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I would like to echo the concern/suggestion by Commissioner Martinez that access to the interactive maps (and their versions) must be more intuitive.

I respectfully disagree with the City Clerk that the website and the agenda allows easy access to the maps. I would request that Toni compel the webmaster to please provide easier navigation and access to the interactive maps, with relevant notes and justification as available, and possibly contact information where the authors are willing. All of the presenters tonight expressed the desire to do more outreach, so the CSJ website could provide that connection and communications opportunity. The "organized" behemoth had an unfair advantage, as evidenced by the public comment. There has been great work done already by many. It is the details (current vs. recommended borders, street level detail, neighborhood overlays, contact information for neighborhood associations) that will really allow for balanced community input. I assume that this would ultimately assist the commissioners with this complex and essential task.

Thanks to all of the commissioners and other contributors. Let's make San José proud.

Thank you for your consideration. B



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D9 Redistricting Testimony

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Hi Redistricting Commission,

I'm David Noel from the Erikson neighborhood in District 9. I've lived in D9 for 34 years, and before that I grew up in D10. I have been President of Erikson Neighborhood Association for about 11 years. Before that I served on the Board of VEP Community Association in D10 for over 10 years, including 3 years as President. I have worked closely with the city council members, staff and residents of both districts for over 20 years.

Last night (10/21/21) I attended my first RC meeting. Many thanks to Commissioner Wright for publicizing the meeting on Nextdoor, and for Councilmember Foley for hosting a Town Hall this week on the topic. I believe most residents in our area are completely unaware of this redistricting effort and how it affects them. I can attest that nobody has reached out to Erikson Neighborhood Association to gather feedback on redistricting maps.

I am writing to urge you to keep the **Erikson, Thousand Oaks, Pinehurst and Tanglewood/Tatra** neighborhoods together as a community of interest within a single council district, preferably in D9. We are a contiguous residential area sharing SJUSD schools, the Guadalupe River (and future trail), Pearl Ave Library, Fire Station 13, shopping, dining, the Almaden Expressway corridor, Pearl Ave, Branham Lane, Hillsdale Ave, and much more. Branham and Hillsdale are both Vision Zero corridors, and Pearl Ave is in the process of getting similar safety improvements. We each have neighborhood associations and work together.

If our COI needs to change districts, then we have by far the most in common with D10. For example: the Almaden Expressway corridor, Almaden Lake Park, Almaden Community Center, SJUSD matriculating schools, shopping and dining, transit lines, and future urban villages along the Blossom Hill corridor from Blossom Hill to Hwy 85. **We have nearly nothing in common with D2.** If we move to D2, we could become a difficult-to-manage geographic appendix due to being inextricably connected to D9 and D10.

Please consider these factors as part of the redistricting process for the greater Erikson area:

- The Almaden Expressway corridor between Blossom Hill and Branham should be contained within a single council district. This is one of the most congested stretches of road in the city, and must continue be managed holistically as a city/county partnership. Adding an extra council district in this stretch would complicate constituent services immensely for both districts.
- The Blossom Hill corridor from Almaden Expressway to Hwy 85 is slated to include several urban villages, which will most significantly impact D9 and D10. This stretch should remain within those two districts,
- The COI for the greater Erikson area generally ends easterly at Hwy 87. The vast majority of our travels in our daily lives (work, school, shopping, dining, libraries, etc.) are northerly, westerly and southerly, so we should be in D9, D10, or potentially D6, but NOT D2.
- SJUSD boundaries run north/south from Almaden to downtown. It would be cleaner to keep our adjacent matriculating schools in D9 and D10 rather than carving some out to D2, which is served by OGSD & ESUSD.
- VEP Community Association in D10 was formed in 1969 and represents about 2000 homes in the contiguous residential areas of Gunderson, Vista Park, Carson and Parkview neighborhoods. I urge you to treat them as a

single COI and keep them in a single district, as honored by prior RCs over the past several decades. Here is VEP's map: <https://www.vepca.net/wordpress/about-us/>

- Erikson Neighborhood Association has a general meeting scheduled for Weds Oct 27, at 7pm via Zoom. Please reach out to me ASAP if you would like to present proposed maps at that meeting. That is currently our last planned general meeting of the year.
- Please ensure D9 neighborhoods are represented in RC meetings. If our commissioner is not available like last night, then we need an alternate to participate in commission discussion.
- In order to get constituent buy-in on a final map to be approved by City Council by mid December, I highly recommend keeping district boundaries as similar to current boundaries as possible (e.g. draft plans C3 and C4), with surgical changes and logical boundaries such as freeways wherever possible. Constituent outreach is essential, especially for major changes such as the Unity Plan and draft plan D.
- Please don't assume that well-organized groups who stack the public comment periods represent the majority of residents, who aren't even aware of redistricting due to lack of outreach.
- Districts with simple, compact, logical boundaries and minimum sprawl will generally be more efficient for councilmembers and their staff to manage, and result in higher constituent satisfaction and ability to serve increasing populations.

Thanks for your service on the commission and considering my inputs.

Regards,

Dave Noel, President
Erikson Neighborhood Association

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Equality California + Ropes & Gray LLP: LGBTQ+ Legal Memo and Heat Map/Recommended Lines (City of San Jose)

Mike Ai <[REDACTED]>

Fri 10/22/2021 12:52 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Jeremy Payne <[REDACTED]>; Samuel Garrett-Pate <[REDACTED]>

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EQCA_Redistricting_LGBTQ+ Communities as Communities of Interest_10.11.2021 (3).pdf; SJ Draft Heatmap.png;

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Hi City of San Jose Redistricting Commissioners,

Please find attached Equality California's and Ropes & Gray LLP's LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer) legal memo outlining why the LGBTQ+ community should be considered a community of interest by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Geographically connected LGBTQ+ communities are communities of interest that should be considered in redistricting efforts. So long as an LGBTQ+ community can be shown to be within a contiguous population, the numerous shared social and economic interests of LGBTQ+ people require that LGBTQ+ communities be considered communities of interest. Thus, redistricting commissions must draw district lines that take effort to minimize the division of LGBTQ+ communities. In so doing, redistricting commissions are not limited to considering U.S. census data, and can consider other data sources such as personal testimony, community surveys, and polling. Indeed, the 2011 California Redistricting Commission considered LGBTQ+ communities of interest in drawing district lines. **Please see attached for our complete memo.**

Also attached is a heat map of the LGBTQ+ community in San Jose. The comprehensive data informing this map was compiled from membership data of local, state and national LGBTQ+ organizations in a collaborative effort to identify where LGBTQ+ communities live. This was necessary because of the historical barriers and institutional obstacles that limit data on members of our community. You may also reference Plan# [68451 \(https://districtr.org/COI/68451\)](https://districtr.org/COI/68451), which contains pins for significant LGBTQ+ landmarks.

Lastly, our recommended district maps for the City of San Jose is included in Plan # [68463 \(https://districtr.org/plan/68463\)](https://districtr.org/plan/68463).

Thank you for accepting our submission. Please feel free to contact me [REDACTED], Jeremy Payne ([REDACTED]) and Samuel Garrett-Pate ([REDACTED]) with Equality California with any questions you may have and to assist in communication with partners.

