to be majority Latino or African American, but they are diverse, and we appreciate you looking at these maps in terms of maintaining unity and communities and that's what we're all about. Thank you very much.

Comment 13: Pat Washington

How are you doing? Good evening, Commissioners. First of all, I love it when you have these meetings in public libraries with free parking. It's far easier for working communities and families to get to these meetings when they're in these venues. So, I just want to thank you for that, so much, more than anything else, actually. But, in addition to that, one of the things I think is so important is that I really appreciate the map, the preliminary map, the July 19 map. I still believe very strongly that most important, above deviation, as long as you stay within the law, is to do whatever is humanly possible within your scope as Commissioners, within the scope of work, to ensure that historically underrepresented groups are fairly and adequately represented in the new districts and have an opportunity to elect someone of their choice to represent them, which means I still believe we have more work to do with the creation of an Asian-American Empowerment District, and it seems to me from

talking and listening to the people from the APAC community, they really want to be united in Mira Mesa, Rancho Peñasquitos, and that they also want to include the Asian business district in north Kearny Mesa. Again, I hesitate to spell out districts for the APAC community, but I do believe very strongly that we can do a far better job in this redistricting cycle to empower that community. I also want to thank you for what you've done for the African-American Empowerment District, as well as the Latino Empowerment District, and of course, as a lesbian I'm thrilled at the LGBT Empowerment District. So, thank you for your work. I hope that the final map does not contain any unpleasant surprises for the communities that I've mentioned because they all are near and dear to my heart. And I appreciate everything you've done and everything I know you're going to do. Thank you.

Comment 14: Dorothy Perez

My name is Dorothy Perez and I, we moved to Linda Vista in 1961, District 6. My husband's retired Navy. We raised five children. One's a teacher, one's a lawyer, one is an accountant, and one is an artist, and the baby is a commander in the U.S. Navy. I'm here to oppose the preliminary map. We are very unhappy with the way it's being divided into three sections. We have been very happy in Linda Vista, we've worked hard to get where we are today. Linda Vista had a very bad image. There was gangs, there was all kinds of problems there, and we are now where we are getting somewhere. We put four signs, "Welcome to Linda Vista, the home of USD" in the Linda Vista area and now I understand you're trying to take USD away from us, Navy housing, Kearny Mesa, or Kearny High School, and Tecolote Canyon. We'd like to keep it as is. If not, we have a map that was presented to you by Mr. Tom Kaye, on the second page, and it would make us very happy if you would consider that. And I thank you very much for your hard work and for your consideration. Like I said, we're not very happy with the map that you gave us. Thank you.

(Transcript Ends)

ITEM 3 – COMMISSIONER COMMENT

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dalal adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Susan Manning, Executive Secretary
2010 Redistricting Commission

**Written Comments Received July 26, 2011
Redistricting Commission Public Hearing**

Comment 1: Janet Kaye

1) Please do not change our ability to communicate with City Hall. Division among 3 districts causes dilution. 2) We respectfully request to be equitably represented. 3) We request USD out of District 2. Thank you.

Comment 2: Drew Corley

I am opposed to Linda Vista being divided into 3 districts. I am requesting that Linda Vista stay as one single district.

**MINUTES
FOR THE 2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
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PUBLIC HEARING**

THURSDAY JULY 28, 2011

**THURGOOD MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATER
9700 AVENUE OF NATIONS, SAN DIEGO, CA 92131**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dalal at 6:10 p.m. 96 persons were observed to be in attendance. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dalal at 8:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

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(M) David Potter

ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Dalal called the roll:

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(M) Frederick Kosmo – present
(M) Theresa Quiroz – present
(M) David Potter – present
(M) Arthur Nishioka – not present
(VC) Vice Chair Carlos Marquez – not present

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(Transcript Begins)

Comment 1: Daniel Beeman

Thank you. I'm not sure exactly what your purview of what the Committee can do, but I think one of the things that I saw here is that we no longer have a city-wide representation on the Council. The Mayor doesn't sit there, so there's no way for us to get anything done for city-wide. And that's why I think that if we could somehow recommend that if we ever consider to have any other seat, or we consider to maybe go back and look at the situation, we look at having an ombudsman City Council member that represents the whole city. Because we get all split up—fire, police, parks, streets, sidewalks, lighting, these are all, all city. These are issues that deal with the whole city. And I think that's what we really need, and I'm really saddened that we end up getting, that this district ended up to be a splitting up of all the districts to make another in-house fighting situation that we have on, that we already have on Council. I really think that really what we should have looked at, and somebody should have counseled us before this was even on the ballot, is that really we need a full representation with the new Council, the way we have it now. And it would have cost us a lot less money in the long run, but I think we still need that. We're still going to need that down the road because nobody's sitting there and playing for everybody, for every citizen in the city; it's all split up, these little compartmentalization according to who's within your district, and it causes a lot fighting and things like that, and confusion for our citizens, especially when you look at the new map, and the maps that we've had before. So, I hope that the Commission can some way look to see about how we can get representation for the full city and that some way can be considered. I hope we don't have to go to some type of going back to the ballot to do that, but that might be. Thank you very much.

(Transcript Ends)

CITY ATTORNEY AND STAFF ASIGNED TO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION COMMENT

There was no comment.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ITEM 1 – OVERVIEW OF PRELIMINARY REDISTRICTING PLAN

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

ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING PRELIMINARY REDISTRICTING PLAN

(Transcript Begins)

Comment 1: Tom Hebrank

Hi, my name is Tom Hebrank. I'm a resident of Kensington and the former chair of the Kensington-Talmadge planning group. I'm going to keep my comments very brief tonight. I just wanted to apprise the Commission that we did meet with Tom McDowell today. We have prepared a revised map that is affecting Districts 3 and 9 and a small portion of District 8. These are all minor adjustments that we're proposing, it's involving small blocks of 5,000 or less people, and the goal for us is to return Kensington to District 3 where we're currently at. We are going to be submitting that map by Saturday. We're doing outreach right now with some of the other affected groups to try to get their tie-in and buy into this, and hopefully get their support as well. So, I just wanted to advise the Commission that we're doing that. So, thank you.

Comment 2: Don Taylor

Good evening. I am, actually I am the president of the Kensington/Normal Heights Friends of the Library Group, and they have asked me to come and speak to you and request that we be kept with Normal Heights and not put in another district. Our communities have a strong joint interest which is shown by the name of our library. Adams Avenue is the lifeblood of our community, and though we are in the planning group with Talmadge, Fairmount separates us and there is not near the length that we have to the other sister communities along Adams Avenue. I am also here as an older gay man who lives in Kensington, and we have a significant number of gay people that live in Kensington. I have spoken with several of them. Many of us have been around and have looked to have, you know, some political voice in the process over the years and we chose Kensington as a home because we were within the urban gay sphere, which includes Hillcrest and University Heights, and to an extent, Normal Heights. And quite honestly, for myself and those that I have spoken to, we are feeling kind of like we're being cut adrift. You know, there's a lot of wonderful parts of the city, but you know, we are there because we have had many years of being a minority without much of a voice. And we would far prefer, and we really hope that you will reconsider, make this minor adjustment to the edge of the boundary so that we can be under the sphere, and within the same political voice as the other communities that have a great number of gay people here in San Diego. So, if I say, for both reasons, I hope you will make that adjustment. Thank you.

Comment 3: Bob Coffin

Mr. Garrison is missing-in-action, so I assume he's stuck on the freeway. I'm Bob Coffin. I'm going to talk as Bob Coffin, and if John shows up, and you've got time, I hope you would hear him. I spoke Tuesday, and thank you for your attention, then and now. After the Tuesday hearing, I went back to my office and started to do some investigation as to how it is that we in Kensington got to this point. I'm the vice chair of the planning group in Kensington/Talmadge. I sit right next to Dave Moty in these meetings. He never once said to me or anybody else on the

Planning Group, or to the audience, that he was going to be appearing before this group and advocating that Kensington and Talmadge both be moved into District 9. He wasn't authorized to do that on our behalf, he took it upon himself, and to our surprise, he's been here apparently a number of times and has been writing letters to you. None of these have been run by us, and up to this point in time, I mean, we, I thought we had a pretty tight-knit system for doing public appearances and making public promotions. We have sub-committees; I'm on the underground, I chair the underground sub-committee, which is a big issue in Kensington. So, all this is going on without our involvement, without our knowing about this. He never came to us and said, you know, I think Kensington should go in District 9, and I'm going to come down here and I'm going to make that point with this Commission. We would have swarmed the place and said, hey, he's not speaking for us. We have 15 members on the planning group—ten are from Kensington, and five are from Talmadge. And, you know, this is becoming a bad marriage, when the Talmadge people are around here promoting something for Talmadge, and the Kensington people don't know they're doing that. So, I would, I would ask you to take that into consideration. Thank you.

Comment 4: Scott Hasson

Welcome Commissioners. My name is Scott Hasson. I'm the president of the Tierrasanta Community and Town Council. I've been in front of you a couple of times, and one thing I've not told you is thank you for your work. We've been so worried about the map, we didn't get a chance to say thank you. The work you've done has been rather, rather good. I'm going to read you a letter that I've handed in front of you, I'm going to put on the record that Tierrasanta Community and Town Council would like to clarify a comment made during public testimony on the July 16, 2011 Redistricting Commission Hearing, item one, development of a redistricting Plan. The Tierrasanta Community and Town Council would like to go on the record and state that the comments made regarding the relationship between the Tierrasanta Community Council and the Navajo community have been taken out of context and was not voiced by a Tierrasanta community resident. The vote that was referred during public testimony was an April 20th action that proposed a recommendation to the Commission to include the Tierrasanta community, with communities of Kearny Mesa, Serra Mesa, and Clairemont. In no way does this recommendation reflect Tierrasanta's relationship with the Navajo community, as the Tierrasanta community shares many similar interests with Navajo, including of course, Mission Trails Regional Park, which is the largest that we do. In fact, at our May 2011 meeting, we unanimously passed the motion reading: the TCC is not opposed to a new district including Tierrasanta whose boundaries would be I-8 to the south, I-15 to the west, Ted Williams Parkway to the north, and the City of San Diego limits to the east, should the Commission decide to do so. Furthermore, the Tierrasanta Community and Town Council has opened the dialogue with many Navajo community leaders to establish a group that addresses future civic issues. And we are going to be meeting after your final map. It's unfortunate that a resident of San Diego has publicly used the action of the Tierrasanta Community and Town Council to provide out-of-context testimony. As always, the Tierrasanta Community and Town Council believes in full public transparency and offers all meeting minutes for the public on our website and the City's website; our website is www.tierrasantacc.org.

So, in closing, we like this map. We approve of the district proposed by the Commission's preliminary map, and that we, the one thing that we want to make sure we're clear on is that we remain adamantly opposed to being linked in the same district to any of the, any of the neighborhoods south of the 8. That's something clear. One of the things that I, this is from me personally that I'd like you to consider on your map you've got USD moving out of Linda Vista, and Linda Vista's going to be one of our new neighbors in our new district, and we're looking forward to having them in our new district, and I really believe that that's a mistake. I really think that USD needs to be with Linda Vista. It seems that I've only been in San Diego 13 years, but that seems to be such a marriage that you're breaking up, moving USD out of Linda Vista. So, if anything, I would recommend that you move USD back into Linda Vista, and even think about not splitting Linda Vista up at all and trying to find population somewhere else. That's just, that's from the Tierrasanta community, and from myself. I think USD is a marvelous institution, and I've got many, many friends who have attended there, and asking one person who used to be on our community council, he told me it's, it seems like that's a terrible thing to do is to move USD out of our new district. So, in closing, our new district, District 7, is going to be a wonderful district. We are going to be with Navajo and Serra Mesa—you've made some changes to Serra Mesa, and we like those changes, including Aero Drive. And I thank you very much for your work, and I appreciate the maps that you've done. Thank you very much.

Comment 5: Tim Nguyen (Organized Presentation)

Commissioners and residents of San Diego, we are standing before you today for this historic time for our community. Welcome to Scripps Ranch, the community my wife and I call home. But tonight we are not fighting for Scripps Ranch, we're fighting for the city of San Diego. This evening we will present to you some of our work and what we've learned, as well as responding to some of your statements. Although we are lifelong residents of the city, many of us are new to this process. Being involved pushed us really hard to understand what this is all about. Part of the work included learning about other areas in our state. Northern California has a long and rich history of ethnic minorities contributing to the greater public. It started with the transcontinental railroads in the 1800s. More recently, Asian Americans have played an important role in the development of Silicon Valley. The API community have contributed a lot in both private and public sector. Within the last year, both the cities of San Francisco and Oakland were proud to support the first Asian Americans to lead their cities as mayors. In San Jose, they approved an Asian-American female to serve as mayor pro tem. Los Angeles is an international renowned city and have shown support toward minorities. Those groups have returned the favor in terms of investment, such as international commerce, which has benefited the greater region supporting thousands of high-quality jobs. Just east of the city, you go through San Gabriel Valley and you'll find one of the most diverse and thriving areas anywhere in America. Also, here you'll find one of the API role models in Judy Chu, who started out serving on the local city council and now represents her district in our country as U.S. Congresswoman. In Orange County, you'll find a vibrant politically active community where APIs are proud to serve on city council, school boards, as well as county supervisors, which has benefited the community for many aspects, such as tourism and economic development. It should be noted that since the year 2000, every governor's and U.S. presidential race have gone through this community seeking support. Irvine has consistently been ranked as one of the best places to raise a family, as well as being the business capital of Orange County. It also has a strong history of supporting Asian Americans,

and just two or three years ago, one of my classmates father was elected to serve as mayor. And here, in America's finest city, we have a good track record as well supporting underrepresented groups, with one exception. However, we urge you today to make the change and do what's right.

So, what does this all tell you? Why are Asian Americans in San Diego making so much noise? Because we get it. We know that political representation not only allows you to have better services, but also promote business and culture. More importantly, it empowers groups to contribute back to our communities and our city. Also, it's important—we saw how it can slowly bring awareness, then tolerance, and then eventual acceptance by minority groups by the general population. We also learned that local representation could spark, can make a spark that can lead to state and even national representation. In this process, we have witnessed the Commission literally analyzing demographics down to the neighborhood and census blocks, working to strengthen groups that have historically been underrepresented. And again, we apologize for that. But today, we feel that the API community have not received an equal treatment. This slide compares data between those communities of interest you have identified. And here was another exercise that we did, nothing scientific, but this slide shows the number of elected Asian Americans in California today. What we found—now, numbers can mean a lot of things, but the main number here is zero. The next question we have to ask is why? And then, what can you do to improve this? We really believe it is part of the role and responsibility that you have accepted. Yes, strong words, but this is what we feel. In this process, some statements made by Commissioners, as well as the consultant, try to divide our community, and your actions will be detrimental to what we have built. Your proposal put out, put our community at a disadvantage and will defer our voice for another ten years. This will disenfranchise the 200,000-strong Asian-American community in San Diego and will ultimately be a disservice to our city. I will now hand off to Cindy.

Comment 6: Cindy Chan (Organized Presentation)

Thanks, Tim. We just wanted to make some responses to the some of the Commissioner's statements that we've heard over the past few months. I want to first commend Commissioners Quiroz and Morrow for recognizing the injustice done to the API community and for taking a stand for what is right for all of San Diego, not just the API community, by voting not to approve the proposed map. And I also request that, please, that you do ensure our request, as presented by all of our members and supporters today, and for all the past months, be put on the table for deliberation. Do not let the entire Commissions' conversations move past our requests any longer—don't let them do that; put it on the table. I also wanted to respond to Commissioner Nishioka's statement about within RB there is a thriving Asian-American community. Throughout this process, we learned that his residence is in RB and appears that he is doing well for himself. He should indeed be proud of himself, as I am proud of my Marching Sun Devils at Mount Carmel in Peñasquitos. However, many people are not as fortunate and/or do not yet feel empowered politically and civically. You've heard testimonies from Asian Americans from City Heights as well as hundreds of signatories from Mira Mesa and Peñasquitos pleading you to strengthen the API community in the north, so that all San Diego APIs can have a voice in the city. We ask you to take a stand and discredit the notion that the API community is fractured, and

that what was proposed is good enough. Sorry to say, but RB is just not good enough for the entire city of San Diego—in terms of the API population.

The next response we wanted to give is to one made by Commissioner Potter. In your testimony for supporting the proposed plan, you indicated the statement shown here. We spent time to figure this out and have concluded that either someone is feeding you wrong information, or you have simply made things up—I hope that’s not the case. Either way, we find it very troubling that you’ve provided on record inaccurate information in order to solidify your position and discredit our community’s hard work. Your reasoning process has been questioned several times throughout this process and your words at times may be considered offensive, and at best, insensitive to our concerns and concerns of all minorities. We hope that you could at least clarify and provide backup data on the accusations you’ve presented. Once that this has been clarified you’ll find that our requests deserve to be put on the table for deliberation.

Commission Marquez—I don’t think he’s here—yes, he’s right, a lot of people are unhappy, mostly groups from the API community, for the Commission has disappointed us. The API community really believed that he would be here and be the one to stand up to the injustice done to our community. We supported him when others accused him of gaming the system. In the end, we still applaud him for being a strong voice, albeit it has been for the benefit of his community and interests. His verbal testimonies up to now have been very supportive of the API community. We ask you again to rethink your position and take real action by actually putting our requests on the table for deliberation.

And finally, a statement by Commissioner Dalal on behalf of the entire Commission—earlier you said that you’ve received a thousand letters and emails, nearly 200 telephone comments and 23 maps showing proposals for the districts. I want to thank you for finally acknowledging and recognizing the over 2,000 petition signatories that were submitted to the Commission, and we ask you to please step up and take a stand for what is right. You’re chosen to be Commissioners and Chairperson, so please put our requests on the table for deliberation, including our revised map that we will be submitting in the near future. I’ll pass it on to my colleague, Leon.

Comment 7: Leon Wu (Organized Presentation)

I want to address conflicting filing statements that we saw in regards to the quote that the community of interest that was formed in Poway Unified School District. You identify Poway Unified School District as a community of interest, but you split up Rancho Peñasquitos and included schools that are not in the Poway Unified School District like Scripps Ranch which is San Diego Unified School District. Bottom line is that school districts should not dictate Council Districts or representation. So finally, I just want to have a final statement. Commissioners and residents of San Diego—can somebody give me two minutes?

Comment 8: Jim Paterniti

First, again, I’ve testified before the Commission several times and I don’t think I’ve expressed enough thanks for the job that you’ve done. And I know that at the end of my first testimony I mentioned that it was easy to cast stones, but it was much harder to gather them up together and

build a structure that we can all live in. And your successful work will go a long way to doing that. We are here just to reinforce our message on behalf of the Scripps Ranch Planning Group that is consistent with the preliminary plan that you've adopted, but just to reinforce the three points. The first being keeping Scripps Ranch, Miramar Ranch North and Rancho Encantada together. And I've said it, but I haven't illustrated it, and I just wanted to beg your indulgence—I also got a pen, anybody? Alright—for a couple of examples of how the communities work together, and one of the best ones is kind of neat, the Scripps Ranch Community Center was originally developed by Corky, was originally the showcase for Miramar Ranch North planned residential community, that was a Corky McMillan residential community. When they sold out the lots, the Scripps Ranch Civic Association negotiated with the McMillan Company to get them to donate the pavilion that was the model center to become our community center and we moved it to a piece of parkland in Scripps Ranch, and it services Scripps Ranch, Miramar Ranch North, and the Rancho, well, hopefully, Rancho Encantada, when it's incorporated. But what's interesting about it was the city councilman wanted to have one-day-a-week office in that structure—being in one district is really handy in that way. The other thing that's kind of neat is the I-15 has a scissor lane from Miramar Way up to Spring Canyon, and that was negotiated through the Scripps Ranch Planning Group using money from the Rancho Encantada, or the Stonebridge settlement that McMillan paid the City, the facilities benefit that McMillan paid the community for the development. He paid three million dollars. We used that to leverage Caltrans to donate I believe an additional six million dollars, Gordon? For the scissor lanes? And build an additional lane from Miramar Way up to Carroll Canyon. So we got money from Rancho Encantada to benefit Scripps Ranch and Miramar Ranch North, as another example. One of the third, the third example is this building where we're sitting in Marshall Middle School was not on the original plan for Marshall Middle School. The Scripps Ranch Civic Association, under Gordon Boerner's leadership, and Bob Ilko's leadership, and with the help of many, many others, actually worked on the plans for the Marshall Middle School—of course, with the San Diego Unified School District, which is outside of the City Council—but clearly with the backing and the blessing of the City Council, and we were able to bring them on board. And, actually, as I've said, one of the plans, changes to the plans, was incorporating the building that we're sitting in.

