

September 3, 2021

The City of San Diego Redistricting Commission 202 C Street San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Redistricting Proposals

Dear Commissioners,

The Carmel Valley Community Planning Board (CVCPB) represents the communities of Carmel Valley, Pacific Highlands Ranch and Fairbanks Country Club/Via de la Valle/North City Subarea 2. Along with our immediate neighboring communities of Torrey Hills, Del Mar Mesa, and Torrey Pines we form the northern section of District 1.

CVCPB takes this opportunity to formally record our opposition to any redistricting proposal that would separate us from the existing Council District 1 boundaries. We understand that one scenario on the table would be to place our communities into District 6.

Our communities have a proven history of sharing regional resources and infrastructure in a manner consistent with the needs of our constituents and should not be broken up.

Communities of Interest

Carmel Valley and Pacific Highlands Ranch communities connect with each other, including Gonzales Canyon Open Space Corridor and key traffic and infrastructure improvements, which both share with Council District 1 (CD1). We are ocean-oriented communities, sharing the influences and geographical forms of the coast, the beauty of our coastal bluffs and unique terrains, our linear transportation corridors and open space canyons, our evolving recycled water infrastructure, the ever-changing traffic impacts, our many common legislative interests, together with protecting our cherished wetlands, views, and climate.

On the other hand, Los Penasquitos Canyon creates a natural barrier to District 6 in so much as that we have no relationship, shared facilities, or common interests to the communities of Mira Mesa and the others in District 6. Our connections to District 6 are Interstate 805 and SR52, both clear, physical boundaries between two unlike communities. Our CVCPB communities share planned residential neighborhoods and streets, blended with and regional commercial areas that connect and strengthen our communities.



Communities of Connections

The Carmel Valley Communities also share the Del Mar Union, Solana Beach Elementary and San Dieguito Union High School districts along with the communities of Torrey Hills, Del Mar Mesa, and Torrey Pines. These neighborhood schools are our social and educational link and our center of community interaction. These schools' boundaries don't overlap into District 6; therefore, we have no social or educational link with District 6. Our award-winning master planned communities have been planned and developed to the concept of Live - Work - Play. Our commercial and retail components bring the entire community together. We Socialize. We spend time with each other at restaurants and movies. We Shop. We are Connected here and not with District 6.

We understand that further presentations, discussions, and hearings will be scheduled with the communities, and we'll have other opportunities to express our opinions, concerns, and solutions on this redistricting effort. But, for now our board wanted to advise you of our objection to any suggested removal of our communities from District 1.

Sincerely, Carmel Valley Community Planning Board

Frisco White, AIA Chair