Best,

Mike Ai

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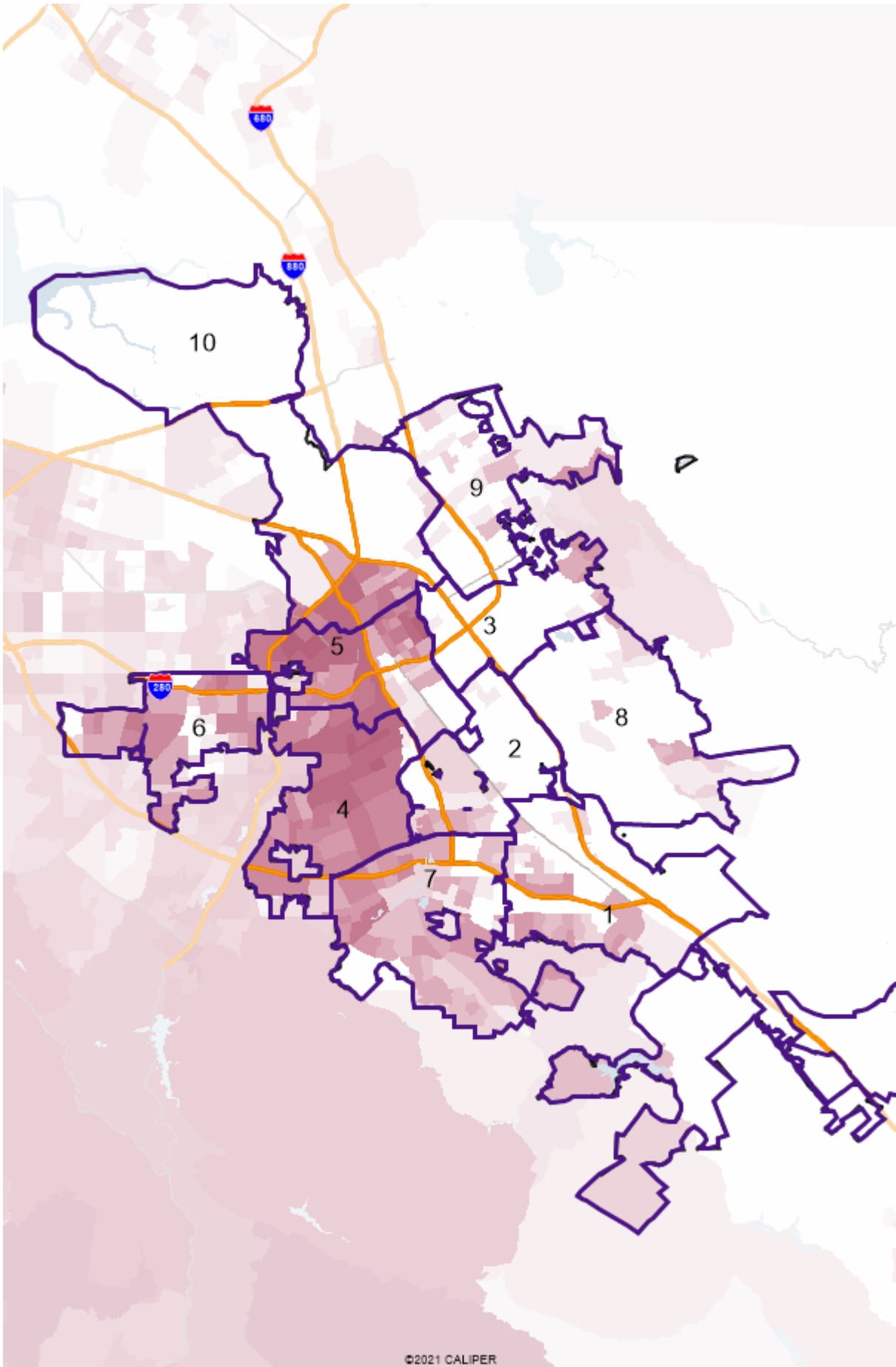
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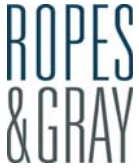
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DATE: October 11, 2021
TO: Citizens Redistricting Commission
FROM: Ropes & LLP
SUBJECT: Redistricting: LGBTQ+ Communities as Communities of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Geographically connected LGBTQ+ communities are communities of interest that should be considered in redistricting efforts. So long as an LGBTQ+ community can be shown to be within a contiguous population, the numerous shared social and economic interests of LGBTQ+ people require that LGBTQ+ communities be considered communities of interest. Thus, redistricting commissions must draw district lines that take effort to minimize the division of LGBTQ+ communities. In so doing, redistricting commissions are not limited to considering U.S. census data, and can consider other data sources such as personal testimony, community surveys, and polling. Indeed, the 2011 California Redistricting Commission considered LGBTQ+ communities of interest in drawing district lines.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The Supreme Court of the United States has mandated that communities of common interest be considered in redistricting efforts.¹ Redistricting in the State of California is governed by Article XXI of the California Constitution. Article XXI sets out the process a 14-member Citizens Redistricting Commission (“Commission”) must follow as it draws the lines for California Assembly and Senate districts, federal congressional districts, and Board of Equalization districts. Section 2(d)(4) of Article XXI requires the Commission to consider communities of interest in establishing districts and defines “community of interest” as:

[A] contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Examples of such shared interests are those common to an urban area, a rural area, an industrial area, or an agricultural area, and those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

¹ See *Miller v. Johnson*, 515 U.S. 900, 920 (1995).

California courts have developed factors to guide the analysis of whether a community falls within this definition. For example, the California Supreme Court illustrated the wide range of communities that fall within this definition, including communities with similar economic interests, travel patterns, and geographic interests.² Similarly, a California federal court explained that, “in defining communities of interest, [it] must look to socioeconomic status, education, employment, [and] health.”³ Based on these factors, that court defined a Latino community “fac[ing] similar issues,” including issues “related to . . . public health,” as a community of interest.⁴ Courts in other states have also developed factors for determining whether a community is a community of interest, including “share[d] . . . service organizations [and] . . . health clinics”⁵ and “social, historical, and cultural bonds.”⁶

Scholars have supplemented the work of courts, also offering insight as to what factors are key in defining communities of interest. These factors include (1) discrimination related to socioeconomic status, education, health, and employment,⁷ (2) historical affiliation,⁸ (3) “cultural . . . and social ties,”⁹ (4) “shared institutions,”¹⁰ and (5) “similar values [and] shared interests.”¹¹

EXAMPLES OF “COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST”

Based on the factors described above, the Commission must determine what constitutes a community of interest within the bounds provided by the California Constitution. The Commission’s past redistricting efforts highlight the wide range of communities, *including LGBTQ+ communities*, that fall within the definition of community of interest. For example, when drawing Assembly, Senatorial, and Congressional districts, the 2011 Commission defined the following as communities of interest:

- Wine tourism industries;¹²
- Communities with recreational interests in a lake;¹³
- Populations across two cities that expressed in public testimony a shared sense of community;¹⁴

² See *Legislature v. Reinecke*, 516 P.2d 6, 19 (Cal. 1973).

³ *Luna v. Cty. of Kern*, No. 116CV00568DADJLT, 2017 WL 2379934, at *6 (E.D. Cal. June 1, 2017).

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Diaz v. Silver*, 978 F. Supp. 96, 123-24 (E.D.N.Y. 1997).

⁶ *Goddard v. Babbitt*, 536 F. Supp. 538, 540 (D. Ariz. 1982); see also *Diaz*, 978 F. Supp. at 123-24.

⁷ Stephen J. Malone, *Recognizing Communities of Interest in A Legislative Apportionment Plan*, 83 VA. L. REV. 461, 468 (1997).

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ Tarry Hum, REDISTRICTING AND THE NEW DEMOGRAPHICS: DEFINING “COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST” IN NEW YORK CITY, 14-15 (2002).

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ Glenn D. Magpantay, *A Shield Becomes A Sword: Defining and Deploying A Constitutional Theory for Communities of Interest in Political Redistricting*, 25 Barry L. Rev. 1, 18 (2020).

¹² Citizens Redistricting Commission, *Final Report on 2011 Redistricting* 28 (Aug. 15 2011), https://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/64/2011/08/crc_20110815_2final_report.pdf.

¹³ *Id.* at 29.