So again, these are all examples of how the three communities are inextricably welded together, and how they help each other, these are tangible examples. The second thing you guys, oh, and, one last, one or two last examples, the three communities will now receive the newsletter. Right now it's an eighty-eight-page monthly newsletter, it's called the Scripps Ranch Newsletter, and it's distributed by hundreds of volunteers within the Scripps Ranch, Miramar Ranch and hopefully, the Rancho Encantada communities. It comes out once a month and we also now have a commercial magazine called, "92131" so there should be a message there in terms of how the commerce and the commercial community views Scripps Ranch, Miramar Ranch North, and Rancho Encantada. Keeping us in the same Council District, as the rest of the fire folks was a great idea. Clearly, we learned a lot in 2003 when Miramar, Scripps Ranch, and Miramar Ranch north burned, and when 2007 came, the Witch fire burned, came and burned, we were able to get a jump-start helping Rancho Bernardo, our neighbor to the north in District 5, jumpstart their recovery using the Project Phoenix model that Scripps Ranch had developed under the leadership and with the help of our City Councilman, Brian Maienschein, at the time.

So, where does that leave us? The last point is, you've chosen to put us in District 5, and we understand that that represents the logical application of the formula for numbering districts, and so we're fine with that. But I just wanted to reinforce the points that we made that were the drivers for us, in the redistricting process. Thank you for listening to our testimony and taking the points to heart. And letting you know that we'll be involved in the process until we wrestle it to the ground and we all have something we can live with. Thank you.

Comment 9: Todd Philips

Thank you very much, Commissioners. My name is Todd Philips and I am the current Chair of the Scripps Miramar Ranch Planning Group, and I want to welcome you to our planning area, and thank you for taking the time to listen to all the comments you are hearing today. I also want to thank you for your time and effort through this process. I know you are going through a very thankless and woefully, let's just say the people are not really appreciating what you're going through and I do at least, one, because I've been on your side on several different boards that I serve on. I also want to thank you for listening to our comments from the Scripps Ranch community, by keeping the zip code 92131, but more specifically, the Scripps Ranch Planning Group, the Miramar Ranch North Planning Group, as well as Rancho Encantada into one contiguous area and into one Council District. By doing so you've ensured that the community of interest has been kept together and that you've also ensured that community-wide emergency situations can be addressed by one Council office in an efficient delivery of emergency services, like we saw in 2003 and 2007 with the fires. From Rancho Bernardo all the way down to Scripps Ranch, the communities most impacted by those emergencies, by keeping them in one Council District, obviously, we are in favor of that, and we appreciate your efforts to do that for us. We are encouraged by your efforts to date, we thank you again for everything you've done, and we, of course, we agree with keeping the Council as numbered, number 5, and thank you for everything you're going to do in the coming weeks.

Comment 10: Dustin Steiner

I'll be very brief, so, Dustin Steiner. I live at 10831 Caminito Arcada. I am the current Chair of the Miramar Ranch North Planning Committee. So, welcome to our neighborhood. I just want to echo some of what my colleagues have said, and thank you for your hard work. I know it's very difficult. I have worked in several political offices and I can tell you first-hand how important it is to be represented by one specific representative. It's very difficult being on my side when you get a phone call to get out a map and start to look and see, are you in our part, are you in another Council part, and so, I want to say how important that is, and to thank you for your hard work and your efforts and hope that you can continue to keep our community whole in 92131. Thank you very much.

Comment 11: Marc Sorensen

I'm Marc Sorensen, and I'm probably one of the reasons why you're here, because I was on the charter of your committee, so I kind of know what you're going through. It's not fun, but it's hard work. I'm Vice Chair of the Scripps Ranch Recreation Council. Our Recreation Council is the one City body that represents Rancho Encantada, Miramar Ranch North, and Scripps Ranch

North, Scripps Ranch already, because there's only one Recreation Council. We are the ones that planned Rancho Parks, we are the ones that planned the whole park usage in our whole community, and if you know Scripps Ranch, you know we are a very active park community. Having planned the parks between two Council Districts, gets, it can be a little tough, but we managed to get through it. But having Rancho Encantada back in with us makes the whole recreation focus work in the whole area, because there's only one Recreation Council, and we are pretty geographically isolated. I mean Scripps Ranch is—grew up the way it was because Miramar, Poway, and I-15 don't leave us much place to go, so we're kind of like stuck off on the end and we need a sense of community for us to survive. And we have survived, and I think we were always looking at why, how Encantada got in 7 and now it's back in 5, which is really a great thing to do. So, I really want to thank you for moving Stonebridge back in because it makes my job a little easier as Recreation Council Chair, and it makes the community feel more like a community, and our kids play in the same leagues and parks, and it works real well. We all know that redistricting is never easy. I was in here in 1990, I was in here in 2010. Especially now with all the new requirements you guys must meet, and there are a ton of them. However, one of the first principles of redistricting is to create concise, geographically-focused areas that have natural boundaries, like NAS Miramar, like Poway, like I-15, and in our community with those three boundaries, the only place we could connect realistically would be north, Sabre Springs, which you did a real good job of that. Your preliminary map does what we asked it to do, and we appreciate you doing it, and we understand how tough it is. Believe me, after my term on the Charter Committee, I know what you're going through, I know what you've heard, and I had to take some tough votes. So, I appreciate everything you've done, so thank you.

Comment 12: Bob Dingeman

Distinguished members of the Panel, I'm Colonel Bob Dingeman. I'm commonly called "Mr. Scripps Ranch." For thirty-four years I have been a community leader and planner. I also have a school named after me, and I'm not even dead yet. I want to tell you that I have participated in four previously redistricting, and I commend you for your patience, your understanding, your listening to people, because a lot of people get emotional about the redistricting, either before, after, or during. I'm here today to address my support of the plan that you have for my community of Scripps Ranch, and particularly as a part of District 5. I think over the last thirty-four years, we've developed an exceptionally strong, family-oriented community. We have terrific schools, terrific sports activities, we get things done, and if things have to be done, we ask for volunteers and we get it done. I think that is what you are charged with keeping intact. Unit integrity, vitality, the vitality of the unit, unit to make them, make America still, the greatest democracy in the world, and I think that's what this redistricting is supposed to be done. And I commend you for your efforts and so forth. And if there's anything that we can do to make it possible to make it better, I assure you we will gather together ourselves, we will get together and we will do the best we possibly can. As to other people not fearing representation, all I have to say to anyone is, if you want to be represented, and you want your voice to be heard, you've got to come to the meetings, and you've got to participate. And when you participate, you become part of the greatest country in the world, America, and that's what it's all about. That's been something that has been my credo for the last thirty-four years and after I end up with this, I have a characteristic sign-off, it basically says: enough said. Bob Dingeman.

Comment 13: Daniel Beeman

Hello. My name is Daniel Beeman. I reside in 6th District. I ran for City Council in the 3rd District. I'm surprised by both of the districts and what's going on in them. It just doesn't seem like really, what's representative of the people and their actions, from what I've recalled. When it comes to District 6, it's very surprising because I think in the last Commission we fought very hard to get into representation for the Bay—many of us go to the Bay. It's very easy to just drive down to 74, Balboa, or even the 52 and go down to the Bay. And it's very sad to see that the Bay is taken out. And the reason why it's sad to me to see the Bay is taken out, because it's represented by one district. Yet, so many people within the county of San Diego, and the city of San Diego use that major recreational area. And I think when we have more districts border lining those major areas, recreational areas and usage areas, then more said, more say can be put in by the different districts and communities. And that's the one thing that I'm a little bit fearful of, what's going on here. Sadly to say, for me, I really don't go too much above the 52, other than I'm a major hiker, and my hiking group, we go to two canyons every week; we either go to Rose Canyon, or to Marian Bear Canyon. And that's, Rose Canyon is north of the 52, and Marian Bear is south of the 52 there. And I do a lot of physical exercise and hiking that way, so I have a lot of concern about splitting up of things that way. I do not visit very much up to those northern regions, sometimes for some hiking, but I really don't know those people and their issues, and it's hard to understand that we're taking out of Mission Valley too. Thank you very much.

Comment 14: Lynette Williams

Thank you. I'm Lynette Williams and I live in Scripps Ranch. And I want to tell you that I live on the first street ever in Scripps Ranch; it's called Rookwood. And my neighbors, some of them bought their houses new in 1969, and they were told that Scripps Ranch will never have more than 200 homes. So you can see how Scripps Ranch has grown. And I also came to several other meetings, and I told you that no matter what you do, people are going to be upset. And I also spoke on behalf of uniting Rancho Encantada with the rest of Scripps Ranch because it would, it never made any sense for them to be in District 7, and the only way to enter Rancho Encantada/Stonebridge Estates is through District 5. And so I thank you for doing that. Because when Scripps Ranch started, it was everything without, then we had Miramar Ranch North, but that really is Scripps Ranch, and then Stonebridge is really Scripps Ranch. And from the bottom of my heart, I am the Neighborhood Watch captain, or block captain, in my area and we all are thrilled to be in one district instead of two, because we all have friends that live in Stonebridge. So thank you for doing that. But, just as I said you're going to have people that aren't happy, I have many friends who live in Clairemont, and I told them I would put a word in on behalf of them. They are really—I know they think that, just as Scripps Ranch considers Miramar Ranch North and Rancho Encantada/Stonebridge to be part of Scripps Ranch, they consider communities that are split apart to be part of Clairemont. And so I know that you've done a lot of work and you probably can't put a lot more time into tweaking the maps on behalf of Clairemont, but if you can do anything to help them get their community united, I know that they would appreciate it. And I thank you again for all of the hours and hours that you have worked. Thank you very much.

Comment 15: Charles Johnson, Sr.

Thank you Madame Chairman. Fellow Commissioners, good afternoon. My name is Charles Johnson. I'm a resident of the community of Linda Vista. I've lived there since 1965. I'm a retired Navy Master Chief. The Navy brought me to San Diego, and like most of you, I got stuck here and I'm not going to leave. Also, I'm a member of the Linda Vista... Ok, I'm sorry, please excuse me. I just want to, my name, again, my name is Charles Johnson. I'm a member of the Linda Vista Civic Association. I'm also the founder of that group and I'm also a previous member of the 2010 Redistricting Commission. I brought my book with me. So, I know what you're going through. I want to say, it's not easy, and I thank you for the work that you have done. The reason that I'm here this afternoon ladies and gentlemen, I want to talk just a little bit about split districts, especially District 6 and District 7. I want to thank the gentleman who spoke earlier from Tierrasanta and said he welcomed Linda Vista into that district. And we appreciate that remark from him, it's very kind and very generous, and it looks like we're going to have a good marriage. My concern is—can we, is the map, show Linda Vista up there? There is USD, I'm very strongly, USD I feel should be put back into the Linda Vista community. As you enter the community of Linda Vista, you'll see some beautiful entryway signs that says, "Welcome to Linda Vista, Home of the University of San Diego." And over the years, we have worked extremely hard with the community of the University. We had entryway signs, banners, we worked with them on building permits. If you notice, they have extended tremendously in the last several years. Ok, so we'd like to have that back. We really would. And also, so that's a split Census district, Census tract. So I think we really need to look at that because that is something in the Voting Rights Act in 1965 that talks about split Census tracts, so we really need to take another look at that, ok? Also, I think the Morena area should come back. And there's a little tip that comes down from District 6, hooks into Linda Vista, that bothers me a lot too, so will you please take a look at that and see if you can square that off? It's on the area of Genesee, I believe.

Comment 16: Doug Beckham

My name is Doug Beckham. I'm going to be a Lieutenant Governor for Kiwanis, but Kiwanis is more of a service organization; we have more interest in doing things for the children of the world. But I've also been a planner for 18 years. Between me and Mr. Johnson, we served ten years as Community Association President of the old Civic Association, which is now the Town Council. And my concerns are right in the same with Charles Johnson. I just feel like we're getting sliced up like a piece of pie, you know. And being a planner as many years as I have, we have 20 distinct neighborhoods in Linda Vista, the Morena District being one of them, Overlook Heights, Silver Terrace being another one, and I live in the core of Linda Vista, but I was born where the Navy housing is now. And that was federal land, and the federal government built Linda Vista. I could tell you, I could quote you the history of the Lanham Act, exactly what happened when they built Kearny High School, how many houses they've built, how long it took, etc. So, we have a rich history in Linda Vista and we'd like to be kept together. We worked very hard when Mr. Johnson was on the Redistricting Commission and we had several meetings in Linda Vista explaining why we wanted to be all in one district. Now, if we have to live in two districts we'll do that. I had a good relationship with Barbara Warden and Brian Maienschein when they were District 5 and representing a portion of Linda Vista, and we were a split district for a long time, but our community, along with the community of Clairemont decided we want to

be in one district, so we worked very hard. So I would appreciate it if you could figure out a way to make that happen. And that's all I got. Thank you.

Comment 17: Janet Kaye

Hello. I'm shouting. Madame Chair and Commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to speak and thank you for your service. I'm here representing the Linda Vista Town Council, as well as the Linda Vista CDC. We request that there not be a three-way division of the Linda Vista community. If we refer to the City Charter, Section 5.1, Requirements, the current redistricting map, including Linda Vista, is not geographically compact, it dilutes our voter strength easily because we're portioned out with small two-point here, and three-point there percentages, so it dilutes our voter strength. And it will not ensure a fair and effective political representation. And we're very concerned about that. We implore you to please retain USD in District 6 and not 2. Having a three-way division could result with our Council members, think about it if you're a Council member, and you're one of three for one area—are we really worth their time? When you take into consideration our lower voter strength—it's all about votes, guys, we know that. Our job to engage with City Hall, which is our job as community planners, triples—we have to go three ways. Redundancy reports at our many community group meetings by three different Council representatives would be an unacceptable result—it's just redundant. And I again refer you to the redistricting map that was drawn up after a lot of time by the Linda Vista Town Council. Thank you very much.

Comment 18: Linda Perine

Thank you. My name is Linda Perine. I'm with the LGBT Redistricting Taskforce. As always, I would like to thank the Commissioners for your exemplary service to our city, and the staff, and the City Attorney as well. I'd like to express my appreciation, both personally, and on behalf of the LGBT Redistricting Taskforce for listening to our input and our testimony over these last several months. We are deeply appreciative. The map that you have drawn is truly reflective of the information that we provided you. It's an excellent map; we love the map that you have provided us of District 3. I'd also like to express my appreciation for the work that you've done on creating the Latino Empowerment District in District 9, and respecting the African American and Latino Voting Rights Act Districts in 8 and 4. I'd like to express my ongoing support on behalf of the LGBT community, and personally, for an API district that reflects their ten years of work towards being recognized as a community of interest. And finally, and most importantly, I want to extend my sincerest best wishes to Mitz Lee for speedy and complete recovery; she has been a tireless advocate on behalf of the API community and I want to wish her the very best. Thank you.

Comment 19: Gordon Boerner

Thank you. My name is Gordon Boerner. I've been a member of the Scripps Ranch/Scripps Miramar Ranch Planning Group for the last 21 consecutive years, including eight years as Vice Chair, which I currently serve as Vice Chair still today. I've also been a board member and officer of the Scripps Ranch Civic Association for the last 12 years, including three years as President of the Civic Association, and I currently serve on the Executive Committee as the past

President of the Civic Association. I'm here for just a couple of quick comments. First off, thank you very much. I've not had the opportunity to speak to this group. The last time I've spoken in front of this was ten years ago, and I know what a, again, thankless job it is and the number of volunteer hours you put in, not only in front of the public through these late nights, but also all of the reading material and analysis that goes into the time when you're not sitting at this table as well. Thank you again, so much. Welcome again to Scripps Ranch. And, all I really want to do is reinforce the comments that you already heard from the organized presentation, as well as the comments from esteemed Colonel Dingeman, "Mr. Scripps Ranch" himself. In emphasizing the symbiotic relationship between the Scripps Ranch community as it's developed, as Lynette said, since December of 1969 when the first street was built, you've got the Scripps Miramar Ranch Planning Group footprint area where Colonel Dingeman lives, you've got the Miramar Ranch North Planning Committee footprint where Colonel Dingeman's school is, already a cross of symbiosis that doesn't exist anywhere else in the entire region. The Scripps Ranch Rec Council situation that doesn't exist anywhere else in the entire region, where, as Mark Sorenson indicated, we already handle both of the planning footprint areas, as well as the future urbanizing area that became Rancho Encantada and the Stonebridge development. And that Stonebridge development, in addition to that, as you may know, the City of San Diego Planning Commission defers for advisory to the Scripps Miramar Ranch Planning Committee because there is no sitting, as it sits today in its current evolution, Planning Committee out in the 947 homes that are planned for the Stonebridge development.

And then last, but not least in the symbiosis, is the overarching organization, again, the Scripps Ranch Civic Association. As you heard from Dr. Paterniti, it has been instrumental in what was Mayor Golding's Community Service Center that was in the Miramar Ranch area and has now been moved to what is now Scripps Ranch Community Service Center, that when the City was ready to shut her because of the budget situation, the Civic Association stepped up, took responsibility for it, and works now with the City Real Estate Assets, services 24 homeowner associations that cover the footprint of all three of these areas, including the Stonebridge Master Association that meets in there on a monthly basis. As it relates to the Civic Association, you've already heard about our community newsletter, and I know several of you are very familiar with the 88-page newsletter that's delivered by 150-plus volunteers every 30 days throughout this entire community to 31,000 people. In addition to that, we've got 20 sitting districts in an organized map with infrastructure that allows for the ability to do things like react to things like the Cedar fire, as you've heard, from an evacuation standpoint. And we've already got infrastructure as it relates to a trails map that gives every community member that moves here an ability to understand how the trails interface, again, symbiotically between the two planning areas. Again, last but not least, thank you for coming to Scripps Ranch; we appreciate it and we thank you for the hard work you've done and the map that you've created that allows for that symbiosis to continue inside of District 5, where we currently sit. Thank you.

Comment 20: Connie McCullen

Good evening. I'm Connie McCullen and I'm a resident of Scripps Ranch. First, I want to thank all the Commissioners for the very hard work you've done, and I appreciate you grouping neighborhoods together that suffered from the wildfires. I was a newcomer in 2003, and fortunately, my home was spared. But the Cedar fire ravaged Scripps Ranch and many homes

were destroyed. In some ways, I think that made us a stronger community—I've been very impressed with our community here. Our Councilman at that time, Brian Maienschein, set up a one-stop shop for our community where we could get information and resources about what to do next. The community greatly appreciated that. Now, I would suggest one change to the proposed map and that is to connect the neighbors to Miramar east—there aren't many people there, but the land has more of an impact on Scripps Ranch than any other neighborhood. In addition, the Mission Trails Park will be expanding north of 52 to our area. And because the park will service our neighborhood, I'd like to see it included in the City Council District. That way our Council member will make their expansion to Scripps Ranch a priority. Thank you again for all your work, and thank you folks in Scripps Ranch, I've been very proud to be a resident here.

Comment 21: Mark Wilson

Good evening. I live in Mira Mesa, and I was looking at the map here and I'm trying to figure out what Clairemont and Mira Mesa have in common. And, being raised in Clairemont years ago, back in the '50s and '60s, there's no relationship to them anywhere I can see on this. You've basically taken Clairemont and whacked it in half, in threes. I mean, where you have 52 coming down along the 5, that's northwest Clairemont. Bay Ho wasn't even there until 1960, until the mid-1960s, there was just all canyon down through there. And Bay Park has always been part, actually it's been considered part of Clairemont, I mean Clairemont's been considered part of it because the, I mean the high school, Clairemont, junior high, Mira Mesa, I mean, excuse me, Marston Junior High School, that was considered part of Clairemont, and you guys have split this. I mean, if somebody tells me it's easy access down the 15 and down the 805 to get to Clairemont, I think you guys are kidding yourself, or you don't know your history in this city. In Kearny Mesa, north of Genesee, I mean, I just, in this little dip down into Serra Mesa. I just, I mean, I don't know, I just, I mean, I don't know, I just, it seems like a fire drill to me, this is just my personal opinion. But, I mean there's no common, there's no, nothing between Mira Mesa and Clairemont, doesn't happen. You've taken Bay Ho, which should be part of Clairemont and you, you even chopped up the beach here, it seems like District 1, or 2, should be going up this way, the end of the coastal area. Clairemont, I mean, La Jolla, I can't say anymore, you guys, I don't know what you were doing.

Comment 22: Charles Sellers

My name is Charles Sellers. I'm here representing the Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board. I'm the past Chair and current Vice Chair. I also serve on the City of San Diego Audit Committee. We review the City's financial statements and various other things, so I'm very familiar with public expectation and how that doesn't necessarily jive with your mission sometimes. I'm here to praise you, not to bury you. I want to thank you for all the work you've done. I think you've done an excellent job, not perfect, but I think even you didn't expect to do a perfect job. We're very happy with the map that you've drawn for us in Rancho Peñasquitos. We have a lost a small, not small, but a significant portion of it in Park Village, but I'm not here to ask you to restore that, because I think at this point it would be impossible and probably impracticable, which is what I feel about what APAC is asking you to do as well, is that, I think at this point, what they're asking, I think what they were asking to begin with was unreasonable, and I think that what they're asking you to do now is certainly impracticable, it would impact too many

people in too many districts to, to alter the map in the way that they're asking you to do it. The only request that we've had in Rancho Peñasquitos is, you've heard previously that the line is at Salmon River Road currently. We'd like it moved to the west to Black Mountain Road. It would impact about 2,000 residents. Salmon River Road is a road that most people in PQ don't even drive on or know where it is. Black Mountain Road is the main northwest artery in Rancho Peñasquitos, it's also been used as a border in the past for Assembly Districts, so we're, we're familiar with having it split that way. But other than using Black Mountain Road as the divider, I think you've done a very good job. The community that you've cut out for inclusion in District 6 instead of District 5 is Park Village. We hate to see it go, but it is, it is a large separate community, they have their own Landscape Maintenance District, and they can certainly stand on their own two feet when it comes to making their voice heard in District 6 because I serve with a lot of people on the Planning Board from that part of the community. So, I think you have done the best you could with regard to that. I also appreciate you making the districts numbered consecutively so that I don't cross the road and go from District 5 to District 9, which I thought might happen.

