

Community of Interest Input - Berryessa Community

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Commission Members,

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1.What are the common interests in your community? Describe how they are important:

1. District #4 Berryessa area has the highest concentration of Asian (62%) of any district in the City, and it is VERY IMPORTANT that the Commission keep them together so their input to the election process is not diluted. There are Mandarin language classes sponsored by the Chinese community and taught in a school of the Berryessa Union School District.

2. The Community is lead by the Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council (BCAC) is the second oldest Neighborhood Association in San José that has provided the community with over 20 Candidate Forums (Mayor, City Council, Supervisor, District Attorney, Sheriff, Congress, Assembly, and State Senate) The Berryessa Community has organized to fund and install 7 park benches in Penitencia Creek Park, hosted many "Coffee with the Cops", launched the restoration of the mural (Valley of the Hearts Delight) that graces our Community Center, and supported the music programs of the Berryessa Union School District. The Chinese community organized, staffed, and funded Saturday Mandarin classes hosted by the BUSD.

3. The Berryessa Community chartered the BCAC to successfully champion its 2010 effort to get redistricting lines that consolidated the community into one Assembly District (had been four), one State Senate District (had been two), and one Congressional District (had been two).

4. We come together each Mother's Day weekend to host the Berryessa Art Festival with all proceeds going to the BUSD.

5. Berryessa, while it has a very high concentration of Asians (62%), it is a multi-ethnic community with 17% White, and 16% Hispanic

2.Explain the geographical location of your community of interest. What are the physical boundaries?

The "Berryessa" area of San José is the area inside City Council District District #4 covered by the boundaries of the Berryessa Union School District a map of the BUSD is available here:
(https://www.berryessa.k12.ca.us/documents/Schools%20Contact%20Information/district_map.pdf)

3. What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in the City Council redistricting process? Please describe how the issues before the City Council has an impact on your community.

The Berryessa community expects that population growth in District #4 since 2010 relative to the other districts will necessitate reducing our "footprint" and that this will be problematic for the Commission since only our Southern boundary can be adjusted (all others are hard City boundaries). But we are asking that the Commission move the District #3 and #5 boundaries in such a way as to keep the Berryessa Community intact. We share community and have a varied ethnic makeup.

4. What else would you like to tell us about your community?

We are very concerned that there is no District #4 representation on the Commission, so we are eager to work with the Commission as it accomplishes its mandates and incorporates as many of the guidelines as possible. Once the census data is released in August, the Commission will know the population adjustments that need to be made, and you will know you have partnership in the Berryessa Community

I personally live in an island of County on the boundary between Districts #4 and #5, but I have been a member of the BCAC for almost 20 years and call Berryessa my home.

Regards,

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