- A large concentrated population of Hmong immigrants;¹⁵
- Communities who expressed in testimony a shared commitment to coastal conservation;¹⁶
- An expansive retirement community with similar healthcare needs;¹⁷
- A community with similar social activities and nightlife;¹⁸

And most notably, several different communities of LGBTQ+ people.¹⁹

LGBTQ+ PEOPLE IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES ARE “COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST”

As defined by the law, geographically connected LGBTQ+ communities are communities of interest that should be considered in redistricting efforts. So long as an LGBTQ+ community can be shown to be within a contiguous population, the numerous shared social and economic interests of LGBTQ+ people require that LGBTQ+ communities be considered communities of interest. Thus, redistricting commissions must draw district lines that take effort to minimize the division of LGBTQ+ communities.

Many LGBTQ+ people are geographically concentrated such that they may be considered a “contiguous population.” For example, LGBTQ+ people make up approximately 5.3% of adults within California.²⁰ And there are many geographically compact pockets of the LGBTQ+ community within California. For example, there is already documentation of compact communities of LGBTQ+ people in West Hollywood,²¹ the Castro in San Francisco,²² and in Hillcrest in San Diego.²³ These LGBTQ+ communities have already been considered by the 2011 Commission in drawing California Assembly District 17, Senate District 39, and Congressional Districts 12, 52, and 53.²⁴

These are not the only potential LGBTQ+ communities that may be considered. There is no bright-line population percentage required to be considered a community of interest. In addition to the percentage of LGBTQ+ people in any given area, other factors such as the population growth or relative concentration of LGBTQ+ people may establish that there is a geographically “contiguous

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ *Id.* at 32.

¹⁷ *Id.* at 35.

¹⁸ *Id.* at 37.

¹⁹ *Id.* at 30, 51, 54, 62.

²⁰ UCLA School of Law Williams Institute, *LGBT Proportion of Populations: California*, <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/visualization/lgbt-stats/?topic=LGBT&area=6#density> (Accessed June 22, 2021).

²¹ West Hollywood Marketing Corp., *LGBTQ*, VISITWESTHOLLYWOOD.COM, <https://www.visitwesthollywood.com/lgbtq/> (Accessed June 22, 2021).

²² KQED, *The History of the Castro*, THE CASTRO, <https://www.kqed.org/w/hood/castro/castroHistory.html> (Accessed June 23, 2021).

²³ Adrian Florido, *Downtown’s Boom Becomes Gay Community’s Boon*, VOICE OF SAN DIEGO (Aug. 31, 2011), <https://www.voiceofsandiego.org/neighborhoods/downtowns-boom-becomes-gay-communitys-boon/> (Accessed June 23, 2021).

²⁴ See Citizens Redistricting Commission, *supra* note 16.

population” required for a community of interest.²⁵ And these facts need not be established by U.S. Census data. Many other data sources, such as personal testimony, community surveys, and polling, have been relied upon in determining communities of interest.²⁶

COMMUNITIES OF LGBTQ+ PEOPLE SHARE COMMON “SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS”

LGBTQ+ people broadly share common social and economic interests, and individual communities may further share more specific interests. In particular, LGBTQ+ people share employment, healthcare, cultural, and historic interests, among others. These common interests have been recognized as creating a community of interest.

Employment: The court in *Luna* recognized shared employment interests as a valid rationale for a community of interest.²⁷ LGBTQ+ people share common interests in employment, and in particular, in prevention of employment discrimination. In a 2017 study, 59% of LGBTQ+ people believed that they had fewer employment opportunities because they were LGBTQ+.²⁸ Twenty percent of LGBTQ+ people reported experiencing discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity when applying for jobs.²⁹ The Supreme Court has recognized the need for employment protections on the basis of sexual orientation.³⁰

In addition to the general LGBTQ+ employment concerns, certain LGBTQ+ communities may share further employment interests on the basis of being concentrated in certain fields. For example, nearly 40% of LGBTQ+ people, as compared to 22% of non-LGBTQ+ people, are concentrated in five fields: (1) restaurant and food services; (2) hospitals; (3) K-12 education; (4) colleges and universities; and (5) retail.³¹ To the extent LGBTQ+ people are concentrated in these or other fields in a particular community, the particular interests of the fields may be further shared employment concerns.

Healthcare: The court in *Luna* also recognized shared health interests as a valid rationale for a community of interest.³² LGBTQ+ people share many common healthcare interests, including barriers to access, risk of disease, and discrimination. LGBTQ+ people are at a heightened risk for

²⁵ See *Diaz*, 978 F. Supp. at 102.

²⁶ See *id.* at 101-102; Univ. of Cal., Los Angeles – Redistricting Workgroup, *The Asian Americans Redistricting Project: Accessing Secondary Data*, UCLA Asian American Studies Ctr. 12-16 (2009).

²⁷ *Luna v. Cty. of Kern*, No. 116CV00568DADJLT, 2017 WL 2379934, at *6 (E.D. Cal. June 1, 2017).

²⁸ See “Discrimination in America: Experiences and Views of LGBTQ Americans,” NPR & Harvard School of Public Health (November 2017), <https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/research/2017/10/discrimination-in-america--experiences-and-views.html>.

²⁹ *Id.*

³⁰ *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia*, 590 U.S. ___ (2020).

³¹ See “The Lives and Livelihoods of Many in the LGBTQ Community are at Risk Amidst COVID-19 Crisis,” Human Rights Campaign (March 2020), <https://www.hrc.org/resources/the-lives-and-livelihoods-of-many-in-the-lgbtq-community-are-at-risk-amidst-covid-19-crisis>.

³² *Luna v. Cty. of Kern*, No. 116CV00568DADJLT, 2017 WL 2379934, at *6 (E.D. Cal. June 1, 2017).

physical and mental health problems, due to associated “social and structural inequities.”³³ In addition to concerns regarding prevention of HIV/AIDS,³⁴ LGBTQ+ people are at heightened risk for mental health problems.³⁵ LGBTQ+ people are twice as likely to be uninsured, and report having difficulty accessing adequate, non-discriminatory health providers.³⁶

In addition to general healthcare concerns, individual communities may be able to point to specific clinics or healthcare service providers in the community that service LGBTQ+ people.³⁷ This can be a particularly concrete, powerful example of a shared interest.

Cultural/Social Ties: Multiple courts and scholars have identified shared cultural interests as valid bases for a community of interest.³⁸ Over sixty percent of LGBTQ+ adults identified being LGBTQ+ as at least “somewhat important” to their overall identity.³⁹ And LGBTQ+-specific community engagement, such as pride events, LGBTQ+ rights activism, and LGBTQ+ organization membership, are important to large portions of the LGBTQ+ community.⁴⁰ Further, LGBTQ+ persons have shared cultural interests in the maintenance of queer gathering places.⁴¹

In addition to general cultural interests, individual communities may be able to craft more specifically tailored interests based on community-specific events, organizations, and spaces that cater to LGBTQ+ people. For example, specific LGBTQ+ businesses or social groups may provide concrete examples for a community of interest.

Historical Bonds: Courts and scholars have recognized shared historical bonds as valid bases for a community of interest.⁴² LGBTQ+ people have shared a history of legal discrimination⁴³ and social discrimination that have resulted in shared political interests. This shared discrimination includes marriage inequality,⁴⁴ discrimination based on intimate relationships,⁴⁵ and ongoing discrimination

³³ See “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Health,” CDC, <https://www.cdc.gov/lgbthealth/about.htm> (accessed August 13, 2021).

³⁴ Human Rights Campaign, *How HIV Impacts LGBTQ People*, HRC RESOURCES, <https://www.hrc.org/resources/hrc-issue-brief-hiv-aids-and-the-lgbt-community> (Accessed June 23, 2021).

³⁵ “Anti-LGBT Discrimination in US Health Care,” Human Rights Watch (July 23, 2018),

https://www.hrw.org/report/2018/07/23/you-dont-want-second-best/anti-lgbt-discrimination-us-health-care#_ftn5.