The other thing that I want to encourage you to do, and again, this comes from my background of serving on, on the Audit Committee, and understanding what city-wide expectations are, and the fact that people don't always understand how those jive with your mission, which is that, I would encourage you to, of course, grant as many of these, these minor adjustments as you can, but to think of the, think of the groups as their own individual constituency, I would ignore the size of the group for purposes of considering the merits of their argument, especially since the groups claim to speak with one voice, so as a practical matter, they're just one person. And so, I would think that if you were to, if you were able to grant these small minor requests, like ours, and the ones that the people in Kensington are asking for, and various other groups that have come forth and asked you, can you move it just a little bit this way, just a little bit this way. If I were in your seat, I'd consider it success if I could grant as many of those as possible, ignoring the number of people that are involved. Because, as I said, APAC claims to speak with one group, with one voice, so in essence, they're just one person. Their request doesn't carry any more weight than mine, or the guy from Kensington, or anybody else, and so at the end of the day, if you could look at your slate and say, you know, we had fifteen groups ask for changes, we were able to grant ten of them, I would consider that success, no matter the size of the five who didn't get their requests granted. Thank you.

Comment 23: Jimmy Nguyen

Hello. My name is Jimmy Nguyen and I've been a long-time resident of Mira Mesa. Before I went to college, I never thought about politics because it didn't seem to matter to me who I, who was making the rules. I guess my perception at the time, like my parents, and many other Asian families, is that our vote doesn't count, so there's no reason to participate. However, I am now more aware of the importance of politics and how it will affect me one way or another, either directly or indirectly. I have witnessed so many changes to the city, especially the API community. I'm seeing the API community moving from once a quiet and tolerable citizen of this city, to now a concerned citizen and active member of the community. Things are beginning to be more transparent to me, why the API community in San Diego has always been put out of loop in the past, because there was no one looking after our interest. San Diego has a large

number of small business owners and a significant percent of them are of Asian-Pacific descendents. I have many friends who own their own business and even in the midst of this bad economy, struggle to maintain their business and provide jobs to people. While big corporations are laying people off, the sole proprietors, the ones providing jobs to help the community stay afloat. But who's looking after them? Many came to this country in pursuit of the American dream. And many, like my parents, and other Asian families, came here to work hard to get where we are today. So it bothers me that the Commissioners can support a map that still dilutes the votes of the API community, and state that it is good enough. It is not good enough. The API community deserves the same zealous attention that was given to other interest groups in the city. Is it because you believe that in the past the API community will not speak up and settle for whatever cards you hand us? I can say that today, we are a product of a new generation, we are involved, we are united, we are educated, we do have common interests, and we want what is fair. Commissioners, each of you were picked for this job because someone believed in you. Someone believed that you have the capacity to correct the past, and make sure that the future will open up equality for citizens of the city. I know your work has been exhausting, but please don't stop short on the API community. I speak for all the API of San Diego when I ask you to hear our cries for equality and fair representation. We come before you today as Asian American, and importantly, as fellow San Diegans, and we deserve to have our interests protected too. Thank you.

Comment 24: Chris Nepacena

Good afternoon. My name is Christopher Nepacena, and I'd like to thank you in advance for allowing me to voice out my opinions today. Not too long ago, I moved out of the Bay Area to attend law school here in San Diego. Growing up in San Jose, and going to college and working in San Francisco, I was surrounded, not only by a wide array of cultures, but was exposed to an immense display of cultural recognition. In the Bay Area, Asian, the Asian-American community is widely recognized through the existence of places like Japantown, Chinatown, Filipinotown, etc. Ironically, when I moved out here to San Diego, which is known to be one of the most culturally-diverse and culturally-accepting cities in the country, the same cultural recognition for Asian Americans is nowhere to be found. According to a recent study by CNBC, San Diego was voted 5th for the most culturally diverse cities in the U.S., beating San Francisco, which was voted 9th. How is it that a city like San Francisco, which is rich in Asian, or which is rich of Asian, rich of Asian culture, business, and political participation, have more cultural recognition for Asian Americans than a city voted more culturally diverse? By this new plan, cities like Rancho Peñasquitos and Mira Mesa, both rich in Asian culture, business, political interests, needs, and involvement combine perfectly for the opportunity to have their voice heard, as I do today. Considering that the Asian-American community was the first to present their case to the Commission with the loudest voice, by providing 2,300 petitions, or petition signatures, to the Commission, I see no reason why they should be, they should be overlooked. Who says they have enough representation? Certainly not them. Otherwise, why would I be standing here today? If you think that the API community is fine with how things are presently, then what does that say? That local politics remains active and fully representative? Or, that your methods are based on the methodical reasoning of, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. On behalf of my community, I respectfully request that you consider the proposed map. Thank you for your time.

Comment 25: Geoffrey Chan

Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Geoffrey Chan. I live in Peñasquitos. First, I have to commend Commissioner Quiroz and Commissioner Morrow for your bravery, for your, things you did last Thursday on July 21st. But one thing I also have to tell you, Commissioner Quiroz, when you spend three minutes on your statement, and I notice your colleagues not that patient with you, when you address your statement, is later on Commissioner Dalal brought up the voting and I saw Mr. Potter was the first to raise his hand and motion the voting, and then Mr. Kosmo couldn't wait in a second, and then Commissioner Nishioka lost the chance and didn't get a second. But I can tell your statement was not interested by your colleagues. And, last week I heard some comments that I found, Mr. Kosmo, and have to mention how much sacrifice he made and, for losing time with his family by serving this Commission, and that kind of sacrifice, and I think, all the members in the Commission have decided to donate to our community. And then, Mr., Commissioner Nishioka, he should, he should be here to hear the praises from Scripps Ranch. Because he, over the past few months had mentioned three or four times to be the advocate for Scripps Ranch. Last Thursday he even read the statement for about three minutes, how he decided to form the District 5, with detail, in length. And I think your community at rest to have an advocate in this Commission, and that helped a lot. And, besides the District 5, Rancho Bernardo, he forgot to mention how they help other districts, because there are eight other districts it has helped. And I, he gave a comment to a lady who came here late, kind of late, representing College, and he just told her that UCSD came here several times and College had no representative. So that's why that line was drawn right at the intersect 8. And, and then, Commissioner Marquez, he encouraged us to come here for the next five meetings. He would see things tweaked, a little bit, and exactly what he said. But I think this map needs a major overhaul, not just tweaked a little bit. And I think at this point it's impractical to do the overhaul, but I think our community have to live with it. Thank you.

Comment 26: Joe LaCava

Hello. Joe LaCava. I haven't spoken to you all in awhile. I want to thank you for your service. Thank you for literally the hundreds of hours you each have put into this process. I want to thank you in particular for the drawing of the boundaries of Council District 1. Your deliberations on District 1 have been clear, consistent and compelling all the way through. And I would hope that you would stick with that through this, final steps in the process. And I want to thank you for listening to the testimony and reading the emails and the letters, and for listening to the community organizations that all have been unanimous in speaking to Council District 1. And those voices have come from La Jolla, and University City, and Torrey Hills, and Del Mar Mesa, and Carmel Valley, and Torrey Pines. From every nook and corner of this Council District people have spoken out in unanimity about keeping that, so, I appreciate your consistency, your early adoption of that, and I hope we stick with that. But now, you're now hearing compelling and very assertive testimony from the API community, and I don't blame them, I encourage every stakeholder to participate in this process to do what they feel is right. And if you find that testimony compelling, I know you will think about it carefully, and you will do the right thing for the right reasons. I do want to address one of the comments made by Commissioner Quiroz last meeting, where she passionately talked about the importance of keeping the University City community whole, and keeping the area surrounding UCSD whole, and I want to add to that by

talking about numbers. If you look at the numbers in the area that the API maps show in terms of north of La Jolla Village, they don't bear out any reason to make any changes. The current District 6 has 33.9% API, if you add that little piece of University City, it will bump it to 34.0, .1, is .1 really worth splitting a community, splitting UCSD, splitting a vibrant commercial core? I don't think so. Listen carefully to their testimony. Do the right thing for the right reasons, but keep district 1 as it's currently drawn. Thank you.

Comment 27: Laura Riebau

Well, I'm jealous of everybody here tonight because there's so many happy people. And so many people who've had a lot of consideration, because I'm from the San Diego State University area, and I've been before you many times. First time was in Tierrasanta, and many times since then. And, so if anybody says that we haven't been before you, lots of other members in my community too have been here. We have been telling you what we want, what we need in the representation, and what our community of interest is, and instead of considering San Diego State University, which is the largest university in the city of San Diego, and is the oldest, you've split up our neighborhoods completely. We've gotten none of the consideration of any of the communities of interest, and we need to be together. I am, I'm here to tell you your map is terrible right now the way it is. If you were really doing a good job—I work in the legal field, and they say when you have a good solution, it's when everybody's a little bit unhappy. So maybe you have too many happy districts because you've got a lot of very unhappy ones that need work. And you need, it needs major work, unfortunately. District 9 is not compact in any way, shape, or form—it meanders all the way, all over the place. It has so many different socio-economic groups and communities of interest, it's not even funny. You need to get College Area with the—all back together, and you need to get those communities with their communities of interest. That would include Del Cerro, that would include Serra Mesa, and quite frankly, that's Grantville. Grantville isn't separated by 5, we have a road under 5 that goes right into Grantville. We do lots of shopping there, we're there all the time. I'm happy for everybody who's happy, but I think you need to put more time into this. We've been challenged with presenting you a map, and we are working on one, so we should have that to you in a few days. I want more consideration for San Diego State University area. Thank you.

Comment 28: Suzette Nguyen

Good evening. My name is Suzette Nguyen. I am here on behalf of myself as a long time resident of Mira Mesa and a San Diego native. And also, I'm here as well on behalf of APAC. I understand that each of one of you, your job and your duty as Redistricting Commissioner is not an easy one, to try and accommodate all these requests in the last couple of months, so I applaud for your patience, and your time today. However, I strongly feel that the proposed map in regards to Districts 5 and District 6 is afterthought, dangerously close to disenfranchising the largest, the second largest minority group in San Diego for at least another six years, and deserves to be revisited so that all communities of interest in the city of San Diego have equal opportunity and access to fair and responsive political leadership. As a concerned citizen, I'm here today to ask the Commission to reassess and reconsider, reconsider the proposed preliminary map. Again, as I said in regards to District 5 and District 6, I'm especially concerned with the rationale used to, in determining how 50% of Mira Mesa residents will now be moved into a whole new district, into

District 6, which a rough estimate is 37,000 residents. And as some other people have spoken tonight, Clairemont and Mira Mesa, I don't see as a long-time resident, the marriage, I don't, that's a weird combination for me. This proposed map is negligent, and, I feel, dismissive of the culture and the lifestyle of hundreds of Mira Mesa families, and of how we live and where we spend our time. My family and I have deep roots in Mira Mesa. My siblings and I grew up these areas, attended both Mira Mesa High School, and Scripps Ranch High School. I work in Sabre Springs, my mother has been a resident of Rancho Peñasquitos for the last eight years. Some of the places where my, oh, well, thank you.

Comment 29: Justin Ruthenbeck

So, first, thank you. Thank you for allowing me to speak. I'd like to thank the Commission for all the work that you've done, and especially for your focus on the communities of interest, and trying to keep communities together, I really do applaud that. I live in San Diego because it is vibrant and because it is diverse and I think that is one of the strongest things that we have. I'm speaking today as a resident of North Peñasquitos, the part of Peñasquitos which is in District, which is not in District 6. And, I've been following the proceedings as an observer by looking at all of the testimony and the information that's been posted online. I'm here today for the first time. I'm particularly impressed by the back two-thirds of this room today, I think it's incredible that there is so many people here speaking for APAC as well. I do think that it's remarkable that a community of interest which represents 16% of the population of San Diego still is not getting at the—that the proposed map does not give much of an increase to their density at all. I think it's clear to me that the proposed map does not support the significant API community, which is, as I said, 16% of the, San Diego's population. And even though I'm not API myself, clearly perhaps, or perhaps not, I do implore the Commission to give the API community the same respectful, practical consideration that you've given Hispanic, the African American, LGBT, and the other communities of interest. I certainly don't envy your job for the next couple months, but I do greatly appreciate all of the effort and the consideration, and the wisdom that you're going to put into the final map. Thank you.

Comment 30: Jorge Riquelme

Good afternoon. Jorge Riquelme, Bayside Community Center, Linda Vista. At your July 21st meeting, you approved a preliminary map that would split the Linda Vista community into three different Council districts. Although the proposed splitting of our community contributes very little to the overall numbers of residents in other districts, it represents a significant decline in the voting power of Linda Vista in local elections. This is not just about numbers. Although the size of the populations residing in Morena area, or the area northeast of Genesee Ave. are not large, the removal of these areas from our political community is significant because they include the more affluent sections of our community, the University of San Diego, the commercial district of Morena, the military families of Chesterton, and our local high school, Kearny High. The proposed plan moves the core of Linda Vista to a new district with other communities with whom we share very little in common. Linda Vista's closely tied to Clairemont in District 6, not only will you move us into a new district, but you would do so with diluted political power. Last, but not least, there is deep concern that this opens the way for the eventual dismemberment of our community beyond the City Council redistricting process. Please do not use Linda Vista as a

sacrificial lamb to achieve the Commission's magic number for population equality of districts. Please note that the population equality requirement, the San Diego Charter stipulates districts shall each contain as nearly as practicable, one-ninth of the total population. No magic number can justify the partitioning of a real community. I respectfully request the Commission not to move forward with the preliminary plan that would partition Linda Vista into different district councils. It is unacceptable to have the political future of our community decided this way. Please be consistent in application of the guidelines used to put together the redistricting plan. Please reconsider your decision and do the right thing, preserve Linda Vista under a single Council District. Thank you.

Comment 31: Sandy Spackman

Hi. I'm already introduced, Sandy Spackman, and I'm happy to be here today and thank you so much for your time. I am very happy to live in this country, the United States of America, and I'm just a happy go-getter and just grateful to be here. And, up until, just a year, or little bit before a year ago, I, you know, heard about APAC and was enthusiastic about being involved in the process of redistricting. I've never done anything like this before. And, you know, I thought that when I'm here that my voice would be heard and, and just, what, last week or, ago, or, and then I saw the map and I was very disappointed. I was, how is it that, with respect to everyone here, how is it that the gays and the lesbians, under 5%, they got their own district? How is it that the African American, you know, also less than the API community, got their own district? What, did someone change the rule? I thought, you know, I thought we're in this country, that we're being fair and, and I felt like, I, you know, I've been cheated, for some reason, I just, like, what happened? Did someone change the rules? I thought for sure we were gonna get our own district. Well, anyways, I just hope that you will seriously consider, and I don't know if tweaking the map will do, someone said maybe, if someone has to tweak, push it here and there, but I think that it needs some major rehauling to be able to allow us to have a voice, a political voice in this whole process. Thank you.

Comment 32: Pim Siripanyo

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Pim Siripanyo. My parents came to the United States when I was eight, in 1985. And we came here as refugees, and pretty much, I grew up in San Diego, been here ever since. Attended UCSD, with, and graduated with a bachelor's in biochemistry. And throughout my whole life, I've pretty much lived under radar. Where we grew up there's not making any noise, or what, but today I've actually come before you to have you, to consider APAC District 9 map, and I'm just here to show my support. Thank you very much for allowing us to be included in this process.

Comment 33: Casey Chan-Ruthenbeck

Hi. My name is Casey Chan-Ruthenbeck. I'm a resident of North Peñasquitos since 1989. Left for college and came back to live in that community. I'm also a business owner in Peñasquitos, as well. In fact, I know that there are a lot of other Asian and minority business owners in Peñasquitos. There's a four to five-lane road that runs through Peñasquitos, and you might have heard of that earlier, it is the main road, it's called Black Mountain Road. Ok? This road doesn't

go into Rancho Bernardo, it goes into Mira Mesa. And why is that? Because back before the growth of the North County inland areas of towns such as Carmel Mountain Ranch, Peñasquitos was only connected to Mira Mesa. Since then, they've grown together, the communities are growing together. I frequently visit my friends in Mira Mesa, I shop and eat in Mira Mesa, go to Target, Best Buy, movie theaters, Asian markets, Trader Joe's, and the many restaurants. I'm asking you today to, hopefully, if you have to reconsider the District 6 to join Mira Mesa and Peñasquitos, and that is the whole of Peñasquitos. I find that if, honestly, if an individual is a true representative of Peñasquitos, he wouldn't have be willing, he wouldn't have been willing to sacrifice the southern part of Peñasquitos, which we heard earlier. Thank you very much.

Comment 34: Samly Maat

I am Dr. Maat, Samly Maat. I have been here in San Diego for over 23 years. I am an ex-Marine, I mean, ex-Navy, and my husband is also ex-Navy. The Navy brought us here, like other people here. I have two sons, who's 11 and 14. We are, I am here on behalf of myself, as well as APAC's community. We are no more sleeping, we are awake. We are participate here for the fair, only fair, that's all we ask for. There's a district representing African American, there's a district representing Latino, and also, district representing LGBT. All we ask is another district representing API, that's all. We don't, we're not here to ask for anything special, we just want something fair. Again, like other speaker before me, please do the right thing at the, with the right reason. All we ask is fair. Thank you.

Comment 35: Soumana Homsombath

Good afternoon. My name is Soumana Homsombath. Here to support APAC for District 9, and this is my first time. And, please reconsider to give District 9 to APAC. Thank you.

Comment 36: Dr. Allen Chan

Thank you Commissioners for you hard, hard and thankless work. You have made an oath to uphold the City Charter and Federal Voting Rights Act to ensure a fair and effective representation for all citizens of San Diego. Redistricting is all about empowering the citizens to choose their representatives. I can appreciate the fact that there are several representatives of special interest groups on the Commission. It seems that they are doing a really good job to empower the committees that they represent. And that's why a third Latino District is added, that is why the whole LGBT District is moved west to pick up sympathy votes in the west, and that is why portion of the Latino population is cut out of District 4 so that the dwindling African American community can pick up a couple more percentage for representation, and the new district can be inserted by gerrymandering through three districts, in order to form the new and third Latino District. However, what happened to the voices of the API? What happened to the close to 2,500 signatories in our written and online petitions and spoken comments? Are our voices less important than others? Are we still considered as a humble Charlie Chan that will accept ridicule, insult, and still with apologetic gesture so that they can still be in this country we call America?

We applaud your effort to increase those minority communities, but not at the expense of the Asian Pacific American community of interest. API community of interest in Peñasquitos, Mira Mesa, and north University City are currently in two City Council Districts, 1 and 5. But, according to the post map, it has been fractured into three districts: 1, 5, and 6. The proposed post map has for so many communities of interest, it has divided school districts and community planning areas, even though those two things, or two entities, really have nothing, and no relationship to City Council redistricting at all, but conveniently used to protest special interests. Those on the board don't even represent the people in that community. So, the bottom line is that we ask the Commission to do the following: 1. Recognize the validity and equal weight for those close to 2500 petitions signatories as equal speakers for each of them showing at the hearings; 2. Recognize the compact and contiguous neighborhood of Mira Mesa, Peñasquitos, and North University City has community of interest for AP Americans. They discuss the merit of uniting Mira Mesa, Rancho Peñasquitos, and North University City. Unite Mira Mesa, Peñasquitos, and north University City together with Torrey Highlands, Miramar West, West Kearny Mesa as an Asia Pacific American-influenced district. Return, and we strongly urge you to return the two parcels of land that, around the water treatment plant, that were stolen from us, which are now in District 5 and 7, and for the future map that you have proposed in 6, back to our community.

Give timely, fair, and effective representation to the Asian and Pacific Americans, and designate an odd number so that the Asian Pacific American District, under City Charter 2, Section 5.1, and Voting Rights Act, can have, and can have immediate representation during next year's election. As we have said it before, we are also supporting the map 3 that was presented before us, as a good starting point for drawing the final map. The time for fair representation for the Asian American is now. Not another ten years later again for the third time. Both my daughters have been involved to fight for their representation since the last redistricting. Redistricting is about representation of the people, especially for our next generation, and our next, next generation. Please, don't make us wait again for another ten years and I have to bring my grandson, who's here right now, my newborn grandson, to be here in front of you, or in front of the next Commission, to plead for an Asian district, so that we can be true Americans again, and we can have the chance, the equal chance, to vote for somebody who really care about our whole community, not just the Asian Pacific American, but the whole community in that district. Thank you.