³⁶ *Id.*

³⁷ See *Diaz v. Silver*, 978 F. Supp. 96, 123-24 (E.D.N.Y. 1997).

³⁸ See, e.g., *Goddard v. Babbitt*, 536 F. Supp. 538, 540 (D. Ariz. 1982); *Diaz*, 978 F. Supp. at 123-24.

³⁹ See “A Survey of LGBT Americans: Chapter 5: Identity and Community,” Pew Research Center (June 13, 2013), <https://www.pewresearch.org/social-trends/2013/06/13/chapter-5-identity-and-community/>.

⁴⁰ See *id.*

⁴¹ Ian Lovett, *Changing Nature of West Hollywood, Long a Gay Haven, Becomes an Election Issue*, NEW YORK TIMES (Mar. 6, 2011), <https://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/07/us/07westhollywood.html> (Accessed June 23, 2021).

⁴² See *Goddard v. Babbitt*, 536 F. Supp. 538, 540 (D. Ariz. 1982); Stephen J. Malone, *Recognizing Communities of Interest in A Legislative Apportionment Plan*, 83 VA. L. REV. 461, 468 (1997).

⁴³ This shared history of discrimination has been recognized by multiple court rulings. For examples, see *In re Marriage Cases*, 183 P.3d 384 (Cal. 2008), *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 576 U.S. 644 (2015), *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia*, 590 U.S. __ (2020).

⁴⁴ See *Obergefell*, *supra* note 2.

⁴⁵ See *Bowers v. Hardwick*, 478 U.S. 186 (1986).

in housing and other accommodations.⁴⁶ The shared legal discrimination has resulted in common political goals among LGBTQ+ people to remedy the discrimination. Additionally, LGBTQ+ people have been historically underrepresented in elected office.

The shared history of legal discrimination of LGBTQ+ people includes the criminal justice system. LGBTQ+ people, and in particular transgendered people, are arrested and incarcerated at higher rates than non-LGBTQ+ people: they are 2.25 times more likely to be arrested and over 3 times more likely to be incarcerated.⁴⁷ These statistics reflect law enforcement's unequal treatment of the LGBTQ+ community and evince LGBTQ+ people's particular shared interest in law enforcement issues. Notably, oversight of law enforcement may occur at various levels of government. For example, the City of West Hollywood contracts the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and not a local city police, to provide public safety services.⁴⁸ Thus, it is particularly important for LGBTQ+ communities to be properly represented at all levels.

Thus, due to the shared interests in employment and other economic concerns, healthcare, cultural/social ties, and historical bonds, LGBTQ+ people should be considered cohesive "communities of interest," and should be minimally divided in district drawing efforts.

⁴⁶ Maya Brennan, Ally Livingston, and Veronica Gaitán, *Five Facts about Housing Access for LGBT People*, HOUSING MATTERS (June 13, 2018), <https://housingmatters.urban.org/articles/five-facts-about-housing-access-lgbt-people> (Accessed June 23, 2021).

⁴⁷ Alexi Jones, "Visualizing the unequal treatment of LGBTQ people in the criminal justice system," Prison Policy Initiative (Mar. 2, 2021).

⁴⁸ Sheriff's Department, City of West Hollywood <https://www.weho.org/services/public-safety/sheriff-fire-security-ambassadors/sheriff-s-department> (Accessed Oct. 6, 2021).

District 5 Map for redistricting appears to be incorrect

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Does the District 5 map provided as a reference for redistricting at [sanjoseca.gov/redistricting](https://www.sanjoseca.gov/redistricting) match this map?

Sincerely,

Juan Estrada

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Willow Glen is a community of interest, the neighborhood needs to stay together, and support the advocacy of WGNA. Please do not divide our neighborhood.

**Thanks,
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Hello,

I understand that there is a process currently going on to redraw the San Jose districts, which would split my neighborhood of Willow Glen apart. Willow Glen is a tight knit community with our own neighborhood association advocating for our interests and the neighborhood should stay together.. Please do not divide our neighborhood.

**Thank you,
Joanne Saiu**

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Willow Glen School District

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Willow Glen is a community of interest, the neighborhood needs to stay together, and support the advocacy of WGNA. Please do not divide our neighborhood.”

**Thanks,
Jeff and Sally Douthit**

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Don't divide Willow Glen

Sarah Mitchell <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 4:56 PM

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Hello Redistricting of San Jose,

My family have been residents of Willow Glen for over 12 years. I am also a member of the WGNA. Willow Glen is a community of interest, the neighborhood needs to stay together, and support the advocacy of WGNA. Please do not divide our neighborhood. My children grew up here and we want to maintain the same neighborhoods they've always known.

Thank you,
Sarah Mitchell zip code 95125

Sarah Mitchell
Who Thinks You are Amazing!
Executive Coach & Speaker
www.coachsarahmitchell.com
[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA

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Keep Willow Glen

Matt Gigliotti <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 4:59 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hello,

As a Willow Glen native and payer of decades of SCC property taxes, I urge you to do what is right... Do NOT touch Willow Glen!

Willow Glen is a community of interest, the neighborhood needs to stay together, and support the advocacy of WGNA. Please do not divide our neighborhood.

Matt

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Re districting WG

Kelli Hodge <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 5:00 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hi there I wanted to note my opposition to re-districting Willow Glen. Please don't divide us. I want to stay as a unit with my neighbors and share our common interest.

Kelli

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I OPPOSE WILLOW GLEN REDISTRICTING

Marco Tilli <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 5:04 PM

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I learned about several proposed redistricting ideas which will soon be discussed for possible approval.

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In case you don't know, Willow Glen is much more than an area on the map. It is a proud community with a strong identity.

Breaking it up would show you don't understand or care about the people who live here, and I'm sure they will gladly let you know in the next election. My family, my neighbors, and I definitely will.

Regards

Marco Tilli

[REDACTED] San José

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Willow Glen

cnmstuff <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 5:09 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hi, my name is Marta Espinal and I'm a current Willow Glen resident (Booksin Avenue). I strongly agree with the following statement:

“Willow Glen is a community of interest, the neighborhood needs to stay together, and support the advocacy of WGNA. Please do not divide our neighborhood.”

I will be attending the future meetings regarding redistricting of San Jose and really hope that the outcome will not divide established neighborhoods like Willow Glen.

Thank you,

Marta Espinal

San Jose, CA

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Redistricting of Willow Glen

Gwen Lynn <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 5:22 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Willow Glen is an area that has a unique & special identity. Please follow the advocacy of the WGNA & keep the district boundary as WGNA recommends.

Gwen Lynn
Willow Glen Resident

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Willow Glen redistricting

Marco T <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 5:22 PM

To: RC6 <RC6@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>

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Regards

Marco Tilli
[REDACTED]

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San Jose Redistricting - Willow Glen

Stefan Baeurle <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 5:36 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my opposition to split the community of Willow Glen into several pieces as proposed for the upcoming redistricting of San Jose impacting the District 6 (D6) boundaries. Willow Glen is a community with a long history of civic and cultural engagement and shared values. Please do not divide our neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration,
Stefan Baeurle

[REDACTED] San Jose, CA [REDACTED]

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Proposed Willow Glen redistricting

Stephanie Asano <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 6:12 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hello,

It's come to my attention that there are discussions to change the boundaries of Willow Glen. Willow Glen is a community of interest, the neighborhood needs to stay together, and support the advocacy of WGNA. Please do not divide our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Asano

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Rezoning concerns

Gmail <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 6:15 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: RC2 <RC2@sanjoseca.gov>; RC10 <RC10@sanjoseca.gov>; RC1 <RC1@sanjoseca.gov>; RC3 <RC3@sanjoseca.gov>; RC4 <RC4@sanjoseca.gov>; RC5 <RC5@sanjoseca.gov>; RC6 <RC6@sanjoseca.gov>; RC7 <RC7@sanjoseca.gov>; RC8 <RC8@sanjoseca.gov>; RC9 <RC9@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Ms Taber and team,

As a Willow Glen resident, I read about proposed zoning changes for Willow Glen with great concern.