Comment 37: Deborah Knight

Hi. Thank you very much. My name is Deborah Knight. I'm a resident of University City. I want to express my really deep appreciation to all of you for the proposed District 1. It reflects a large amount of testimony in favor of those boundaries. This plan works on so many levels, I can't go into them all now, you've heard a lot of them. It keeps the UCSD campus whole, along with many of the medical and research institutions that surround UCSD and are critical to San Diego's new economy. It keeps their surroundings an interlocked communities of North University City, South University City, and La Jolla whole and together. It also keeps them together with the other coastal-oriented communities to the north. University City, North and South, is, and always has been, one community. In other areas of the city, community plans may not play a significant a role as ours, but we are a newer community, and our community plan, including UCSD, has over the last thirty years, in many ways made us what we are today. And

our plan area is still undergoing significant development. I'm sympathetic to the goals of APAC, but I urge you to reject any proposal to carve a chunk out of University City, including a portion of the UCSD campus, to put it into a district with Mira Mesa. I urge you to stick with the good work you have done and make no changes to District 1. The preliminary map you have drawn gets District 1 just right. Thank you.

Comment 38: Adam Manhbaoboua

Good evening, Commissioners. Sorry, lost my voice at the protest. My name is Adam Manhbaoboua, and I'm here as a citizen, and as a San Diegan. First off, Commissioner, thank you for your hard work, and, I appreciate your commitment and sacrifice. I know it's been a long and grueling process, but you're probably, and you're probably very tired and overwhelmed. I really don't know how to feel about the approved preliminary map. Part of me is confused, part of me is upset, and part of me is heartbroken. The Asian and Pacific Islander community, arguably, fought harder than anyone else in this process. But why does it seem our efforts doesn't matter? Why does the Commission make us feel like you don't care or respect our community? Today, I don't want to present evidence or data of any sort. I just want to speak to you individually. Commissioner Quiroz, thank you for recognizing that the API community is a community of interest, and that the preliminary map will disenfranchise our community for another ten years. Thank you for fighting for the API community, but more importantly, fighting for equality, and what's right.

Chairwoman Dalal, when I first met you about a year ago at Jasmine, we connected instantly when you told me that you were the Principal at my old high school. And when I heard the news that you were Chairwoman of the Redistricting Commission, I was excited and hopeful, that we would finally get fair representation, because you belong to the API community. We thought you'd fight for us. We depended on you; so far, you have let us down. I hope you join Commissioner Quiroz and Commissioner Morrow, and recognize that his map would disenfranchise your community. Please don't turn your back on your community.

I know Commissioner Nishioka is not here, but I just want to say I thought you would be fighting for us as well. I thought you would be—I thought you would be sensitive to our community. I understand that for too long we had been underrepresented. I thought you would realize that our time is now. Please don't disenfranchise our community.

Commissioner Kosmo, you come across as an open-minded and fair person. In your profile you say that you wanted to part of the Redistricting Commission because you wanted to protect a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. If this preliminary map becomes a final map, hopefully that's not the case, I would love to sit down and have lunch with you, so you could help me understand what you meant when you said you wanted to protect a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, when 16% of the population, 200,000 San Diegans, will be left out of City Hall. I hope we can have lunch for not this reason.

Commissioner Potter, you commented that if Tom Hom could be elected as a Councilman early, or about 50 years ago, without the luxury of an Asian-influenced district, we could do the same today. Maybe you should also tell the LGBT, African American, and the Latino community the

same—that they don't need the luxury of an influenced district to elect a representative of their choice. Or maybe you forgot why these communities, as well as the API communities continue to fill these seats, and continue to fight this whole time in this process. Maybe the reason, in your own word, is to have the luxury of an influenced district.

I know Commissioner Marquez is not here, but, Commissioner Marquez, you are one of the most influential Commissioners sitting there. Your community, the LGBT and Latino community, are still fighting for fair representation. It is never enough. This is why it is so disappointing. When you tell the API community that you have done enough for us when we don't even have a start—a district we can call home. We are so behind compared to your community, in regards to fair representation. In many ways, we are following the footsteps of your community. You were in our shoes not long ago, so if we were to switch places, would you accept when a Commissioner, who was in our shoes not long ago, tell us he did enough.

Commissioner Morrow, thank you for recognizing that this map would disenfranchise the API community. And for pointing out why certain groups are priority, after all, our community is much as a part of this city as any other community. I also want to talk a little bit about in regards to Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council. I admired them for attending all the hearings, for being in force and being consistent, especially Andy Berg, but his whole argument this whole time has been about, he's about the kids, and rightfully so, rightfully so, he's about the kids, you know, it's about cheerleading, having the rivals, cheerleading, basketball, band, all that good stuff, but the redistricting process does not affect the Poway School District at all. They will continue to play with the same kids like Commissioner Quiroz mentioned, they will have those rivals. Is that it? Commissioner, if you don't make necessary changes you will send a clear message to the citizens of...just three lines, ok...if you don't make the necessary changes, you will send a clear message to the citizens of San Diego, that the, that the effort of the Asian Pacific Islander community don't matter, that you don't care about our community. That you don't respect our community of interest. That we are second-class citizens. Clearly, this is the wrong message. We are citizens, we are San Diegans too. This is the message you want to send. Thank you.

Comment 39: Leon Wu (time yielded)

Thank you for letting me finish from earlier. Commissioners and residents of San Diego, thank you for having us here. We presented a lot of information from day one from the API community. And the very first day you sat down in your seats for your first meeting, we were here with a map. We took the lessons we learned ten years ago, we bided our time, paired with the diligence befitting of a group with the American dream of being fairly represented in our government. We were present in force at all the hearings, obviously. We polled our community, provided testimonials and signatures, we organized presentations and speakers galore. We did everything you asked of us to secure our representation. You've seen by our presentations what an empowered API community can do when given the opportunity of a voice in local government. We need your help to make this dream a reality. This isn't about school districts or planning areas, even politics, it's about people. I urge you to think about what you're doing and say it out loud, just say it out loud, well, it might make more sense. To us, it sounds like, let's take the second-largest minority group in San Diego, ignore their demands while conceding to the wishes of smaller groups. Think about how that sounds to us. It's a bitter pill to swallow for

sure. Do not get us wrong, we do respect the desire of other minority groups to expand their voting blocks, we even support it, but we deserve the same consideration as well. Their expanse should not come at the expense of the API community. Again, please make our dream a reality. We send the same clear message to you every time we talk. Don't table us for ten years, our time is now. Thank you.

Comment 40: Florfina Arce

Madam Chair and respected members of the Commission, my name is Florfina Arce. I have been in San Diego for 33 years and lived in different districts. I'm Vice President of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of San Diego County. I chartered the Lion's Club, which is my favorite charity organization, for the last 17 years. I'm currently a member of the board on the Council of the Filipino-American Organization of San Diego County. I just became an American citizen last month, after 43 years of being in America. I guess people at INS love that so much they made me the speaker for my oath-taking day. And the judge who gave me my oath did not dare question why I waited 43 years. Yes, I missed a lot because I was not a citizen. So, this is my first chance to exercise my right to petition. And I am here with the APAC community and the Asian Pacific Islander, especially the Filipino Americans who live in Mira Mesa and even call Mira Mesa "Manila Mesa," Peñasquitos as "Pinoysquitos", Pinoy being a slang for Filipinos. But, I really thank you for your hard work. Perhaps the Asian Pacific American community would like this equal representation seen not, now, and not for another ten years. I beg to disagree with the person that said that APAC is considered only one person's voice. We are one voice, but it comes from the whole community of the Asians. Thank you.

Comment 41: Katrina Juian

Good evening. Thank you for allowing me to speak this evening and have my voice heard tonight. I appreciate all that you do here for the San Diego community. And I'm here to show my support for APAC's efforts tonight. More specifically, I am here as a product of the Rancho Peñasquitos community, who embraces, in fact, advocates the idea of joining with Mira Mesa. As I said, I grew up in Rancho Peñasquitos, I went to school there, elementary school, I go to church there, and I see a lot of Filipino Americans, especially Asian Pacific Islanders, in the area, I see it at my church, I see it at my dentist's office on Black Mountain Road—we are there. And, it was until I moved to San Francisco for college that I realized how overlooked we are, where we are. Asian Pacific Islanders in the Bay Area, as you know, are very active, and they are leaders who look like us and advocate for our group's unique values and interests. Now that I'm back here after about eight years of being away from San Diego, I would really love if my own community where I grew up, embraced that as well—had people who looked like us, people who heard our voices and did something about it and didn't just sit idly while many people here are fighting for these efforts. I feel that by approving this map, it will ignite civic pride and engagement, especially in the younger API community, a lot of people whom I call my friends. And, just as an example, I'm here in Mira Mesa all the time, I grew up coming here, frequenting a lot of the supermarkets, restaurants, and other businesses, and I feel there is a value to uniting Rancho Peñasquitos and Mira Mesa. Thank you.

Comment: Anne Schoeller

Good evening to all. I'm here from the District 7 that has been cut into three pieces. And I want, and I'm protesting that. I do not agree with what has happened to us, and I've been here, I've been before you, this is my seventh meeting. You, instead of taking our area, which actually was, had all the, all the regulations you were to follow, you know, you took, you didn't take a good look at our, as we were presented today. And, I was going to have them put this map up, but the, the existing. So we're like all of the rest of you, we want, we didn't want our communities of interest torn apart, which is the college area, and the college neighborhoods. Historically, they've been there for many years. And we've, we've been together with them. We've asked just simply that we be declared a community of interest with San Diego State and no one seems to want to touch that one, although they will give UCSD to the La Jolla, or University Town, whatever that is, Town Center. So, we're protesting this because you've taken, we were 147,000, and you're supposed to have 144, but then I look at all these deviations that you've awarded to other people, to other districts, and yet, you couldn't take 2,000, which would have been down in, in, along City Heights past 54, you wouldn't take them and, and take a good look and say, should we really move these people? According to what you say, legal requirements, you're taking two or, you're taking about four of us and stuffing us into District 4 and District 9. We don't want to be in District 9, we want to be in District 7, all of us. And some of our northern people that were cut off have come, have said they wanted to be left with us because they want, they're, they're from San Diego State, they went to school at San Diego State, and I want you to put us back and give us a fair look, according to all the criteria that you are supposed to follow and have not. Thank you.

(Transcript Ends)

ITEM 3 – COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Quiroz thanked everybody in attendance for staying to the end.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dalal adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Susan Manning, Executive Secretary
2010 Redistricting Commission

**Written Comments Received July 28, 2011
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Comment 1: Alexander Nguyen

I support APAC's map. School district is not a community of interest. Regardless of the district, you can still go to the same school.

Comment 2: Margaret McCann

Our neighborhood presentation group supports any map that keeps Kensington in D3 with Normal Heights, North Park and University Heights.

Comment 3: Dorothy J. Perez

Please do not break up Linda Vista into 3 different districts. The proposed change is not appropriate, nor necessary. Keep Linda Vista as is and has been for several years.

Comment 4: Luis G. Perez

Do not break up Linda Vista into different districts. The proposed change is unacceptable and unwarranted.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2011

**BALBOA PARK PALISADES BUILDING – RECITAL HALL
2130 PAN AMERICAN ROAD WEST, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dalal at 10:11 a.m. 47 persons were observed to be in attendance. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dalal at 11:45 a.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

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

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Quiroz called the roll:

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

(Transcript Begins)

Comment 1: Daniel Beeman

Thank you. I'm not exactly sure of what your—of what the committee can do, but I think one of the things that I saw here is that we no longer have a citywide representation on the council. The mayor doesn't sit there, so there's no way for us to get anything done for a citywide. And that's why I think that if we could some way recommend that if we ever considered to have any other seat or we considered to maybe to go back and look at the situation, we look at having an ombudsman, a city councilmember that represents the whole city, because we get all split up. But fire, police, parks, streets, sidewalks, lighting – these are all City. These are issues that deal with the whole city and I think that's what we really need. I am really saddened that we end up— that this district ended up to be a splitting up of all the districts to make another in-house fighting situation that we already have on council. I really think that really what we should have looked at and somebody should have counseled us before this was even on the ballot, is that really we need a full representation with the new council the way we have it now. And it would have cost us a lot less money in the long run, but I think we still need that. We're still going to need that down the road because nobody's sitting there and playing for everybody, for every citizen in the city. It's all split up into these little compartmentalization according to whose within your district and it causes a lot of fighting and things like that, and confusion for our citizens, especially when you look at the new map and the maps that we've had before. So, I hope that the Commission can in some way look to see about how we can get representation for the full city and that some way can be considered. I hope we don't have to go to some type of— going back to the ballot to do that, but that might be. Thank you very much.

(Transcript Ends)

CITY ATTORNEY AND STAFF ASIGNED TO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION COMMENT

There was no comment.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ITEM 1 – OVERVIEW OF PRELIMINARY REDISTRICTING PLAN

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

ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING PRELIMINARY REDISTRICTING PLAN

(Transcript Begins)

Comment 1: Tom Hebrank

Good morning Commissioners and everyone else here in the audience. My name is Tom Hebrank. I'm the immediate past chair of the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group and I'm co-chair of our grassroots

effort, Keep Kensington 3. What defines Kensington? Per www.about.com, if you search San Diego neighborhoods, it describes Kensington as one of the three mid-city urban neighborhoods whose main thoroughfare is Adams Avenue. It is at the eastern end of the strip that begins with University Heights at the western end, with Normal Heights in between. Of the older urban neighborhoods in San Diego, it is one of the most desirable ones to live. Like its fellow hoods it is distinguished by the classic neon Kensington sign that spans Adams Avenue. Our communities of interest lie along Adams Avenue. As mentioned we have University Heights on the west side, Normal Heights in the middle and Kensington on the eastern side. What do we have in common? We have our library, which it's a little small, a little hard to read, but it is the Kensington/Normal Heights Public Library. We share our parks, including Ward Canyon Neighborhood Park. Each of these is just a short walk across the Adams Avenue bridge, spanning the I-15. We also share historic homes and characteristics. We have similar infrastructure issues, needs and challenges. We have a significant LGBT community. As a member of that, I have spoken to many in the community, and I have not talked to one yet that is not in favor of keeping Kensington in District 3. We have a predominance of single-family residences and we have a lack of redevelopment zones. We also share the Adams Avenue Business District. It's a rich collection of mom-and-pop small business which stretch the length of Adams Avenue. It includes the Adams Avenue Business Improvement District and the Adams Avenue Maintenance Assessment District. This is the host of the Adams Avenue Roots Festival, the Taste of Adams, and the Adams Avenue Street Fair each year. We have submitted a map as of yesterday that can be found on the website and I have handed out to the Commissioners the benefits to our map, the map itself, and statistics. To run through the benefits of our proposal– number 1, it returns Kensington to District 3. Our Adams Avenue community is an interest. That is where we lie now and that's where we'd like to stay. It increases the LGBT representation in District 3. It combines Shelltown and Southcrest communities of interest in District 9. I think per your own documents, Shelltown was just moved to balance populations. It increases the Latino representation in District 9, from 50% to 53%. It unites the City Heights and El Cajon Boulevard corridor in District 9. It places western Golden Hills in District 3 which is where it is right now, and it accomplishes all these goals with minimal disruption to the Preliminary Map. We are talking about moving groups of 5,000 people or less, so we're not pulling a thread out of this, we are just making some minor tweaks and adjustments. This is what our proposed Adams Avenue Reunification Map looks like, with the changes I described, primarily moving Kensington into District 3, putting the small El Cajon corridor there between El Cajon Blvd and Monroe into District 9 to keep all of City Heights neighborhoods and City Heights redevelopment together. It moves Shelltown back into District 9 and it does remove the eastern side of Golden Hills and puts it into 8. That was a necessary move to balance populations. Statistics, those are going to be very difficult from this level. The Commissioners have those in front of them, but basically all of the deviations per our plan are very minimal. I think two out of three districts that are affected by our proposal actually have smaller deviations at this point. So, I think it's a very well balanced plan. And with that I will conclude my presentation and I appreciate your consideration of our proposal and now we have other speakers on our behalf.

Comment 2: Darlene Love

Hi, my name is Darlene Love and I was actually born at Mercy Hospital and brought home to Kensington on Adams Avenue, so I've had a long history with Kensington. My dad did write *The History of Kensington* and I own commercial property on the corner of Adams and Marlborough, and one of the places is the Kensington Café. I just love that I go there every morning to have my breakfast and coffee and all the people from the neighborhood come in and we discuss issues. And this is one that is being discussed extensively and I have not met one person that is not really concerned that we would

be pulled away from our friends and our people we've been working with, west down to Park. So, I just so hope that we get to stay with District 3 and I am also a resident; I live at the end of Adams Avenue and I can't think of anything else. I just hope that you really to take this into consideration. We belong with District 3. Thank you so much for your time.

Comment 3: Joel Young

Thank you, Madam Chairman and members of the Commission. I am Joel Young. I am a resident of Liberty Station. I am here representing a community organization in Point Loma and Liberty Station known as Point Loma People for Progress, or P3 for short. We have been in existence for about six years and I have about several hundred members. We have a seven member board of directors. We have been very concerned about the redistricting. We've had a very good relationship with the existing District 2 office, which has been very helpful to us in dealing with issues and making improvements to the quality of life in Point Loma and Liberty Station. Our primary concerns have been keeping the Point Loma community together and incorporating the airport into District 2. So we're here speaking in support of the plan as proposed with regard to District 2. Our board of directors had a meeting last month at which we specifically reviewed several plans, some of which broke up the Peninsula community, and we were very strongly opposed to those. So, we are very much in support of the plan as it is presented today, with regard to District 2 and I think we also support the inclusion of the other beach communities to support the Mission Bay area. So, I'm joined here by the secretary of our board of directors, Jean Neemer, who will not be speaking, but has also submitted written comment to this affect. Thank you for your consideration.

Comment 4: Doug Case

Good morning, I am Doug Case. I am the president of the College Area Community Council and at our July meeting we discussed redistricting in depth and we discovered that our top priorities are to keep College East and West together, because they really are one community, to be united with El Cerrito – on all your maps you show El Cerrito as existing only south of El Cajon Blvd but it is actually a community that spans both north and south of the boulevard and we feel it is very important that the College area and El Cerrito be in the same district. And finally, that Rolando be united with the College area in the same district because of our shared concerns regarding the issues related to the university. We also rank ordered by priority the other communities with which we share common interest, and those were Talmadge, Del Cerro, Redwood Village, and Kensington. We did not envision being placed in District 9, but looking at the map that you drew it meets most of our major needs, our top priorities: College area united, El Cerrito, Rolando are all in the same district, and half of our priorities are in that District. On the other hand we realize that that the College area seems to be a piece of the puzzle that is in play and there is discussion among some people of moving us into District 7, which should be District that goes north of interstate 8. We don't have any objections to that as long as you meet our top priorities, College area together with El Cerrito and Rolando. That also would put Del Cerro in the same district with us. We feel we actually share probably more in common with some of the communities along the I-8 corridor like Grantville, Allied Gardens, Mission Valley, than we do some of the communities that are south of Route 94. So as long as you keep our key communities together we will be comfortable in 7 or 9, and in some respects maybe more comfortable in 7 because we share more with that northern I-8 communities than we do the southern communities. Thank you.

Comment 5: Louise Guarnotta

Hi, my name is Louise Guarnotta. I have lived in Kensington for 39 years; my husband has lived there for 65 years. I know you've heard it all, but I'm here today just to ask you to use common sense and keep Kensington in Council District 3 and I'll tell you why. Kensington is relatively small with only 2,000 residences, including apartments. By putting us into a huge district that has nothing in common with us and is so far removed from our geographic location, you would be marginalizing us, including our substantial number of gay and lesbian residents. With a business district only three blocks long, our life is basically in Normal Heights. Because the Adams Avenue Business Improvement Association includes the Kensington area, there would be some funds that—to preserve streetscapes and other programs along Adams Avenue—that would not be able to be used across council boundaries, effectively cutting off our small community. We share not only the Normal Heights and Kensington Library, but also parks, Vons, and Rite Aid are in Normal Heights. In fact, it seems that Kensington is more like a sister of Normal Heights and for that reason should be kept in the same Council District. When you have two neighborhoods as closely joined as Kensington and Normal Heights are, it would be impossible to have continuity in managing them if they were to exist in different Council Districts. So please, do not put our small neighborhood in jeopardy. Keep us in Council District 3. Thank you.

Comment 6: Jay Wilson

Good morning, Commissioners. I'm Jay Wilson. I'm a 43-year resident of the Navajo community and I am president of the Del Cerro Action Council. At our Thursday meeting of the Del Cerro Action Council, I took a straw poll of the board members and of those residents attending the meeting and all unanimously support the district lines as currently drawn. I know there is an effort to redraw District 7 to include south of 8. As Mr. Case mentioned, the College areas first three preferences for communities to be included in their area are all south of 8. There was reference a week ago that the fact a tunnel was to be built between San Diego State and the Navajo community and that was to connect San Diego State to the property that San Diego State owns. That was rejected because of engineering challenges and the cost was absolutely prohibitive. On behalf of the Del Cerro Action Council, I urge you to keep the boundaries of District 7 as they are currently in place. Thank you.

Comment 7: John Pilch

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. My name is John Pilch. I am president of the San Carlos Area Council, past chair of Navajo Community Planners, and a resident of San Carlos for 33 years. I'm here to thank to you for service and to tell you that we're pleased with the preliminary map as you've drawn District 7. Thank you for your work. Also, thank you for putting up with the negative comments about this Commission and some of you personally. That has no place in this process. Our agenda is to have the Navajo area kept in the same district and we've achieved that. We've also achieved having our neighbors to the north in Tierrasanta working with us on Mission Trails Park. The findings of the Commission on page 15 are in sync with our comments and how we envision a new District 7 to look for the next ten years. We welcome the opportunity to work with the communities to the west on problems that are similar to both areas. We ask that you keep the College area, which is not a community of interest with the Navajo area, south of 8. I-8 is a natural boundary and recognized as such in your findings. Jay mentioned a tunnel, I don't know how that came up, but there was no proposed tunnel from Grantville to the College area. In fact, I proposed the tunnel when San Diego State said they were going to invade the Adobe Falls area residences for their professors. I suggested the tunnel and

they pretty dismissed it with the back of their hands, saying there wasn't any money about – \$4 million– and the State would never fund it. So, that is a red herring. People are going to disagree with you but that's a democracy. Thank you again. Your work is appreciated.

Comment 8: Michael Sprague

I do appreciate the work but it is a thankless job; however, if you were to divide District 3 along Fairmount Ave, which is where the neighborhoods of City Heights have asked, you would include the LGBT community back into the LGBT community and you would include Kensington, both of whom have asked relentlessly to stay in 3rd. And to remind you that– once again – that the information you received from the LGBT packet said City Heights did not vote for gay marriage, that is absolutely untrue. The 7th district of City Heights did not vote for it, however the 3rd District portion did. We are a community of 16 neighborhoods, we are not the Mid-City community plan. You are dividing the Mid-City community plan. There is no such thing as the City Heights plan. That document does not exist. Reasons to stay in the LGBT community: there have been 18 votes that have been taken place since the division putting Council District 3 with part of City Heights. In the 18 elections that have taken place, 18 times the 3rd District portion of City Heights has voted with the LGBT community – 18 out of 18. And to falsify those records regarding gay marriage to include part of City Heights that are in the 3rd District was ludicrous, improper, and I don't why the Commission feels it needs to come up with a new definition of whose gay and whose not, because that's exactly what you're doing. You are defining the status of who is gay and you're doing it based on economics and skin color and I don't its appropriate and I don't think it's the way to divide a community.

Comment 9: Linda Pennington

Linda Pennington – I have lived in the Azalea Park neighborhood in the City Heights community for over 31 years. I was very stunned when I learned that the LGBT Redistricting Committee wanted to cut City Heights out of District 3. The people that I know and the new letters that come through me to the Commission overwhelmingly want our part of City Heights to stay in District 3. We have worked so hard to keep this part of the city, the heart of San Diego, from turning into a hopeless slum. We have spent–my neighbors in Azalea Park have gone to the Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade for over 17 years, inviting the gay community in. We've had an award winning entry in the parade; we've been in the festival inviting the gay community in and other parts of City Heights have said, please send some over to our neighborhood too. Our neighbors, many are what I call hardcore volunteers. We are in the canyons doing restoration work; we're working with the police; we work with Code Enforcement. The rest of the city should be thanking us for all the work we have done in City Heights and we would like very much to stay in District 3. As Michael mentioned, you could go from Fairmount to the west and keep this part of City Heights in District 3 without too much gerrymandering. And we just feel like we have been cast adrift, if we're just going to be thrown into this new district with no one that we know for representation; we have to start from scratch. I have 30 years of organizing, 25 years as a fulltime volunteer, and the last few years organizing Project Clean for Community Housing Works, which Project Clean I started 30 years ago, and organizing Face Lift, where we have done over 500 homes in City Heights. Thank you.

Comment 10: Joe Naskar

Good morning, my name is Joe Naskar. I live in Mission Hills. When I saw the proposed map, I was very happy that Mission Hills was included in District 3, as we are not a beach community and have more in common with the uptown communities. When looking at the map I noticed that you used Interstate 5 as a division line. What happens, unfortunately, is the area on the other side of Interstate 5, which is the Pacific Highway corridor, is isolated in District 2, separated by SPAWAR, MCRD, and the airport. It is going to be an orphaned area. It is warehouses and we have been working as a community to try improve that area. There is no resident population there; there are several condominiums that are— one is built and one is under construction. They will not be represented as they are not a beach community in District 2. If you look at page 2 of that map, if it's included in District 3, we can continue to have a voice with the Council member from District 3. If we have to ask District 2, we will not be able to really have any voice with them to try to keep moving that area uphill. So, that's something I hope you'll consider. Thank you for your time.

Comment 11: David Schutz

Good morning. My name is David Schutz and I'm a resident of the Greater Old Town area and an active member of the Western Slope Association of Mission Hills. I would like to build upon the comments of the previous speaker, referencing the same map. As proposed, the Pacific Highway corridor, representing the area between the airport and the I-5 is being assigned essentially as a geographic and population isolated zone, from District 3. In point of fact, while I-5 might appear to be a natural barrier, the Census tract and the practical exchange of common issues exist across it. Without a direct examination it may not be apparent to the members of the Commission, but there are in fact four underpasses or overpasses that afford pedestrian as well as surface street access to the zone whereas only Pacific Highway, relatively high-speed thoroughfare with no pedestrian access is available into this hangnail portion. We have common issues that transcend each side of I-5. A single council person in the past has been very effective in bringing the resources of the City forward. I ask in view of the fact that this impacts minimal population, that you consider inclusion of it— bring it into conformity with the natural barrier and the census tract barrier, by making it part of neighboring District 3.

Comment 12: Daniel Beeman

Hello, my name is Daniel Beeman. I reside in District 6 now and District 6 needs our neighbors. We need Linda Vista, we need USD, and Bay Park/Mission Bay. Those are people that we frequent with, that we know and that we understand and those have many assets of the city that we need to use. I will miss my Mission Valley Association, but this is where I believe a new district should be drawn because a new district there will be able to incorporate a lot of different new neighborhoods and developments that are new to this city that will need representation. But this is way out of what your map already says. Right now, District 6 has very little in common with Rancho Bernardo [sic], Mira Mesa, and Miramar. I don't want to disenfranchise them; I'm just trying to tell the truth. Also I believe there is a little bit of a power play being played here. Like I said before, there's common interest situations here and Downtown is a powerbase. It's a huge powerbase. When we give Downtown to one district, that powerbase is not equally represented to the neighborhoods and to the districts. And I think we really need to go back and look at that. I think like people have been asked, that District 3 move back into Kensington area. If you move it back over there to the 43rd Street and move it that way, then you are going to have to take some people off. The map is going to have to move over from Downtown. I think

this will be a good chance to get District 8 and District 2 a little better representation of Downtown, the powerbase of our City and the political wherewithal. You know, we need to have the political wherewithal to be able to get stuff going on. That is what this Commission is about. So I ask that you look at that and that you look for more representation for all the people.

Comment 13: Valerie Sanfilippo

Good morning, I'm Valerie Sanfilippo. I've been a resident of Clairemont and Linda Vista since 1977. I'm a voter activist since 2003. I'm sorry that you not split Linda Vista in three; you split District 6, Donna Frye's district in three. I'm not sure that any other district has been so affected. Please reunite the three sections of Linda Vista. USD and Morena is not a separate neighborhood, it has no town council. North Linda Vista/Kearny High area is also part of Linda Vista. It has a low-cost clinic there. Linda Vista is a multicultural community with a multicultural fair. Linda Vista is too vulnerable community to be marginalized. It's more important to keep neighborhood town councils united with one City Council representative than to follow population counts. That's what's meant by practical, I think. Please reunite Clairemont Linda Vista. I agree with the maps and letters, the boundaries of 52, 5, 15, and 8, with the exception of Mission Valley, which are agree to by both Clairemont and Linda Vista Town Councils. They both want Linda Vista and Clairemont to be together with Bay Park and Birdlands Serra Mesa. The 44 bus runs up Linda Vista Road to Convey and Clairemont Mesa Blvd. The 105 runs up Morena Blvd., Bay Park, to Clairemont Drive and Clairemont Mesa Blvd. The 120 bus runs through Linda Vista through Clairemont to Kearny Mesa and Clairemont Mesa Blvd. We are the communities surrounding Tecolote Canyon Park. Linda Vista doesn't belong with the eastern communities. We have a Mission Bay view; that's our vista. Tierrasanta wants its western boundary to be 15. Linda Vista is even west of 163. Clairemont doesn't belong with Mira Mesa/Miramar. There is no shopping road connector there. Clairemont doesn't belong in the Asian district; we are not majority district. The Asian community wants to be Mira Mesa, to be reunited with Rancho Peñasquitos. Perhaps you could move Scripps Ranch to the eastern district. And I also wanted to mention that Kearny Mesa—if you take it to the Asian district it starts north of Aero Drive, not at Mesa College Drive. Thank you.

Comment 14: Ross Lopez

My name is Ross Lopez and I live on Madison Avenue in University Heights and I've been there for 23 years. I find it very odd that the Downtown interests are somehow associated with us. I don't see how the fact that 144,000 people in each district is important. It may be the law but if Downtown is included in our neighborhood, there may be 144,000 people in our neighborhood who would vote. But the interests of downtown are totally the opposite of anything we are interested in and they will over power us. All you have to do is walk around Downtown and walk around University Heights or North Park, or Hillcrest, or any of the other neighborhoods along Adams Avenue—we've nothing in common with Downtown. Their voice will overpower us, their money, their influence—the last year we had a powerful interest in our neighborhood and we had to hire a lobbyist to fight in Downtown. It took over \$60,000 of our money to do that and we do not have that kind of money to constantly fight big interests. I do not believe that this is a fair assessment of extending University Heights, mixed with Downtown, although I'm sure any other area would not want the Downtown interest in their district. Maybe you should make it their own district. They have totally different interest, totally different outlooks, and I would appreciate it if you would reconsider putting Kensington and some of the other areas that people have mentioned back into District 3 and make Downtown its own interest. Thank you.

Comment 15: Ernestine Bonn

Ernestine Bonn, I've lived in University Heights the past 37 years. I've also been active in the North Park community planning, and I'm currently sitting on the Uptown Planning Board, but I don't represent either of those groups. My concern is that one of the things that you stipulate is avoiding diluting the voting strength of protected classes and we are being diluted of our progressive interests. We've worked with Kensington, Mission Hills, Hillcrest on protecting our historical resources. Downtown is strictly for permits, we're for planning for the future. We don't want our boundaries blurred. Downtown wants to come up into uptown; it wants to extend so it can develop high-rises. This is not what we want for our future; we want to protect our history, and it's diametrically opposed. If you've seen what's happened to Downtown. They have demolished most of their history. We don't want that. So, please bring Kensington and Talmadge into our area and for heaven's sake, quarantine Downtown.

Comment 16: Laura Riebau

I'm Laura Riebau. I am chair of the Eastern Area Planning committee. I live in El Cerrito, which is one of the San Diego State University college areas. I'm here again to ask you to reconsider our neighborhoods as a community of interest, because that has not been done by your board before. Our community of interest is made up with our lifestyles and our values, the holidays we celebrate, the flags we wave, the sports that we play, when we say football, we mean the NFL and the AFL and the Chargers, we don't mean soccer – what we refer to as soccer. You're putting our neighborhoods–first, you're splitting our neighborhoods just to make numbers work for other communities of interest and I understand how important it is to give representation to historically underrepresented communities, but we are a community of interest too. And you're not supposed to tear up our voice and our community of the next ten years in order to give the other groups their representation. You're supposed to consider all of us at least at a minimal level, and you have considered many of the neighborhoods at a very over minimum level and not considered my level in the least. In fact, when it came time to put down considerations that had been taken by this board for our board, the sentences just wandered off into nothing. You couldn't come up with anything you had considered for our neighborhood. It was followed by awkward silence and you need to relook at our neighborhoods. And our neighborhoods, with our community values and our lifestyles and the people that live there belong with the communities of Del Cerro, Allied Gardens, Grantville. You are not paying attention to freeways in very many of these communities. You have crossed over freeway boundaries whenever it was needed to keep a community of interest together. And in our case, it is needed to keep our community of interest together. And Navajo–San Carlos can say they have nothing in common with our community but I'll guarantee that Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, and San Carlos have lots of apartments and lots of houses that house San Diego State students. Pull out any newspapers and you'll see that the ads say “close to San Diego State.” The buses that leave from the San Diego State trolley go through San Carlos, all the way to Jackson Drive. We have nothing in common with the Latino community that you are trying to work out. We need to have our neighborhood considered– first just given consideration– and consider us for what we are. We are the San Diego State University communities and that includes Redwood Village, that includes Rolando Park, that includes El Cerrito, Redwood, – sorry, Rolando Village, College West and College East, with Del Cerro, Allied Gardens, Grantville. Montezuma runs right into Fairmount Ave, which runs right into Grantville. We shop at the Home Depot in Grantville; we do lots of things in Grantville. That is one of our shopping centers. Petco, all sorts of stores in that area are the communities that we shop at. We also need to have included the College Grove Shopping Center; that is our

neighborhood shopping center as well. I'm going to continue to see you at all these meetings and continue to ask you to consider our neighborhoods. Thank you.

Comment 17: Anne Schoeller

Good morning to all, I'm Anne Schoeller. This is my eight meeting that I've attended and I'm from District 7, the College neighborhoods – north and south and San Diego State. I feel very strongly that this map does not represent us. We're being into districts for our population alone, which is against the Voter's Right Act of 1965. I lived in the South and I saw this going on, on a much larger scale, where communities were put in, – the votes were adjusted. Well, I feel this is on a much smaller scale, but I do not feel that we're– I think it's diluting our votes. The key principles were to avoid this and just find good faith in deviations having equal population. Well, in the north– and if you'd just looked at our community, all of 7, you would've seen that our population was 147,348. You're supposed to be 144,624, so there would have been very little need to even change us in the first place. We could've easily– the Hispanic communities that are over 54, which is one of our natural areas that ... They were in 7, they could've been put in the new district. There is no reason to cut us up like this. I think that you haven't really looked at– you didn't really look at 7 enough to see that we fit within all the parameters that you were looking for, all the criteria that you were looking for. You can get on one end of College at 94 and go straight across the 8, without even getting on anything else, and go through these northern communities. So, this is my belief and I think that you should take a real good look to give everyone an equal opportunity, a stable– we need stable communities. We've tried to build and keep our people from leaving our communities. We need you to look at this map and put us back in 7, all of us. Thank you.

Comment 18: Stephen Whitburn

Commissioners, good morning. I was watching was watching Thursday's hearing on TV last night, as pathetic as that is, and I was troubled by the perception amongst several speakers from the Asian community who expressed that this Commission has given preference to the Latino and the African American and the LGBT communities, over the Asian community. I don't think this Commission has given preference; rather, I think that the way the Commission has approached this looking at neighborhoods first, the neighborhood geography simply matches up better with the ethnic geography south of the 8 than it does north of the 8. That said I do hope that this Commission will take another look at the Asian community. It is true that the Asian percentage in the draft District 6 is already greater than the African American percentage in draft District 4 and certainly the LGBT percentage in draft District 3. But the point is that you've concentrated the African American and the LGBT communities within districts to the degree that you could to empower them and I hope that you will also concentrate the Asian community to the degree that you can within a district to empower that community. I also think that you could still make improvements to your draft map south of the 8, both from an ethnic perspective and from a neighborhood perspective. The Latino concentration is pretty diluted in District 9 by some of its whiter neighborhoods, including those to the east. And certainly we've heard testimony from the east that they see more akin with the neighborhoods to the north like Del Cerro, than to the west like City Heights. And lastly, I'm not sure that we've heard people from Downtown say that they necessarily want to be in one district. Maybe it is time to challenge that assumption. Maybe if there is an area that could be split up into different districts, it is Downtown. And maybe that could make a lot of other things that people really do care a lot about within this map work. Thank you.

Comment 19: Geoffrey Chan

Good morning, Commissioners. First I want to say it again, for what Commissioner Quiroz and Commissioner Morrow did on July 21st and that they were the only no votes for the passing of the preliminary map. Commissioner Quiroz, you stepped up to the plate and you hit a big, big home run. That ball didn't just land on the bleachers; that ball actually landed on more than 200,000 API San Diego residents' hearts. Thank you. The other comments I have to make, on July 21st Commissioner Nishioka commented on the College representative because they did not come here earlier to present their case, but for the API community we started here on the first day but our voices were not heard. Commissioner Marquez you guaranteed the chance of five more hearings for us to voice and that is why I'm here and I hope even though the situation is not to our favor. We are kind of facing Brian Wilson in the 9th inning, we only have one out left. I hope this last out will change the ballgame.

Comment 20: Amy Del Nagro

Good morning, my name is Amy Del Nagro. I live in Kensington. I also own a number of businesses; I'm a real estate professional. I have to agree that dividing Kensington from its geographic, its historic, and its economic basis with the central metro area is detrimental. I also believe El Cerrito has certainly a concern in being divided from its community. When we sell properties, the economics of selling a complete community, a named community is very important, so it would detrimental to values of homes and to even businesses. So, I really think also that the City should consider making the Downtown area its own district also. Thank you.

Comment 21: Bob Coffin

Good morning, it is good to see you again. As you may remember, I am the existing vice chair of the Kensington-Talmadge planning group, Planning Commission. To my right is Tom Hebrank who was the chair until Mr. Moty took over. Mr. Moty lives in Talmadge, as do four other members of our planning group. Ten of us live in Kensington. What we've—since the two planning groups have been joined together what we've tried to do in the interest of fairness is to every two years change the chair. So one year you'd have a resident of Kensington being the chair, and the next year you'd have a resident of Talmadge. So, Mr. Moty replaced Tom, here, as the chair and he's in Talmadge, as I mentioned. But what we tried to do also is look out for one another and to have actions that serve both communities. In this instance, I believe Mr. Moty decided to go for something was in Talmadge a benefit, but not in Kensington's benefit. He was interviewed by the Voice of San Diego as to why he is promoting pulling Talmadge and Kensington into District 9. This is on July 27th. He candidly admitted that it was going to be in Talmadge's best interest because of the development of El Cajon Boulevard, which kind of leaves us in Kensington in the dust. I mean, we've been trying to get Adams Avenue developed and trying to work together with Talmadge, but he struck out on his own and appeared before this board to say that Kensington has agreed to this. It has not. And I will be back at the next meeting with signatures of members of the planning group to indicate that they did not agree to this and they believe it would be very hurtful to Kensington to end up in District 9. So, thank you very much.

Comment 22: Sherry Hopwood

Hi, I'm Sherry Hopwood. I am a standing member of the Kensington Talmadge Planning board. I echo what Bob said. Kensington is not for this even though David Moty did say that we were. I live in District 3, Council District 3 for 33 years. When it was time for me to purchase a house, I bought a house in

District 3 because culturally, politically that's where I belong. Now, to find out that I'm going to be sectioned off in Kensington and put with a long bit of property, really, that has nothing to do with my beliefs, my way of being, is not right. I feel disenfranchised. I do think you will be disenfranchising a huge amount of people, both in the gay community and just in Kensington community by doing this. We do belong historically with the other—North Park and Normal Heights and all of those going down Adams Avenue. We were created as a trolley district for Adams Avenue and that's why Kensington came about. And now you are going to tell us we belong with south San Diego? We don't belong there. We're not going to help the Latino vote one bit. They're not going to help us. I think that if you really want to empower different ethnicities or cultures, then you need to empower them and let's keep who belongs together with each other. Give each community the power they need to get the votes they need to do what they need to do. So, I guess, basically, that is pretty much what I have to say. But please, we'll always shop at each other's— you know, they're just borders when it comes to Council Districts, we'll shop across the street, we'll do everything. But politics, voting is important and we need to have our power.

Comment 23: Cecilia Conover

Good morning. Thanks for your time, thanks for being here and for all the hard work that is going into this entire program, I would just like to reiterate a couple of outlines that the Chief of Staff mentioned when she introduced each of the draft neighborhoods— or, draft districts... was the key thing that you were intending for District 3 to keep its historic neighborhoods together and respect the geographic differences. So, our community of Kensington just celebrated its 100-year anniversary. We are a very strong, historic community. We have a very strong relationship with University Heights and Normal Heights, and even Mission Hills and North Park. And we have a very strong business community with these areas, as well. It kind of feels like we are getting our pinky lopped off here, because Kensington is very small and it's easy to sort of push that line up along 15 and think, "there is a nice big geographic boundary," but in reality 15 has never posed any problem as a boundary for Kensington residents to access Adams Ave. It is our main street, our mainstay social and business district. Also, geographically we have a very obvious cutoff with Aldine Drive cutting through the canyon that separates us from Talmadge. Even though we've had a history of a shared planning group with Talmadge, we are really more geographically connected to Normal Heights. I'm also in favor of having you seriously hold on to the idea this is a draft, not get too married to it and give a lot of thought to lumping Downtown into these neighborhoods.