Willow Glen is a community of interest, the neighborhood needs to stay together, and support the advocacy of WGNA. Please do not divide our neighborhood.

Best Regards,
Cherie Britt

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Fwd: Redistricting

Teri Kane <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 6:16 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>You don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)

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From: Teri Kane <[REDACTED]>**Date:** October 24, 2021 at 6:14:20 PM PDT**To:** [REDACTED]**Cc:** [REDACTED] Larry Ames <[REDACTED]> Dev Davis
<dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject: Redistricting**

I'm surprised how alarmist this email is! We are already split into two districts. North is combined with the Rose Garden and the southern part is joined with Cambrian. This doesn't change our neighborhood identity! We Glenites know where we live and I actually think having 3 council persons looking out for our broader neighborhood interests gives us more representation NOT less. I am a lifelong WG resident. Three generations of my family are WGHS grads. My grandfather was a merchant on Lincoln Avenue. To quote the legendary John Wooden "Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out".

Respectfully
Teri Kane

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Redistricting Willow Glen

Marcia Rezza <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 6:20 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Regarding redistricting our neighborhood:

Willow Glen is a community of interest, the neighborhood needs to stay together, and support the advocacy of WGNA. Please do not divide our neighborhood.

**Sincerely,
Marcia Rezza**

[REDACTED]

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Willow Glen

Ellen Peterson <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 6:21 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Please do not redistrict Willow Glen neighborhood. It is important that Willow Glen remains intact

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A Vote against proposed Redistricting Plans

Daryl Bryant <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 6:25 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hello,

I live in Canoas Gardens, in the South East portion of Willow Glen, and I am against the proposed plans towards redistricting SJ, and urge the District Commissioners to vote against doing so.

There appears to be a tenuous association between semantics and the color scheme in the maps of the various plans which have been proposed. As a result, these maps, and the plans, are difficult to interpret. This in and of itself is a problem: if proposed solutions cannot be clearly articulated, what is the point? Summations of a balanced population distribution to address deviance in population densities indicated by the 2020 census is no excuse or articulation of a plan. The people living in these communities form the community for a reason: the issues that impact the Community in whole impact the specific people within the community.

That being said, it would appear in a few of these plans/maps, my Neighborhood (aka, "The Birds") would be redistricted out of the current District 6 (aka, Willow Glen), which makes no sense because the issues in District 6 (e.g., Evans Lane) more readily/directly impact "The Birds" than the issues of other current districts- say district 9, 10 or even 7.

I reiterate my opposition to the current redistricting plans and encourage the District Commissioners to vote against them.

-Daryl Bryant

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Breaking up is hard to do!

Marilyn Ritchie <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 6:38 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Esteemed Commissioners:

Please don't split up Willow Glen into separate districts! Willow Glen, as you're undoubtedly aware, is its own distinct urban neighborhood of San Jose. In fact, Willow Glen was distinct enough, at one time, to warrant becoming its own city.

Our area has its own character and attracts its residents for this reason. Please don't split us up into separate districts to serve other purposes. It's simply wrong.

Thank you for your consideration,
Marilyn Ritchie

[REDACTED]
San Jose CA [REDACTED]

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WGNA redistricting - NO

John Ellsworth <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 6:53 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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To whom it may concern,

Willow Glen is a community of interest, the neighborhood needs to remain together and not be broken up. We are a strong community. Please support the advocacy of WGNA.

Please do not divide our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

John Ellsworth

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Willow Glen Division

William Nicolosi <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 7:06 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Sir,

“Willow Glen is a unique community. The neighborhood needs to stay together, and support the advocacy of WGNA. Past attempts to divide our neighborhood were futile. Please do not divide our neighborhood.”

Bill on [REDACTED].

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Redistricting Willow Glen

Sue Ross <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 7:07 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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To The City of San Jose Redistricting Committee,

I have been a resident of Willow Glen for over 35 years. Willow Glen is one of San Jose's oldest neighborhoods with a long history of civic and cultural engagement, always striving to create a community built on friendship and kindness with their neighbors. Growing up, I dreamed of living in Willow Glen. My children grew up here. Now I see that my neighborhood may be moved to district 9. Please do not let this happen. Willow Glen is our community, it needs to stay together. Please do not divide our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Susan Ross

San Jose, CA

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Willow Glen

Carol Linney <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 7:14 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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I oppose the plan to divide Willow Glen into separate districts. Please allow Willow Glen to remain whole as it is.

Carol Wilson
a voter

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Voting to NOT redistrict Willow Glen

melinda sheehan <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 7:37 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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What D6 boundary changes needed based on the actual 2020 census data?

Todd Weber <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 7:45 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Todd A. Weber <[REDACTED]>

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To the extent that we can all see necessary D6 boundary changes in context of the 2020 census data please make that highly visible to our community. It must not just be an "opportunity" to redistrict just because we had a census - please publish the data. Willow Glen as a strong community/neighborhood maintains significant value both for San Jose as well as for our residents. WGNA continues to represent our neighborhood interests.

Todd Weber

[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA

<[REDACTED]>

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Willow Glen

[Redacted] <[Redacted]>

Sun 10/24/2021 7:52 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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“Willow Glen is a community of interest, the neighborhood needs to stay together, and support the advocacy of WGNA. Please do not divide our neighborhood.”

Jim Stockhaus

[Redacted]

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Please keep Willow Glen intact

Dayle's Comcast <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 9:47 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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It is very upsetting to hear that current proposals for redistricting include several plans to divide the Willow Glen Community. The WGNA advocates for our community as a whole. It would be difficult for our neighborhood to stay unified and our neighborhood association to remain effective if we were split into several different districts with varied representatives. Please don't weaken our spirited neighborhood.

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Please do not split Willow Glen

Pouya Ghalei <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 9:50 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Mr. Taber,

I'm a resident of Willow Glen and hereby I want to share my concerns in regards to the news about the possibility of splitting Willow Glen.

Willow Glen is a community of interest, the neighborhood needs to stay together, and support the advocacy of WGNA. Please do not divide our neighborhood.

Thanks a lot for being on our side.

Pouya Ghalei

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WGNA

Kyle Godfrey <[REDACTED]>

Sun 10/24/2021 9:50 PM

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Redistricting

Kirk Pumphrey <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 6:49 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Redistributing

Calvin Breed <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 6:52 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Regards,

Jane Breed
[REDACTED]

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Re: {Franquette Neighbors} Willow Glen redistricting

Dwight Black <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 7:22 AM

To: Marco T <[REDACTED]>**Cc:** RC6 <RC6@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>

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I too complained about redistricting boundary changes and was told it was being driven by the latest census. Maybe we should also redraw California borders due to the latest census. Or even the Southern Border.... Does politics have no end? George Black

On Sun, Oct 24, 2021 at 5:22 PM Marco T <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Breaking it up would show that our elected representatives don't understand or care about that, and I'm sure the people of Willow Glen will gladly let them know how they feel about that in the next election. My family, my neighbors, and I definitely will.

Regards

Marco Tilli
[REDACTED]

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Willow Glen

Victoria Toschi <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 7:54 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Willow Glen is a community of interest and needs to stay together to support the advocacy of WGNA. Please do not redistrict. Vickie toschi

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Do Not Break up our Community WG resident and business owner

IleneKaz Uyesugi <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 8:17 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

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We have been part of the Willow Glen community for over 35 years. Willow Glen is more than Lincoln Ave. It is a community with unique interest, and concerns. Willow Glen needs to stay together. Please do not divide our neighborhood.