Comment 24: David Conover

Thank you, Commissioners. My name is David Conover and I've lived in Kensington with my wife Cecelia for 20 years. And I don't envy your position with this pie and all the different slices that are happening and I think what we are hearing today is, everybody is concerned about what their piece of the pie is going to look like under this draft proposal. So for me to specifically talk about my particular self interest and the historicity of the home and then neighborhood that I live in and the community efforts that my wife has been involved with is merely sort of a self-interest at this point. I think what is more important is the fact that the Commissioners see the representation for Kensington here, which seems to be very strong and recognize the fact that there is a significant amount of historicity within those communities that we just talked about. So, I would rather move away from myself, which is great, and say that I support one of the strongest presentations, which is Tom Hebrank's, and his presentation I

think allows for all the considerations both politically and population and flavor and community interest. So, I am here in support of that. I'd like you to consider that also. Thank you.

Comment 25: Joe Pettigrew

Good morning, commissioners. My name is Joe Pettigrew. I am a resident of University Heights. Previously, I lived in Banker's Hill and I grew up in Point Loma. First thing, I'd like to echo some of the previous speakers who suggested returning the Pacific Highway corridor to District 3. There—in addition to the warehouses and other businesses there, there are actually a couple of apartment buildings on Laurel Street, which right now are completely isolated from any other population in District 2. And just returning them across the street to District 3 would re-enfranchise them. Secondly, I'd like to talk a little bit about District 9 and its contiguity. In addition to—you know, I understand no matter how you slice the pie, you are going to be dividing communities which today seems like natural ways. The only way we can keep all the communities together would be to put District 9 in La Mesa and Lemon Grove. But right now if you look at Mount Hope and Mountain View, it is impossible to get from those communities to the rest of District 9 by foot, by bicycle, by car unless you go on the freeway. There is no surface street connection between those communities. So I would argue that it would be better for those communities to stay with either District 4 or District 8, where they have historically had connections and physical connections. That would be the issue that I bring before you today. Thank you very much.

Comment 26: Alberto M. Ochoa

Buenos dias. I'm Alberto Ochoa. I've been a resident of Linda Vista for over 35 years and I'm a member of Linda Vista Town Council. At your July 21st meeting, you approved the Preliminary Redistricting Plan that would split Linda Vista community into three council districts, Districts 2, 6, and 7. Although the proposed splitting of our community contributes very little to the overall numbers of residents in other districts, it represents a significant decline in the voting power of our community, Linda Vista, and the power of our local elections. The proposed plan moves the core of Linda Vista to a new district, with other communities with whom we share very little in common. Linda Vista is tied very closely to Clairemont District 6. Not only will you move us to a new district, you would also dilute our political power. There is a deep concern that this opens the way for the eventual disempowerment of our community beyond the City Council redistricting process. The preliminary plan completely disregards one of the key tenants of the redistricting process: preserve identifiable communities of interest. Please do not use our ethnically and linguistically diverse Linda Vista community to achieve the Commission's magic number for population equality of the districts. I respectfully request that the Commission not move forward with the Preliminary Plan that will partition Linda Vista into three different Council Districts.

Comment 27: Linda Perine

Good morning, my name is Linda Perine. I am the chair of the LGBT Redistricting Task Force. I'd like to thank you, Commissioners and staff, for your service to our community. I'm beginning to understand personally how difficult your task is. I also know that we are almost at the end of a very long process. I'm going to miss you all. You're probably not going to miss me, but I can live with that. I'd just like to address just a couple of topics real fast. The first one is the Asian Pacific Islander community. You've all done a good job, I think, for whatever my opinions worth. I think that possibly I would like to ask

you to look again to see if we can just do a little better. You've done a very good job south of 8. One of the problems that we are facing now is that we're comparing "goods" and "betters." Everyone that's here is looking at something that's good and going "you can make it better for me." I'm going to ask you to do something that I know you are going to do whether I ask you or not, which is to keep in mind the best think for the city. Every single person in this room has a good argument or they wouldn't be here. But at this point you've looked at most of those arguments already. So, with all due humbleness and humility, the one argument that I hope you will pay special attention to because I just think it's the right thing is, could we just please, and I'll be happy to be as helpful as I can, please look at the API district again. Thank you for all your hard work.

Comment 28: Margaret Lopez

Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Margaret Lopez and I've been living in Linda Vista for most of my adult life and I'm just here to express my concerns about the redistricting of Linda Vista into two or three different districts. I've seen a few maps and spoken with several others about Linda Vista being divided up and I don't understand that because of the Census we have to cut the fat, we have to do something. But, my comments are—first is that Kearny Mesa High School, I was under the impression that that was going to be cut out of our district and I don't understand that because most of our Linda Vista kids go to Kearny Mesa High. Why would we put a school that serves a major part of Linda Vista into another district and split that up? And then, also USD has been a partner with our elementary schools and is much more a part of Linda Vista than the beach communities. They're always partnering with all the schools, so I don't know why we would redistrict that to be toward the beach communities when they're always with our children. And last but not least, I feel to spilt up the community with the Navy housing also be split up north of Genesee, I think that is a mistake because Linda Vista was founded and built by military—you know, founded—it's historical for military families and we love our military families. And I just to know if you could just please take a look at the divisions considered and draw the redistricting lines in a more positive manner, one that works for our Linda Vista. I think that many of our multicultural residents have no idea what's going on; there're not aware of the redistricting and they don't understand the ramifications. Thank you.

Comment 29: Janet Kaye

Madam Chair and Commissioners, thank you for providing this forum and thank you for your service. I do echo the comments of my compadre Dr. Ochoa. I'm here representing Linda Vista Town Council and the Linda Vista CDC. Our representative from USD is on travel, Mr. Tom Cleary. I would like you to please reconsider the three-way division which dilutes our voter strength for the Linda Vista community. The City Charter, when you go to Section 5.1, I feel is not being honored because this new District 7—and if you could please pull District 7 up on the map to show the entire area, I'd sure appreciate that. This District 7 is not compact. It meanders all over the place and we're just a small little western piece of it. A natural border is actually at 15, Interstate 15. Obviously, we will not have fair and effective political representation. We also ask that you retain USD in District 7 where they belong, and not park them in District 2. I think it appears odd that we're hooked on with this meandering district going far, far to the east. We have Tecolote Canyon; Mission Trails Park is on the other end. Let's divide up these wonderful walking canyon areas. Our natural connector is with Clairemont as many people have said. According to your findings and reasons for adoptions, most of the north slopes, you say, along Linda Vista and part of that is not true. The majority of our northern slope is high above Mission Valley, Fashion Valley. If you drive along and take a look up, these hillsides have long been in hillside review.

These are not natural slopes. It's called Linda Vista Mesa. So, thank you for allowing me to speak and good luck with what you have to do.

Comment 30: Cindy Chan

Good morning, Commissioners and the public, First I want to thank everyone who attended the last hearing and sat in those very uncomfortable chairs for two hours as mentioned by Commissioner Quiroz. Second, I want to clarify who APAC is as there seems to be a lot of confusion out there. APAC is a grassroots organization made up of San Diegans who are part of or support the Asian community. We do not have paid officers, board members, speakers, or memberships, nor do we have corporate sponsors or donors. In contrast to what Mr. Andy Berg does, APAC does not advocate for special interest groups who represent developers or contractors or other big businesses. Don't get me wrong, I respect what he does and what others like him do for a living, but if Mr. Berg truly represented the diverse people of Peñasquitos, which I'm a part of, he would not have rushed to accept the division and segregation of Peñasquitos and other Peñasquitanos would not have stood before you requesting otherwise. As I understand it, redistricting is about one person/one vote, not big businesses and big votes. Who you see at virtually every hearing with APAC, including the dozens who came out last Thursdays, are regular folks with no protesting experience, not even me who attended Berkley in the 90s. We work in education, in technology, are doctors, students, small business owners, engineers, restaurant workers, mothers, grandmothers, even great grandmothers. I've great respect for my fellow supporters who take time off to work to rush to this meeting as soon as possible and for some to speak in front of an audience for the very first time and in a foreign. I mean, how scary is that? They inspire me to continue fighting for my community as someone whose parents have sacrificed so much so that I can become the well-educated and informed person that I hope I am today. I'm sure that some of you on the Commission are products of that sacrifice as well. Yes, APAC is one organization but our community consists of 204,000 plus individuals and is growing the fastest. Let us stand against the continued diminishment of the API community. While other major communities of interest have their own empowered district or districts, we have none. This injustice to our community and to San Diego is one that only you, the Commissioners, can correct. Our messages have been loud and clear and specific. The whole of Peñasquitos and Mira Mesa, among others, belong together as attested to by over 2,300 San Diegans. We support the increased representation of all communities of interest and I thank you for all the support that I've heard. And the Asian empowered district the new number 9 District. We've patiently waited decades and decades for representation, but we are patient no longer. The City cannot afford to have representation of the API community further delayed and deferred. As long as Mira Mesa, which holds the largest and highest concentration of APIs, is put into an even numbered district you will be deferring elections for those 75,000 San Diegans. Commissioners, you have the opportunity to be either the Commissioner who acted in favor of the continue disenfranchisement of the API community, or you can go down in history as the Commissioner who finally did the right thing for the API community and for all of San Diego. The question is, who do you want to be? Thank you.

Comment 31: Deborah Knight

Good morning, Commissioners. Deborah Knight. I wanted to give you a kind of a personal example of what I've been involved in University City in the last month as a way of kind of explaining why our community planning area is important to us as a community, not just all the social, economic and other ties that we have. I live in south University City and I've never been on the planning group, the University City Planning Group, which encompasses all of north and south UC, but I have attended and

been involved for at least ten years. So, I've seen a lot pass through that planning group. Unlike other planning group in the areas, we have an incredibly—our meetings go on for hours. We have a packed agenda because we have a lot of developments occurring. I was interested about Kensington's hundredth anniversary. In 1980, much of north University was an open field still. There were coyotes out there. So, it is really a newer community; we were created as the university community because of the creation of UCSD in 1960. This past month, we had...our planning group is considering the construction—the approval of major new office building north of La Jolla Village Drive, that area that's, you know, that APAC has proposed to cut out of University City, which has a very small population number. It is not a significant population center to be added to that; that would not make a big difference in their map. We also—UCSD has a massive new expansion going on, on their east campus, which again would be in that area that would be, you know, is proposed— that little sort of tag, on the APAC map. I'm very supportive of their considerations, but I think that area of north UC should not be considered as a piece of that. Thank you.

Comment 32: Matt Corrales

Good afternoon, Commission. Again, I appreciate the work that the Chair and the Commission has done and coming up with these maps. Basically, I'm going to just suggest a few tweaks to this map. I think we have a great start, again, especially in the areas south of 8, although I would, again, also echo the comments that we reconsider the API district and make it much more compact and make it much more strong. Specifically regarding the areas with District 7 and District 9, and the overlap there along the 8—in the 2008 election I worked with a group that is based in SDSU to register voters and really make sure that college students were out there getting voting and making sure that college students were maximizing their potential to influence City Council. And one of the ways, you know— what we saw the College community as is— as a lot of other people have testified— is areas both north and south of the 8. I really think we need to reconsider realigning those areas and tweaking the map accordingly more with the old District 7. The College community is the areas in College West and East there; it is the community of El Cerrito, it is the community of Del Cerro, and yes, it goes into parts of San Carlos, Allied Gardens, and Grantville. That is the SDSU community and I think it's high time that the Commission—or sorry, it would be a great idea for the Commission to reconsider reuniting that area. As far as what that affect is on the Latino community, we have the opportunity by moving those areas north, take a few of the neighborhoods down south, and we can get our Latino community up to 53%, up to as much as 55%. There is a great opportunity here to reunite the College communities and make sure we have a more contiguous Latino community. And finally, I don't understand why the Kensington-Talmadge people are suddenly wanting to split up, when earlier I heard dozens of testimonies to the contrary. It's interesting that that's a more diverse neighborhood now and suddenly they want to split. Thank you.

Comment 33: Marilyn Rogers

Hi, my name is Marilyn Rogers and I have lived in Point Loma since 1962 and my children went to school at Point Loma High School. I've been involved in various community activities, including the closure of NTC when it was converted to Liberty Station. I want to commend the Commission on their drawing of the district map for District 2, in particular. I've think you've done a good job. I know it's been a difficult job. And I just want to be sure that you keep Point Loma as one community and I like the way it's been put with the other beach communities. We have the airport in common and we have

the beach. We have two zip codes but we have more things in common and I'd like you to keep Point Loma as one community. Thank you.

Comment 34: Frank Silanos

Hello, my name is Frank Silanos and I'm a resident of Kensington. I know a lot of people from Kensington have been talking about the various reasons why we should remain part of District 3, including Adams Avenue being the streetcar suburb, you know, the shared facilities such as the parks and the stores that we go to, and the fact that there's a big significant LGBT community in Kensington. But I think one of the things that we really need to focus on is the fact that Kensington is an area of historic homes mainly from the '20s and '30s. If you really look at all of San Diego, how many homes are there from that era? There's really not that many in the grand scheme of things and it's so important that we preserve those neighborhoods, those older neighborhoods, because that's our heritage. I mean, that's something that years from now, people are going to look back and say, you know, look at this great, wonderful neighborhood. And we need to make sure that Kensington is preserved. And I think the best to do that is to keep it as part of the historic communities, such as Mission Hills, Normal Heights, North Park, University Heights. I mean the last thing we want is 20, 30, 40 years from now, we look back and say, oh, you know, Kensington— yea, they had all these old homes, but when they kind of put together with this bigger group of newer housing, they kind of just lost its way and those homes were replaced, or they weren't kept up. And I think that would be really sad for our community and for our history and for the future. Thank you very much.

Comment 35: Ross Connelly

Good morning, Commissioners and staff. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this. My name is Ross Connelly representing the Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association. That is the area surrounded between the 15, the 805, and the 94 freeways. I'm here to encourage you to relook at this map for our neighborhood. We seem to be a linchpin in the new District 9. I'm not sure how it ended up that way but our neighborhood has a majority of white population. It also has a high LGBT community and it has a mix of other minority compliments as well. And so, we have more in common with the current District 3, because of both the makeup and also the communities of interest in our neighborhood. Also, we are adjacent to Azalea Park, which also has a LGBT community, as well. And so, those areas of the proposed District 9, we would prefer to see them back into the District 3, because we share more in common both from a representation standpoint and also from a population standpoint. Just a little background, we have had excellent representation from the members of District 3 for many, many years and our neighbors feel very comfortable with representation that they have received from those district members in the past. We would hate to see that change in a new District 9 on which the focus has suddenly become towards a minority base and not towards a whole population. And it is our opinion that District 9 has been thrown together in the mid-city area to more take of a population base put together instead of looking at what the neighborhoods have in common from a political and cultural standpoint. Also, we also feel that in the past we've had several representatives in City Heights and that has added to our base of influence. Now, we only have one and so we actually feel that our influence within matters in our area will decrease as a matter of this new map. Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak this morning.

(Transcript Ends)

ITEM 3 – COMMISSIONER COMMENT

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dalal adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Julie Corrales, Executive Secretary
2010 Redistricting Commission

**Written Comments Received July 30, 2011
Redistricting Commission Public Hearing**

Comment 1: Lorraine M. Silva

I am against splitting Pt. Loma in half. I have lived in Point Loma all my life. My three children have as well. Please don't change a good thing. It works as it is.

Comment 2: Marilyn Rogers

I comment the Redistricting Commission on your Preliminary Plan for the city with regard to District 2. The peninsula of Pt. Loma may have two zip codes but it has one high school with common interests of traffic corridors, airport problems, and the beaches. I urge you to keep Pt. Loma as one community with other beach communities. Don't split Point Loma. Thank you for the job you are doing.

Comment 3: Melinda Appling

Please do not divide LV in 3 parts. Our neighborhood has nothing in common with District 7.

Comment 4: Luis Perez

I do not agree with the proposed redistricting of Linda Vista, my community since 1961 when we purchased our house because we planned to live. Keep Linda Vista as is – do not change our community. Amen!

Comment 5: Dorothy Perez

I oppose the division of Linda Vista into three districts. No changes are needed to divide into three districts.

Comment 6: Amy Del Nagro

Per pg 2 – stop hiding behind “the law”! Many laws are passed to support special interests and are morally objectionable and in many cases, legally wrong as well. Laws can be unmade also.

Comment 7: Jean C. Nemer

We respectfully request the inclusion of the SD Airport in Council Dist. 2 because the airport directly and dramatically impacts the Pt. Loma community. We need a council representative and district that recognizes our rights.

Comment 8: Margaret McCann

Keep Kensington 3.

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2011

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

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

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

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

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

ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Dalal called the roll:

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

(Transcript Begins)

Comment 1: Councilmember Sherri Lightner

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

CITY ATTORNEY AND STAFF ASIGNED TO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION COMMENT

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

(Transcript Ends)

PUBLIC HEARING:

ITEM 1 – OVERVIEW OF PRELIMINARY REDISTRICTING PLAN

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

ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING PRELIMINARY REDISTRICTING PLAN

(Transcript Begins)

Comment 1: Andy Berg

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

Comment 2: Keith B. Rhodes

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

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

Comment 3: Helen Boyden

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

Comment 4: Phyllis Minick

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

Comment 5: Joe La Cava

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

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

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

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

Comment 6: Maggie McCann

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

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

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

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

Comment 7: John Garrison

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

Comment 8: Loretta D. Spano

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

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

Comment 9: Nancy A. Manno

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

Comment 10: Cecilia Carrick

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

Comment 11: Shelley Plumb

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

Comment 12: Rick Newman

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

Comment 13: Gary Rotto

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

Comment 14: Lisa Lem

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

Comment 15: Jan Iverson

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

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

Comment 16: Mel Hinton

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

Comment 17: Patricia Wilson

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

Comment 18: Shirley Kaldenborn

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

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

Comment 19: Charles Herzfeld

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

Comment 20: Laura Riebau

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

Comment 21: Anne Schoeller

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

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

Comment 22: Marilyn Dupree

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

Comment 23: Tim Lucas

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

Comment 24: Dennis Spurr

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

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

Comment 25: Ann Garwood

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

Comment 26: Nancy Moors

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

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

Comment 27: Mike Shoecraft

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

Comment 28: Michael Costello

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

Comment 29: Dr. Ariane Jansma

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

Comment 30: Janet Kaye

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

Comment 31: Deborah Knight

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

Comment 32: John Straw

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

Comment 33: Dorothy Perez

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

Comment 34: Margaret McKnight

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

Comment 35: Anne MacMillan Eichman

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

Comment 36: Cindy Chan

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Comment 37: Ralph Peters

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

Comment 38: Joyce Summer

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

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

Comment 39: Dr. Allen Chan

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

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

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

Comment 40: Dan Holstein

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

Comment 41: Lisa Heikoff

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

Comment 42: Janay Kruger

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

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

Comment 43: Amy Reyes

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

(Transcript Ends)

ITEM 3 – COMMISSIONER COMMENT

There was no comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Susan Manning, Executive Secretary
2010 Redistricting Commission

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

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

Comment 2: Kevin Smith

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

Comment 3: Patricia Brounstein

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

Comment 4: Janet Hawkins

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

**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

Devi! 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 Mira 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-sum 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

Summary of Plan Decisions for August 15 Plan (with Shelltown Options)

Based on direction at the August 9 meeting, the mapping consultant team has prepared revisions to the adopted preliminary plan.

#	Direction	August 15 Plan
1	Move Linda Vista area northeast of Genesee Avenue from District 6 to District 7	Y
2	Move the area south of Commercial Street and east of Harbor Boulevard in the East Village Business Improvement District from District 8 to District 3	Y

The Commission also considered moving Shelltown from District 8 to District 9, and directed the mapping consultant team to prepare reports that show both options. Both options reflect implementation of Directions 1 and 2 above.