**Regard,
ilene and Kaz Uyesugi**

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Redistricting D6

Valerie Manke <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 8:52 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hello,

Please, please do not divide our neighborhood. Willow Glen is a cohesive and proud neighborhood committed to supporting not only D6 and our residents, but also the great city of San Jose. It is VERY important that we have city council representation that is also committed to the goals of Willow Glen.

For the record, we are strongly opposed to any redistricting that would affect the current D6 boundaries.

Valerie and Douglas Manke
[REDACTED]

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Boundary Lines For Willow Glen

Kathleen Lim <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 9:09 AM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear San Jose City Clerk,

We were recently notified that the city of San Jose is discussing potentially changing boundary lines for the Willow Glen Neighborhood. This is a terrible idea and will change our community forever. Many of us grew up in Willow Glen & many of us purposely chose to build families in Willow Glen specifically. It would be a huge disappointment to make these changes & will likely create a lot of frustration and potential moves out of the community. We work really hard to keep WG together. Please do not ruin this for our families.

The neighborhood needs to stay together, and support the advocacy of WGNA. Please do not divide our neighborhood.

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Current redistricting plans

Judith Lessow-Hurley <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 9:23 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Vendome Neighborhood Association <[REDACTED]> Vendome Neighborhood Association
<[REDACTED]> Tim Clauson <[REDACTED]>

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To the Redistricting Commission,

First, thank you to the members of the Commission for your time, your willingness to serve our communities, and for listening.

I am writing to support the C3 draft plan that was presented at the October 21 meeting, and to endorse the thinking behind the Community plan as well. I am strongly against the adoption of the Unity map.

My interest is parochial. I live in the Vendome, a small neighborhood north of Julian, south of Taylor and west of N. First Street. The Vendome is the site of the original 1777 Pueblo San José. Our neighborhood is closely allied with the Hensley Historic District located just across First Street. We are also closely allied geographically and politically with Japantown. We shop there, walk there, and know the people there. The Japantown light rail station is in fact in the Vendome. We have strong common interests and have worked constructively with the Hensley Historic District and Japantown to make the downtown area a clean, safe and comfortable place to live. The Vendome is undeniably part of downtown and belongs in District 3.

The Unity map does not honor the Commission's guidelines. It does not respect natural and rational geographic boundaries. Relocating the Vendome to District 6 ignores the fact that we are divided by the river, railroad tracks, Highway 87 and the airport. Also the Vendome has no communality of interests with District 6. District 6 does not share the challenges that face the residents in the downtown neighborhoods. District 6 doesn't share our proximity to the homeless encampments and is not affected by the route that unhoused people take from the river to the N. Fourth Street Salvation Army kitchens or the programs in St. James Park. District 6 does not have the density of social services, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing that impact downtown.

The Vendome is socio-economically and ethnically diverse. We have single family homes, apartment houses, condo complexes, and duplexes. People choose to live here for its diversity, the availability of public transportation, and the proximity to the downtown core. Our neighborhood is not even mentioned on the Unity

map. I'm offended that people who have never set foot in our neighborhood would presume to determine its political future.

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Judith Hurley
Vendome Resident

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Redistricting - Willow Glen

Melinda Gedryn <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 10:15 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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I've been a resident for over 40 years, my husband and I grew up in Willow Glen and raised our children here. It's a strong community and their needs should be considered as one whole district, not divided.

Please keep Willow Glen a Willow Glen district. Zip code 95125 is Willow Glen and it shouldn't be divided.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Melinda Gedryn, Realtor

www.MelindaGedryn.com

DRE#01512002

Coldwell Banker Realty
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Redistricting

Diana Bishop <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 10:43 AM

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Redistricting / Keep Willow Glen together

John Cherniavsky <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 10:51 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

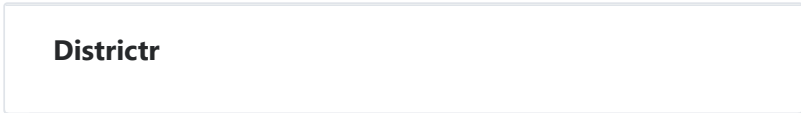
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I'm writing to add my voice to those trying to keep Willow Glen together as a district. WG is a clear community of interest and geographically compact - both key principles of districting. Many of the proposed maps keep WG as well as neighboring communities together, for example : [Districtr](#)



[Districtr](#)



Please help keep our neighborhoods together

Thank you,
John Cherniavsky
[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA [REDACTED]

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Please do not divide Willow Glen?

Iwan van der Schoor <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 11:17 AM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Best regards,
Familia van der Schoor

[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA [REDACTED]

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Willow Glen Redistricting

russ.knittel <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 11:31 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Willow Glen is a community of interest. The neighborhood needs to stay together and we need your support of, and advocacy for, the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association. Please do not divide our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Russ Knittel

[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA [REDACTED]

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Redistricting

E Brookes <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 11:41 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Thank you

A registered voter in 95125

Elizabeth

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Re: Current redistricting plans

Joseph Cellura <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 11:53 AM

To: Judith Lessow-Hurley <[REDACTED]>

Cc: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; Vendome Neighborhood Association <[REDACTED]>

Vendome Neighborhood Association <[REDACTED]> Tim Clauson <[REDACTED]>

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Redistricting of Willow Glen

Jennifer Ellies <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 12:00 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Please do not divide our neighborhood.

Jennifer Ellies
Westgate @ Koch

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Redistricting willow glen

Paul Thornburg <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 12:19 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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I grew up in Willow Glen and chose to stay raising my kids through Willow glen.

NO ON REDISTRICTING.

We are neighbors and want to stay that way.

Mary Thornburg

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Redistricting Willow Glen

Sharon Gedryn <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 12:21 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Good Morning:

I am writing to both congratulate past commissioners on their foresight in delineating the borders of Willow Glen and asking the present commissioners to make sure that the borders are not changed. The decisions made in the past in regard to the borders were thoughtfully considered and those decisions should be honored. Those of us living in Willow Glen believe that past commissioners had the best interest of their Willow Glen constituents in mind as they made their decisions. Please keep the Willow Glen boundaries as they are today.

Thank you,

Sharon Gedryn

[REDACTED]
San Jose, [REDACTED]

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Opposition to Willow Glen Redistricting

Kendra Nasserri <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 12:43 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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To the redistricting team,

I do not want Willow Glen split any further.

Willow Glen is one of Santa Clara County's oldest neighborhoods which until 1936 was its own incorporated town. Willow Glen residents have a long history of civic and cultural engagement, always striving to create a community built on friendship and kindness with their neighbors. Willow Glen is a welcoming and diverse community representing an inspiring number of ethnic and religious groups with origins from across the globe. Willow Glen is also home to a substantial LGBT population choosing Willow Glen for its sense of community and proximity to the LGBT community center in the same city council district. Willow Glen also has the oldest population – 70 plus – living alone in San Jose and we are focused on assisting our fellow elderly neighbors.

Willow Glen is not only a geographic area but an established, genuine, and well documented community of interest. A community of interest with shared values and experiences including that of commerce, family, history, institutional, religious, schools (private and public), social, youth sports leagues, volunteerism, and civic pride. These are all attributes every neighborhood in the county would hope to develop within its business districts and neighborhoods.

Please do not divide our neighborhood.

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Kendra Nasserri

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Re: Current redistricting plans

Nikki Hawkins <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 12:54 PM

To: Joseph Cellura <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Judith Lessow-Hurley <[REDACTED]> redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; Vendome Neighborhood Association <[REDACTED]> Vendome Neighborhood Association <[REDACTED]> Tim Clauson <[REDACTED]>

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Ditto - agreed it was very well said, and hits all of the clear points that totally makes sense!

Nikki Hawkins

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Keep Willow Glenn whole

Richard Hillebrecht <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 12:59 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Redistricting

Helen Hutchings <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 1:18 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear City Leaders,

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Helen Hutchings
Resident of Willow Glen
[REDACTED]

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Redistricting

Helen Hutchings <[REDACTED]>

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Please keep District 6 in tact!!!!

Diane Solomon <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 1:24 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; RC1 <RC1@sanjoseca.gov>; RC2 <RC2@sanjoseca.gov>; RC3 <RC3@sanjoseca.gov>; RC4 <RC4@sanjoseca.gov>; RC5 <RC5@sanjoseca.gov>; RC6 <RC6@sanjoseca.gov>; RC7 <RC7@sanjoseca.gov>; RC8 <RC8@sanjoseca.gov>; RC9 <RC9@sanjoseca.gov>; RC10 <RC10@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]>

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Goodness! Please keep District 6 in tact!!!!

Willow Glen is a community of interest.

Please do not divide our diverse and culturally rich District. What is currently proposed contradicts the purpose of having our City made up of unique districts that are to be fairly represented.

We are not Downtown, nor are we Cambrian nor our we a Monterey Road Corridor.

We are ONE DISTRICT made up of culturally rich and diverse residents--Please keep us this way!!!

Please consider and follow the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association's recommendation.

Please keep District 6 in tact!!!!

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and attention.

Sincerely,

Diane Solomon,
District 6 Resident since 1986

ps: I live in a street off of Willow Street near Bird Avenue--the first block north of Willow. We are nowhere near Downtown!!!! I want to be in the same District as North Willow Glen, portions of our District that are near the Alameda and the parts of our District that are West of Monterey Road. We ARE a community!

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Willow Glen

William Nicolosi <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 2:19 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Willow Glen is a close knit community that gives its citizens a feeling of belonging. This is hard to find in such a large metropolitan area as San Jose. Please do **NOT** divide Willow Glen when redistricting the city.

Thank you,
Jan Nicolosi
Glen Eyrie

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re: redistricting

healthfitonline < >

Mon 10/25/2021 2:20 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

Willow Glen is a community of interest. The neighborhood needs to stay together and support the advocacy of WGNA. Please do not divide our neighborhood.

**Thank you,
Maren Sederquist**

FW: District 6 Redistricting

Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 10/25/2021 3:25 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

-----Original Message-----

From: Rita Redfern <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:12 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: District 6 Redistricting

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Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

As a four decades long resident of Willow Glen, I wish to express my deep concern regarding the plan to redistrict our Willow Glen community.

The San Jose Redistricting Commission surely knows that our Willow Glen community is one of diverse people and interests, who come together to build and maintain that sense of "Willow Glen Family". We do not want, or deserve, to have our Willow Glen neighborhood dissected and assigned to a different district at the whim of local government Redistricting Commission political "games".

Sincerely,

Rita Redfern
Willow Glen

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FW: Willow Glen Redistricting

Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 10/25/2021 3:25 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Cathleen Fortune <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:35 PM
To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Willow Glen Redistricting

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My husband and I have lived in Willow Glen for over 45 years. Redistricting? Willow Glen is a community of interest and we believe that dividing our neighborhood is not in the best interest for the community. Gerrymandering happening across our nation - we don't need to change the boundary lines of District 6. We support the advocacy of WGNA.

Cathleen and Fred Fortune

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FW: San Jose Redistricting - Willow Glen

Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 10/25/2021 3:25 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Stefan Baeurle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 5:34 PM
To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: San Jose Redistricting - Willow Glen

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Dear Mr. Taber,

I'm writing to express my opposition to split the community of Willow Glen into several pieces as proposed for the upcoming redistricting of San Jose impacting the District 6 (D6) boundaries. Willow Glen is a community with a long history of civic and cultural engagement and shared values. Please do not divide our neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration,
Stefan Baeurle

[REDACTED], San Jose, CA [REDACTED]

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FW: Do Not Split Up District 6

Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 10/25/2021 3:25 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

-----Original Message-----

From: Laurie Pecchenino <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 4:46 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Do Not Split Up District 6

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Please note that we, as voters and property owners in District 6, want it left intact as one Willow Glen district, Doug and Laurie Pecchenino

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FW: Redistricting Process

Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 10/25/2021 3:26 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Maguire, Jennifer <jennifer.maguire@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 3:20 PM

To: Cheryl <[REDACTED]> Cranford, Sandra <Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: RE: Redistricting Process

Hi Cheryl-

Thank you for your thoughts. I am including Toni Taber, our City Clerk, who is overseeing this process so she can let you know how to get your feedback considered by the Commission before their recommendations go to the City Council.

Thank you,
Jennifer Maguire

Jennifer A. Maguire

City Manager

City of San José | City Manager's Office

200 East Santa Clara Street | 17th floor

San Jose, CA 95113-1905

☎ Phn: [REDACTED]

jennifer.maguire@sanjoseca.gov

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov>

From: Cheryl <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 2:19 PM

To: Cranford, Sandra <Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov>; Maguire, Jennifer <jennifer.maguire@sanjoseca.gov>;

Cheryl Lubow <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Redistricting Process

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Dear City Manager,

It looks like the "Unity Map" is a nationwide effort.

And, it sounds like race-based redistricting is the priority for San Jose as well.

This is the same title and approach used by our local Labor Union and non-profits.

Below are the Unity Map statement from New York and San Jose's statement.

Is this the approach that we are meant to follow in San Jose? -- mostly ignoring the redistricting rules for compactness, functional congruity, maintaining existing districts as much as possible, and including communities of interest that do not adhere to this philosophy.

<https://www.aaldef.org/unity-map/>

Unity Map

The Unity Map: Redistricting for Fair Representation


Redistricting – the redrawing of political district lines – takes place every 10 years, after new Census data are released. Current district lines have been major barriers to Asian-American political participation. Given what is at stake, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund joined forces with the Center for Law and Social Justice at Medgar Evers College, LatinoJustice PRLDEF, and the National Institute for Latino Policy to develop a “Unity Map.”

Our Unity Map would make significant advances toward achieving fair representation for the city's communities of color. Asian Americans grew 32% over the past decade to over 1 million, or 13% of the population. Accordingly, the Unity Map achieves four Asian American majority State Assembly districts, compared to only one under current district lines. In Queens, where the Asian American community grew 300 times faster than the rest of the borough's population to almost half a million, the Unity Map creates one majority State Senate district for the neighborhood of Flushing/Bayside. Finally, the Unity Map unites splintered Asian American neighborhoods in Eastern Queens, Sunset Park, Brooklyn, and Manhattan's Chinatown within Congressional districts.


Latinos are New York City's largest minority group, constituting 29% of the City's 8.1 million residents. Under the Unity Map, there will be sixteen Latino majority State Assembly districts rather than the current thirteen, seven majority State Senate districts rather than the current five, and three Congressional districts rather than the current one. The Unity Map also preserves the number of Black State Assembly and Congressional districts for the City's 2.2 million Black residents, who constitute 26% of the City's total population.

City of San Jose Unity Map #SJUnityMAP:
<https://districtr.org/plan/67784>


- Across districts, increases **combined** voice of Asian, Hispanic, Black, Indigenous and renter populations. Ensures working families and communities of color are better represented across the City.
- Retains VRA Asian Majority Minority Districts (D4 & D8) and Asian pluralities (D1)
- Retains a Majority Population, Plurality CVAP Hispanic District (D5)
- Adds a Hispanic Plurality District (D6); adds significant Asian representation in D2, D3, and D6; and adds significant Black representation in D2 and D6, overall creating more balanced districts.
- Better combines communities of interest, addressing public comments.




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On Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 3:47 AM Cheryl <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear City Manager,

I am writing to express my thoughts about the Redistricting process.

First – We finally have a commissioner for D3. But I have now been told that commissioners are not allowed to talk to residents or exchange emails with residents outside of public meetings. Apparently, this is what the City Deputy Attorney told the D4 commissioner, who relayed the information to me. I emailed our D3 rep and never even received a reply.