The following information is provided in the agenda packet:

- Detail map showing implementation of Direction 1 (Linda Vista)
- Option showing Shelltown in District 8
 - Citywide map with Community Planning Areas
 - Detail map of Shelltown area and implementation of Direction 2 (East Village/Barrio Logan)
 - District demographic tables
- Option showing Shelltown in District 9
 - Citywide map with Community Planning Areas
 - Detail map of Shelltown area and implementation of Direction 2 (East Village/Barrio Logan)
 - District demographic tables

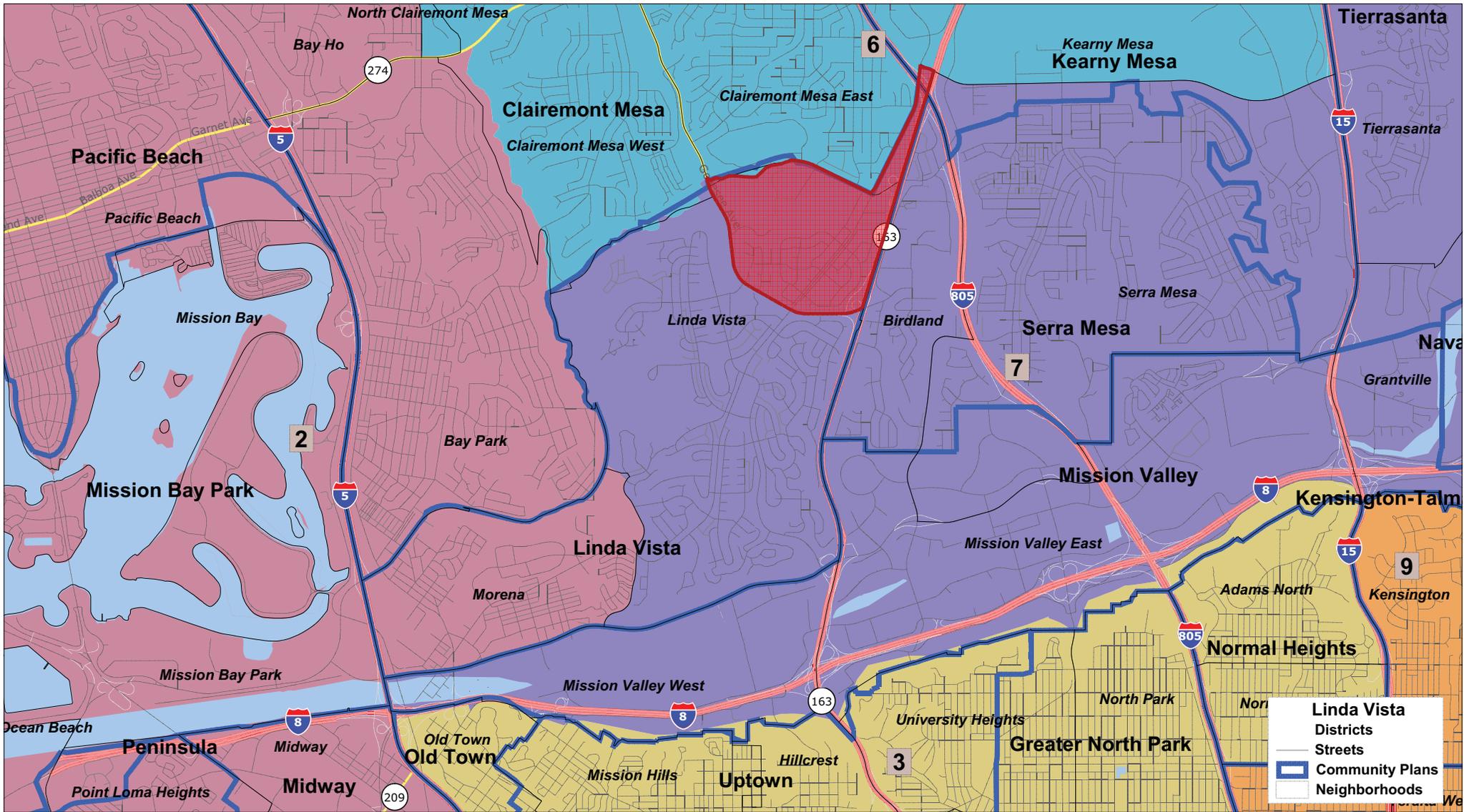
Additional, street level detail of district boundaries in each draft preliminary plan is accessible using the ESRI online redistricting tool. To access each map:

- Access sd-redistricting.esri.com (create log-in if first time user)
- “File” --> “Open” --> “Shared Plans” --> “Everyone”
- Select the plan you wish to access:

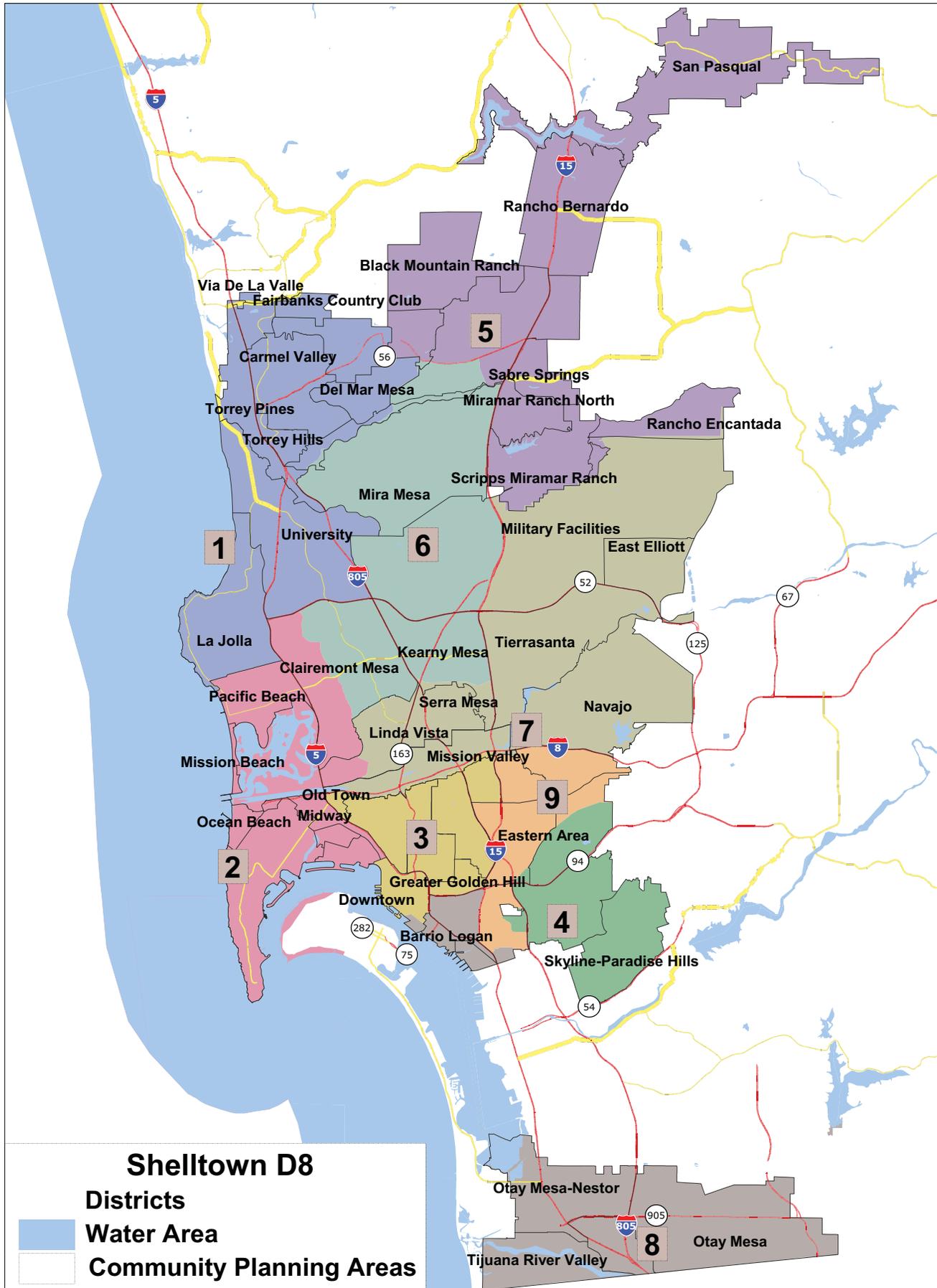
Plan ID	Plan Name
38802	Shelltown D8 (also shows implementation of Directions 1 and 2)
38801	Shelltown D9 (also shows implementation of Directions 1 and 2)

To ensure full functionality of the online tool, enable pop-up windows on the browser and install Adobe Flash Player version 10.2.

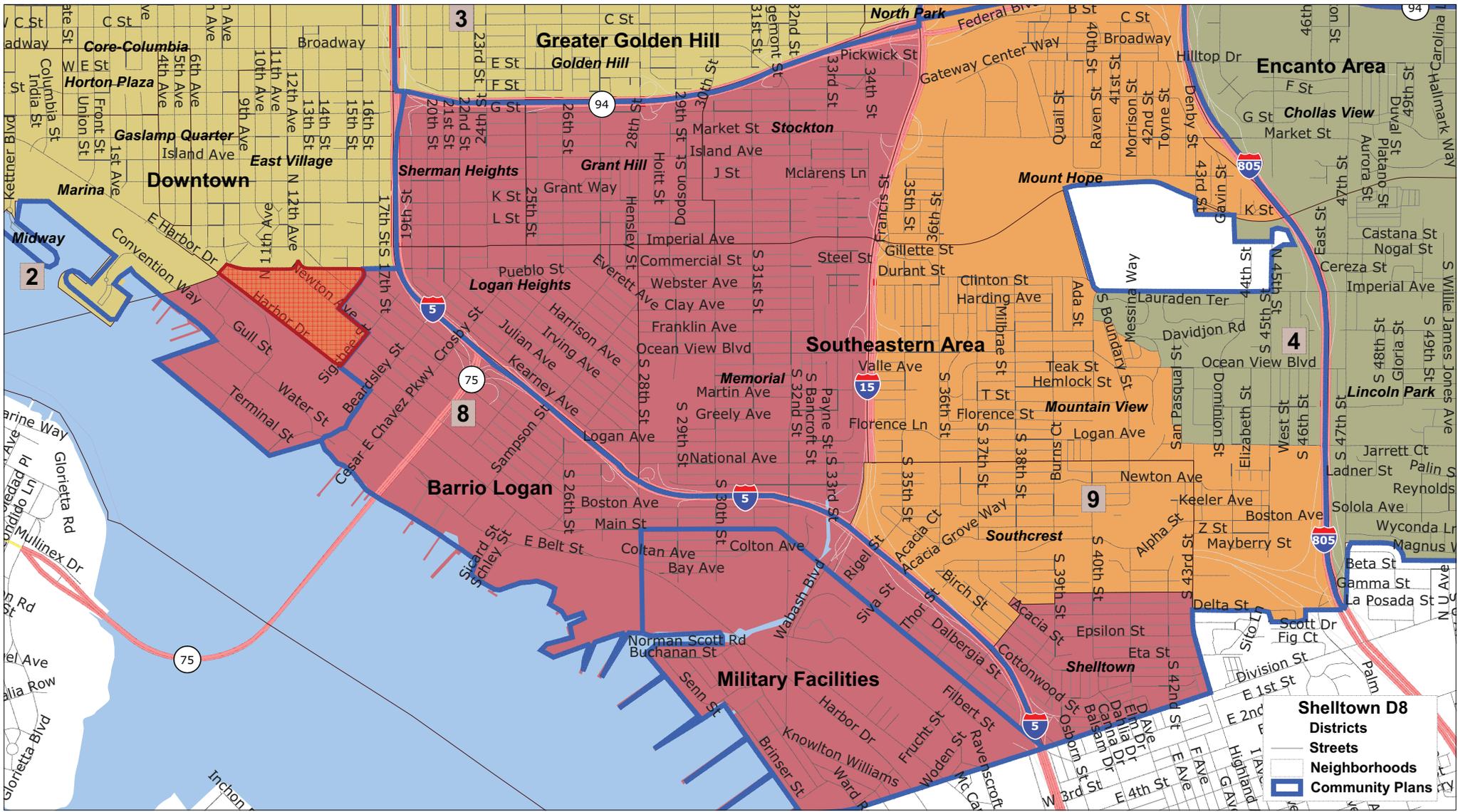
AUGUST 15 PLAN -- LINDA VISTA DETAIL MAP



AUGUST 15 PLAN SHELLTOWN IN DISTRICT 8 OPTION



AUGUST 15 PLAN - EAST VILLAGE & BARRIO LOGAN DETAIL MAP (SHELLTOWN IN DISTRICT 8 OPTION)



Dist	Tot. Pop.	Dev.	% Dev.	NH								
				Hisp	Wht	Blk	DOJ Ind	Asn	Hwn	Oth	OthMR	
1	147,375	2,751	1.90%	12,564	93,271	1,998	482	37,531	284	600	645	
2	142,711	-1,913	-1.32%	19,619	108,477	3,847	1,102	7,341	577	753	746	
3	147,119	2,495	1.73%	37,059	85,525	11,058	1,249	10,027	571	513	1,117	
4	142,727	-1,897	-1.31%	59,188	16,839	28,251	497	34,043	1,620	279	2,010	
5	143,961	-663	-0.46%	13,641	87,076	4,134	634	36,536	527	436	977	
6	140,738	-3,886	-2.69%	22,547	61,527	5,835	793	47,158	963	483	1,432	
7	147,113	2,738	1.89%	28,695	85,660	9,461	1,170	19,454	998	487	1,437	
8	144,828	204	0.14%	108,630	14,774	6,671	402	12,859	482	209	801	
9	145,045	421	0.29%	73,025	33,655	16,268	672	19,370	515	382	1,158	
Total	1,301,617	6,637	4.59%	374,968	586,804	87,523	7,001	224,319	6,537	4,142	10,323	
Ideal	144,624											

Dist	% Hisp.	% NH			% NH			
		Wht	Blk	DOJ Ind	Asn	Hwn	Oth	OthMR
1	8.5%	63.3%	1.4%	0.3%	25.5%	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%
2	13.7%	76.0%	2.7%	0.8%	5.1%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%
3	25.2%	58.1%	7.5%	0.8%	6.8%	0.4%	0.3%	0.8%
4	41.5%	11.8%	19.8%	0.3%	23.9%	1.1%	0.2%	1.4%
5	9.5%	60.5%	2.9%	0.4%	25.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.7%
6	16.0%	43.7%	4.1%	0.6%	33.5%	0.7%	0.3%	1.0%
7	19.5%	58.2%	6.4%	0.8%	13.2%	0.7%	0.3%	1.0%
8	75.0%	10.2%	4.6%	0.3%	8.9%	0.3%	0.1%	0.6%
9	50.3%	23.2%	11.2%	0.5%	13.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.8%
Total	28.8%	45.1%	6.7%	0.5%	17.2%	0.5%	0.3%	0.8%

Abbreviations:
 Dev. = Deviation
 Hisp = Hispanic
 NH = "Non-Hispanic"
 Wht = White
 Blk = Black / African American
 Ind = Native American
 Asn = Asian American
 Haw or Hwn = Hawaiian and Pacific Islander
 Oth = Other
 OthMR or MR = Multi-Race
 Fil = Filipino
 "DOJ" = Aggregated according to U.S. Department of Justice guidance
 Reg = Voter Registration
 CVAP = Citizen Voting Age Population

Note: Total population figure adjusted to reflect split of Census Block number 060730090002000. The racial and ethnic subtotals and percentages are not adjusted, as group quarters data on racial and ethnic composition are not yet available from the Census Bureau.

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1	119,971	9,524	76,924	1,587	369	30,477	215	420	455	78,244	4,206	7,369	594	7,963	53,225	2,418	3,584	332	3,916
2	124,166	15,152	97,315	2,935	955	6,196	458	625	530	81,777	5,873	1,478	660	2,138	52,432	3,120	860	344	1,204
3	130,814	29,174	80,250	9,420	1,139	9,021	492	445	873	82,509	10,540	1,894	823	2,717	51,041	5,481	1,080	460	1,540
4	103,218	38,396	14,782	20,384	402	26,739	1,216	188	1,111	59,934	18,812	2,076	3,869	5,945	30,135	8,486	916	1,936	2,852
5	107,410	8,879	68,016	2,788	461	26,075	369	287	535	79,382	6,383	5,824	2,054	7,878	54,650	3,730	3,186	1,146	4,332
6	111,742	15,681	52,083	4,222	654	37,147	736	341	878	67,623	8,973	6,729	3,296	10,025	42,922	4,946	3,308	1,770	5,078
7	115,970	19,302	72,139	6,490	893	15,306	753	320	767	75,930	8,008	3,367	1,012	4,379	50,243	4,291	1,755	545	2,300
8	103,297	72,895	13,283	5,276	342	10,456	402	148	495	46,451	29,751	371	2,109	2,480	22,520	13,439	146	1,146	1,292
9	105,661	46,451	30,508	11,608	577	15,144	403	270	700	51,012	12,761	3,649	561	4,210	25,384	5,176	1,667	245	1,912
Total	1,022,249	255,454	505,300	64,710	5,792	176,561	5,044	3,044	6,344	622,862	105,307	32,757	14,978	47,735	382,552	51,087	16,502	7,924	24,426

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8	70.6%	12.9%	5.1%	0.3%	10.1%	0.4%	0.1%	0.5%	64.0%	0.8%	4.5%	5.3%	59.7%	0.6%	5.1%	5.7%
9	44.0%	28.9%	11.0%	0.5%	14.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.7%	25.0%	7.2%	1.1%	8.3%	20.4%	6.6%	1.0%	7.5%
Total	25.0%	49.4%	6.3%	0.6%	17.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.6%	16.9%	5.3%	2.4%	7.7%	13.4%	4.3%	2.1%	6.4%

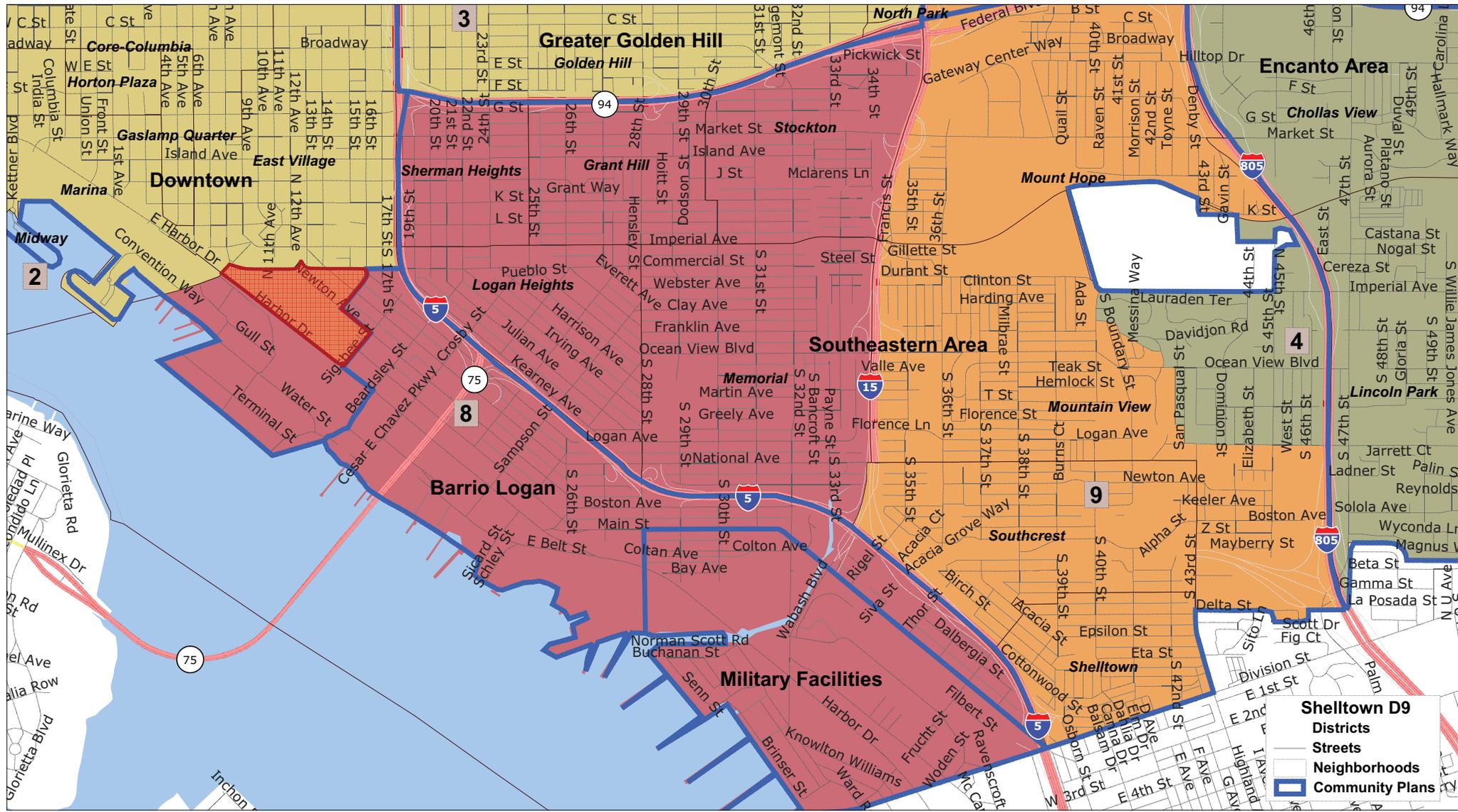
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Dist	Special Tabulation								American Community Survey (ACS)								
	Total CVAP	Hisp CVAP	NH Wht CVAP	NH Blk CVAP	NH Asn CVAP	NH Ind CVAP	NH Hwn CVAP	NH MR CVAP	Total CVAP	Hisp CVAP	NH Wht CVAP	NH Blk CVAP	NH Asn CVAP	NH Ind CVAP	NH Hwn CVAP	NH MR CVAP	NH Oth CVAP
1	100,002	7,008	74,461	1,033	15,823	77	45	1,555	100,195	7,061	74,504	1,027	15,955	97	64	1,944	2,400
2	118,227	11,229	98,569	2,241	3,740	432	435	1,539	118,220	11,226	98,389	2,305	3,823	642	473	2,243	2,347
3	110,864	17,859	76,872	7,682	4,936	620	370	2,448	110,716	17,906	76,293	7,724	5,040	1,305	432	4,018	4,069
4	80,658	21,391	15,189	20,389	20,137	145	1,750	1,628	80,844	21,413	15,244	20,284	20,508	225	1,983	2,443	5,856
5	93,762	7,203	66,431	2,746	15,101	336	211	1,752	93,257	7,158	65,563	2,820	15,471	394	213	2,535	1,814
6	99,788	12,060	55,956	2,817	25,981	330	348	2,241	99,345	12,093	55,643	2,786	25,632	488	404	3,263	4,219
7	108,695	14,178	75,528	5,987	9,169	656	990	2,205	108,962	14,186	75,495	6,086	9,449	889	1,000	3,030	3,573
8	72,197	41,567	15,839	6,033	7,335	233	133	1,018	72,389	41,568	15,905	6,311	7,579	594	158	2,115	9,207
9	70,999	18,704	31,803	10,246	8,230	380	172	1,457	70,292	18,464	31,232	10,497	8,136	615	191	2,156	5,362
Total	855,192	151,199	510,647	59,174	110,451	3,209	4,453	15,842	854,220	151,076	508,267	59,839	111,592	5,249	4,919	23,746	38,847

Dist	Special Tabulation								American Community Survey (ACS)								
	% Total CVAP	% Hisp CVAP	% NH Wht CVAP	% NH Blk CVAP	% NH Asn CVAP	% NH Ind CVAP	% NH Hwn CVAP	% NH MR CVAP	% Total CVAP	% Hisp CVAP	% NH Wht CVAP	% NH Blk CVAP	% NH Asn CVAP	% NH Ind CVAP	% NH Hwn CVAP	% NH MR CVAP	% NH Oth CVAP
1	83.4%	7.0%	74.5%	1.0%	15.8%	0.1%	0.0%	1.6%	83.5%	7.0%	74.4%	1.0%	15.9%	0.1%	0.1%	1.9%	2.4%
2	95.2%	9.5%	83.4%	1.9%	3.2%	0.4%	0.4%	1.3%	95.2%	9.5%	83.2%	1.9%	3.2%	0.5%	0.4%	1.9%	2.0%
3	84.7%	16.1%	69.3%	6.9%	4.5%	0.6%	0.3%	2.2%	84.6%	16.2%	68.9%	7.0%	4.6%	1.2%	0.4%	3.6%	3.7%
4	78.1%	26.5%	18.8%	25.3%	25.0%	0.2%	2.2%	2.0%	78.3%	26.5%	18.9%	25.1%	25.4%	0.3%	2.5%	3.0%	7.2%
5	87.3%	7.7%	70.9%	2.9%	16.1%	0.4%	0.2%	1.9%	86.8%	7.7%	70.3%	3.0%	16.6%	0.4%	0.2%	2.7%	1.9%
6	89.3%	12.1%	56.1%	2.8%	26.0%	0.3%	0.3%	2.2%	88.9%	12.2%	56.0%	2.8%	25.8%	0.5%	0.4%	3.3%	4.2%
7	93.7%	13.0%	69.5%	5.5%	8.4%	0.6%	0.9%	2.0%	94.0%	13.0%	69.3%	5.6%	8.7%	0.8%	0.9%	2.8%	3.3%
8	69.9%	57.6%	21.9%	8.4%	10.2%	0.3%	0.2%	1.4%	70.1%	57.4%	22.0%	8.7%	10.5%	0.8%	0.2%	2.9%	12.7%
9	67.2%	26.3%	44.8%	14.4%	11.6%	0.5%	0.2%	2.1%	66.5%	26.3%	44.4%	14.9%	11.6%	0.9%	0.3%	3.1%	7.6%
Total	83.7%	17.7%	59.7%	6.9%	12.9%	0.4%	0.5%	1.9%	83.6%	17.7%	59.5%	7.0%	13.1%	0.6%	0.6%	2.8%	4.5%

Note: Total population figure adjusted to reflect split of Census Block number 060730090002000. The racial and ethnic subtotals and percentages are not adjusted, as group quarters data on racial and ethnic composition are not yet available from the Census Bureau.

AUGUST 15 PLAN - EAST VILLAGE & BARRIO LOGAN DETAIL MAP (SHELLTOWN IN DISTRICT 9 OPTION)



Dist	Tot. Pop.	Dev.	% Dev.	NH								
				Hisp	Wht	DOJ Blk	NH DOJ Ind	DOJ Asn	NH DOJ Hwn	NH DOJ Oth	NH DOJ OthMR	
1	147,375	2,751	1.90%	12,564	93,271	1,998	482	37,531	284	600	645	
2	142,711	-1,913	-1.32%	19,619	108,477	3,847	1,102	7,341	577	753	746	
3	147,119	2,495	1.73%	37,059	85,525	11,058	1,249	10,027	571	513	1,117	
4	142,727	-1,897	-1.31%	59,188	16,839	28,251	497	34,043	1,620	279	2,010	
5	143,961	-663	-0.46%	13,641	87,076	4,134	634	36,536	527	436	977	
6	140,738	-3,886	-2.69%	22,547	61,527	5,835	793	47,158	963	483	1,432	
7	147,113	2,738	1.89%	28,695	85,660	9,461	1,170	19,454	998	487	1,437	
8	140,693	-3,931	-2.72%	104,995	14,639	6,485	396	12,724	472	205	777	
9	149,180	4,556	3.15%	76,660	33,790	16,454	678	19,505	525	386	1,182	
Total	1,301,617	8,487	5.87%	374,968	586,804	87,523	7,001	224,319	6,537	4,142	10,323	
Ideal	144,624											

Dist	% Hisp.	% NH			% NH			
		Wht	Blk	DOJ Ind	DOJ Asn	DOJ Hwn	DOJ Oth	DOJ OthMR
1	8.5%	63.3%	1.4%	0.3%	25.5%	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%
2	13.7%	76.0%	2.7%	0.8%	5.1%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%
3	25.2%	58.1%	7.5%	0.8%	6.8%	0.4%	0.3%	0.8%
4	41.5%	11.8%	19.8%	0.3%	23.9%	1.1%	0.2%	1.4%
5	9.5%	60.5%	2.9%	0.4%	25.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.7%
6	16.0%	43.7%	4.1%	0.6%	33.5%	0.7%	0.3%	1.0%
7	19.5%	58.2%	6.4%	0.8%	13.2%	0.7%	0.3%	1.0%
8	74.6%	10.4%	4.6%	0.3%	9.0%	0.3%	0.1%	0.6%
9	51.4%	22.7%	11.0%	0.5%	13.1%	0.4%	0.3%	0.8%
Total	28.8%	45.1%	6.7%	0.5%	17.2%	0.5%	0.3%	0.8%

Abbreviations:
 Dev. = Deviation
 Hisp = Hispanic
 NH = "Non-Hispanic"
 Wht = White
 Blk = Black / African American
 Ind = Native American
 Asn = Asian American
 Haw or Hwn = Hawaiian and Pacific Islander
 Oth = Other
 OthMR or MR = Multi-Race
 Fil = Filipino
 "DOJ" = Aggregated according to U.S. Department of Justice guidance
 Reg = Voter Registration
 CVAP = Citizen Voting Age Population

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Dist	NH18+ NH18+ NH18+ NH18+ NH18+									Asn +					Asn +				
	18+ Pop	H18+ Pop	NH18+ Wht	NH18+ DOJ Blk	DOJ Ind	DOJ Asn	DOJ Hwn	DOJ Oth	DOJ OthMR	Tot. Reg.	Hisp. Reg.	Asn. Reg.	Fil. Reg.	Reg.	Tot. Vote	Hisp. Vote	Asn. Vote	Fil. Vote	Fil. Vote
1	119,971	9,524	76,924	1,587	369	30,477	215	420	455	78,244	4,206	7,369	594	7,963	53,225	2,418	3,584	332	3,916
2	124,166	15,152	97,315	2,935	955	6,196	458	625	530	81,777	5,873	1,478	660	2,138	52,432	3,120	860	344	1,204
3	130,814	29,174	80,250	9,420	1,139	9,021	492	445	873	82,509	10,540	1,894	823	2,717	51,041	5,481	1,080	460	1,540
4	103,218	38,396	14,782	20,384	402	26,739	1,216	188	1,111	59,934	18,812	2,076	3,869	5,945	30,135	8,486	916	1,936	2,852
5	107,410	8,879	68,016	2,788	461	26,075	369	287	535	79,382	6,383	5,824	2,054	7,878	54,650	3,730	3,186	1,146	4,332
6	111,742	15,681	52,083	4,222	654	37,147	736	341	878	67,623	8,973	6,729	3,296	10,025	42,922	4,946	3,308	1,770	5,078
7	115,970	19,302	72,139	6,490	893	15,306	753	320	767	75,930	8,008	3,367	1,012	4,379	50,243	4,291	1,755	545	2,300
8	100,552	70,548	13,169	5,134	337	10,346	396	144	478	45,409	28,973	367	2,085	2,452	22,081	13,114	144	1,133	1,277
9	108,406	48,798	30,622	11,750	582	15,254	409	274	717	52,054	13,539	3,653	585	4,238	25,823	5,501	1,669	258	1,927
Total	1,022,249	255,454	505,300	64,710	5,792	176,561	5,044	3,044	6,344	622,862	105,307	32,757	14,978	47,735	382,552	51,087	16,502	7,924	24,426

Dist	% NH18+ NH18+ NH18+ NH18+ NH18+								% Asn				% Asn			
	% H18+ Pop	NH18+ Wht	DOJ NH18+ Blk	DOJ Ind	DOJ Asn	DOJ Hwn	DOJ Oth	DOJ OthMR	% Hisp. Reg.	% Asn. Reg.	% Fil. Reg.	+ Fil. Reg.	% Hisp. Vote	% Asn. Vote	% Fil. Vote	+ Fil. Vote
1	7.9%	64.1%	1.3%	0.3%	25.4%	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	5.4%	9.4%	0.8%	10.2%	4.5%	6.7%	0.6%	7.4%
2	12.2%	78.4%	2.4%	0.8%	5.0%	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%	7.2%	1.8%	0.8%	2.6%	6.0%	1.6%	0.7%	2.3%
3	22.3%	61.3%	7.2%	0.9%	6.9%	0.4%	0.3%	0.7%	12.8%	2.3%	1.0%	3.3%	10.7%	2.1%	0.9%	3.0%
4	37.2%	14.3%	19.7%	0.4%	25.9%	1.2%	0.2%	1.1%	31.4%	3.5%	6.5%	9.9%	28.2%	3.0%	6.4%	9.5%
5	8.3%	63.3%	2.6%	0.4%	24.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	8.0%	7.3%	2.6%	9.9%	6.8%	5.8%	2.1%	7.9%
6	14.0%	46.6%	3.8%	0.6%	33.2%	0.7%	0.3%	0.8%	13.3%	10.0%	4.9%	14.8%	11.5%	7.7%	4.1%	11.8%
7	16.6%	62.2%	5.6%	0.8%	13.2%	0.6%	0.3%	0.7%	10.5%	4.4%	1.3%	5.8%	8.5%	3.5%	1.1%	4.6%
8	70.2%	13.1%	5.1%	0.3%	10.3%	0.4%	0.1%	0.5%	63.8%	0.8%	4.6%	5.4%	59.4%	0.7%	5.1%	5.8%
9	45.0%	28.2%	10.8%	0.5%	14.1%	0.4%	0.3%	0.7%	26.0%	7.0%	1.1%	8.1%	21.3%	6.5%	1.0%	7.5%
Total	25.0%	49.4%	6.3%	0.6%	17.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.6%	16.9%	5.3%	2.4%	7.7%	13.4%	4.3%	2.1%	6.4%

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3	110,864	17,859	76,872	7,682	4,936	620	370	2,448	110,716	17,906	76,293	7,724	5,040	1,305	432	4,018	4,069
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8	70,196	40,270	15,553	5,747	7,274	189	133	998	70,385	40,244	15,627	6,035	7,524	506	158	2,069	8,898
9	73,000	20,001	32,089	10,532	8,291	424	172	1,477	72,296	19,788	31,510	10,773	8,191	703	191	2,202	5,671
Total	855,192	151,199	510,647	59,174	110,451	3,209	4,453	15,842	854,220	151,076	508,267	59,839	111,592	5,249	4,919	23,746	38,847

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	% Total CVAP	% Hisp CVAP	% NH Wht CVAP	% NH Blk CVAP	% NH Asn CVAP	% NH Ind CVAP	% NH Hwn CVAP	% NH MR CVAP	% Total CVAP	% Hisp CVAP	% NH Wht CVAP	% NH Blk CVAP	% NH Asn CVAP	% NH Ind CVAP	% NH Hwn CVAP	% NH MR CVAP	% NH Oth CVAP
1	83.4%	7.0%	74.5%	1.0%	15.8%	0.1%	0.0%	1.6%	83.5%	7.0%	74.4%	1.0%	15.9%	0.1%	0.1%	1.9%	2.4%
2	95.2%	9.5%	83.4%	1.9%	3.2%	0.4%	0.4%	1.3%	95.2%	9.5%	83.2%	1.9%	3.2%	0.5%	0.4%	1.9%	2.0%
3	84.7%	16.1%	69.3%	6.9%	4.5%	0.6%	0.3%	2.2%	84.6%	16.2%	68.9%	7.0%	4.6%	1.2%	0.4%	3.6%	3.7%
4	78.1%	26.5%	18.8%	25.3%	25.0%	0.2%	2.2%	2.0%	78.3%	26.5%	18.9%	25.1%	25.4%	0.3%	2.5%	3.0%	7.2%
5	87.3%	7.7%	70.9%	2.9%	16.1%	0.4%	0.2%	1.9%	86.8%	7.7%	70.3%	3.0%	16.6%	0.4%	0.2%	2.7%	1.9%
6	89.3%	12.1%	56.1%	2.8%	26.0%	0.3%	0.3%	2.2%	88.9%	12.2%	56.0%	2.8%	25.8%	0.5%	0.4%	3.3%	4.2%
7	93.7%	13.0%	69.5%	5.5%	8.4%	0.6%	0.9%	2.0%	94.0%	13.0%	69.3%	5.6%	8.7%	0.8%	0.9%	2.8%	3.3%
8	69.8%	57.4%	22.2%	8.2%	10.4%	0.3%	0.2%	1.4%	70.0%	57.2%	22.2%	8.6%	10.7%	0.7%	0.2%	2.9%	12.6%
9	67.3%	27.4%	44.0%	14.4%	11.4%	0.6%	0.2%	2.0%	66.7%	27.4%	43.6%	14.9%	11.3%	1.0%	0.3%	3.0%	7.8%
Total	83.7%	17.7%	59.7%	6.9%	12.9%	0.4%	0.5%	1.9%	83.6%	17.7%	59.5%	7.0%	13.1%	0.6%	0.6%	2.8%	4.5%

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AUGUST 15 PLAN - COMMUNITIES BY DISTRICT

– DISTRICT 1 –

Community Planning Areas

Carmel Valley
Del Mar Mesa
Fairbanks Ranch Country Club
La Jolla
Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve
(partial – western part)
NCFUA Subarea II
Pacific Highlands Ranch
Torrey Hills
Torrey Pines
University
Via de la Valle

Neighborhoods

Carmel Valley
Del Mar Heights
La Jolla
(partial – area in La Jolla CPA)
La Jolla Village
North City
Pacific Beach
(partial – area in La Jolla CPA)
Sorrento Valley
(partial – area in University CPA)
Torrey Pines
Torrey Preserve
University City

– DISTRICT 2 –

Community Planning Areas

Clairemont Mesa (partial – area west of
Tecolote Canyon)
Linda Vista (partial – the Morena
neighborhood and USD)
Midway-Pacific Highway
Mission Bay Park
Mission Beach
Ocean Beach
Pacific Beach
Peninsula

Neighborhoods

Bay Ho
Bay Park
La Jolla (partial – area in Pacific Beach CPA)
La Playa
Loma Portal
Midway
Mission Beach
Morena (including all of USD)
Ocean Beach
Pacific Beach (partial – area in Pacific Beach
CPA)
Point Loma Heights
Roseville/Fleet Ridge
Sunset Cliffs
Wooded Area

AUGUST 15 PLAN - COMMUNITIES BY DISTRICT

– DISTRICT 3 –

Community Planning Areas

Neighborhoods

Balboa Park
Centre City
Greater Golden Hill
Greater North Park
Normal Heights
Old Town San Diego
Uptown

Adams North
Balboa Park
Bankers Hill
Burlingame
Core-Columbia
Cortez Hill
East Village
Gaslamp Quarter
Golden Hill
Harborview
Hillcrest

Horton Plaza
Little Italy
Marina
Midtown
Mission Hills
Normal Heights
North Park
Old Town
Park West
South Park
University Heights

– DISTRICT 4 –

Community Planning Areas

Neighborhoods

Eastern Area
(partial – neighborhoods of Oak Park,
Redwood Village, Rolando Park, and
Webster)
Encanto Neighborhoods
Skyline-Paradise Hills
Southeastern San Diego
(partial – area east of Boundary Rd between
Imperial Ave and Logan Ave)

Alta Vista
Bay Terraces
Broadway Heights
Chollas View
Emerald Hills
Encanto
Jamacha
Lincoln Park
Lomita
Mountain View
(partial – area
east of Boundary
Rd)

Oak Park
Paradise Hills
Redwood Village
Rolando Park
Skyline
Valencia Park
Webster

AUGUST 15 PLAN - COMMUNITIES BY DISTRICT

– DISTRICT 5 –

Community Planning Areas

Black Mountain Ranch
Carmel Mountain Ranch
Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve (partial – eastern area)
Miramar Ranch North
Rancho Bernardo
Rancho Encantada
Rancho Peñasquitos (partial – area north of CA-56 or east of Salmon River Rd)
Sabre Springs
San Pasqual
Scripps Miramar Ranch
Torrey Highlands (partial – all but unpopulated Rhodes Crossing area)

Neighborhoods

Black Mountain Ranch
Carmel Mountain Ranch
Miramar Ranch North
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Rancho Encantada
Rancho Peñasquitos (partial – area north of CA-56 or east of Salmon River Rd)
Sabre Springs
San Pasqual
Scripps Miramar Ranch
Torrey Highlands (partial – all but unpopulated Rhodes Crossing area)

– DISTRICT 6 –

Community Planning Areas

Clairemont Mesa
(partial – area east of Tecolote Canyon)
Kearny Mesa
(partial – area north of Aero Drive)
Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve
(partial – central area)
MCAS Miramar
(partial – area west of I-15)
Mira Mesa
Rancho Peñasquitos
(partial – area south of CA-56 and west of Salmon River Rd)

Neighborhoods

Clairemont Mesa East
Clairemont Mesa West
Kearny Mesa
MCAS Miramar
(partial – area west of I-15)
Mira Mesa
North Clairemont
Rancho Peñasquitos
(partial – area south of CA-56 and west of Salmon River Rd)
Sorrento Valley
(partial – area in Mira Mesa CPA)

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– DISTRICT 7 –

Community Planning Areas

East Elliott
 Kearny Mesa
 (partial – area south of Aero Drive)
 Linda Vista
 (partial – neighborhood of Linda Vista)
 MCAS Miramar
 (partial – area east of I-15)
 Mission Valley
 Navajo
 Serra Mesa
 Tierrasanta

Neighborhoods

Allied Gardens	Mission Valley East
Del Cerro	Mission Valley West
Grantville	San Carlos
Lake Murray	Serra Mesa
Linda Vista	Tierrasanta
MCAS Miramar (partial – area east of I-15)	

– DISTRICT 8 –

Community Planning Areas

Barrio Logan
 Otay Mesa
 Otay Mesa-Nestor
 San Ysidro
 Southeastern San Diego (partial –
 neighborhoods of Grant Hill, Logan
 Heights, Memorial, Shelltown, Sherman
 Heights, and Stockton)
 Tijuana River Valley

Neighborhoods

Barrio Logan	Otay Mesa
Border	Otay Mesa West
Egger Highlands	Palm City
Grant Hill	San Ysidro
Logan Heights	<i>Shelltown (Option)</i>
Memorial	Sherman Heights
Nestor	Stockton
Ocean Crest	Tijuana River Valley

– DISTRICT 9 –

Community Planning Areas

City Heights
 College Area
 Eastern Area
 (partial – neighborhoods of Rolando and
 El Cerrito)
 Kensington-Talmadge
 Southeastern San Diego
 (partial – area east of I-15 except Shelltown
 and the area east of Boundary Rd)

Neighborhoods

Azalea Park	Hollywood Park
Bay Ridge	Islenair
Castle	Kensington
Cherokee Point	Mt Hope
Chollas Creek	Mountain View (partial – area west of Boundary Rd)
Colina del Sol	Ridgeview
College East	Rolando
College West	<i>Shelltown (Option)</i>
Corridor	Southcrest
El Cerrito	Swan Canyon
Fairmont Park	Talmadge
Fairmont Village	Teralta East
Fox Canyon	Teralta West