What is the point of having district commissioners then?

And, residents are not allowed to have direct contact with Redistricting Partners, who are drawing the maps.

The only communication we have is residents listening to the commission and the Redistricting Partners person present during the weekly meetings. Then, we have 2 minutes to talk. There is no Q&A & no discussion (except between the commissioners).

We were told there would be revised maps each week based on public input. But there has been no map changes since the Oct. 14th meeting.

We presented our own map tonight. But apparently that was a waste of time. We were told that the two maps that the commission proposed last week will be the baseline maps.

As far as I can tell, we are now supposed to wait another week for some changes to be made based on what the commissioners want. Our D3 commissioner seems to have input from somewhere. Although she apparently isn't allowed to talk to residents.

Meanwhile, the Labor Union and non-profits have presented their map and it is the basis for one of the maps proposed by the commission. The Labor Union and non-profits hired a consultant early on. So, they have access to the same redistricting software that Redistricting Partners uses and are able to quickly generate maps that show differences with the current districts and all the data tables for presentation.

The residents in D3, who are most affected by the proposed changes, do not have this software which costs \$5,000 for one license. Meanwhile, we aren't able to see the street names on the proposed maps or make edits to show what changes we would like to submit. Apparently, it doesn't matter anyway since there is no one to receive or respond to emails.

People in San Jose are only now realizing that redistricting is happening and there are major changes being proposed that affect many neighborhoods. But it feels like it's just a matter of running out the clock now.

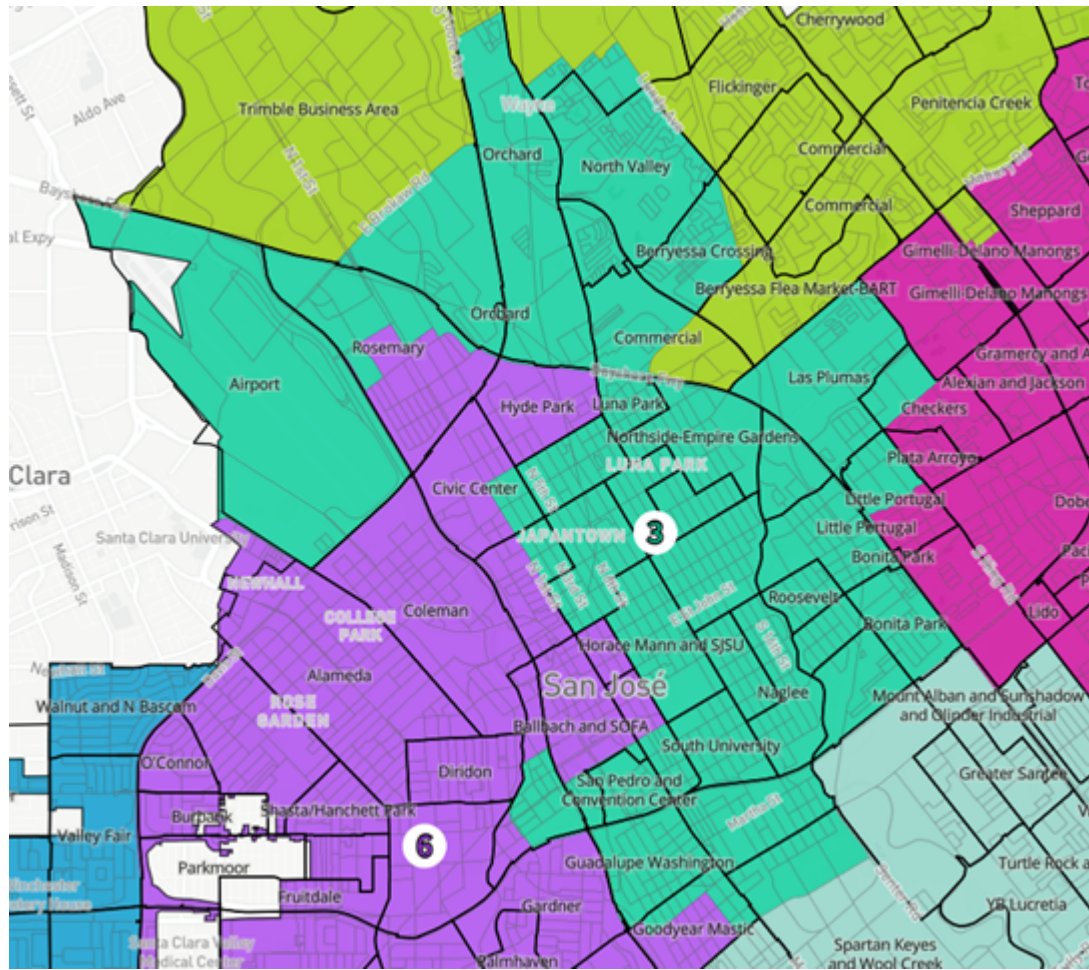
The only saving grace in all of this is that the City Clerk, Toni Taber, and the person who works with her, Megan Roche, do an amazing job of keeping things on track and they are very responsive.

Meanwhile, here are some snippets from the Labor Union's map that's the basis for one the commission's proposed maps. There's carving in and out and picking apart at specific areas. How is any of this considered a reasonable process? How is this map reasonable?

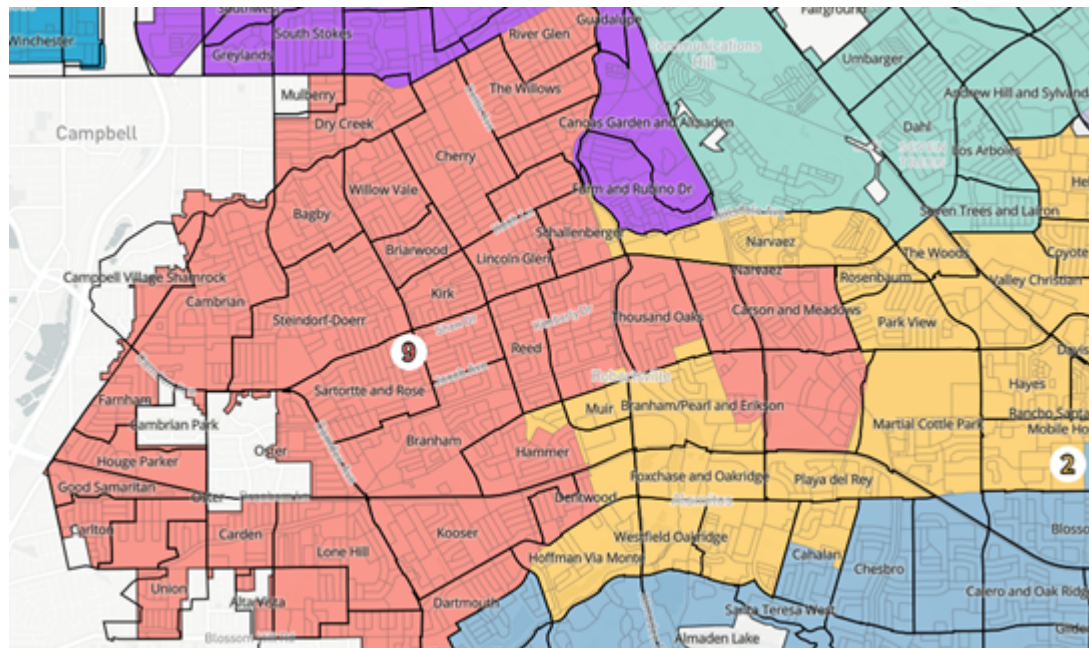
This is the link to the Union map that is basically the same as the commission's proposed C4 map. I'm referring to this one because it shows neighborhood boundaries. We don't have the capability to see the boundaries on the commission's proposed maps. The requirements for compactness, functional congruity and maintaining existing boundaries, as much as possible, don't seem to be a priority.

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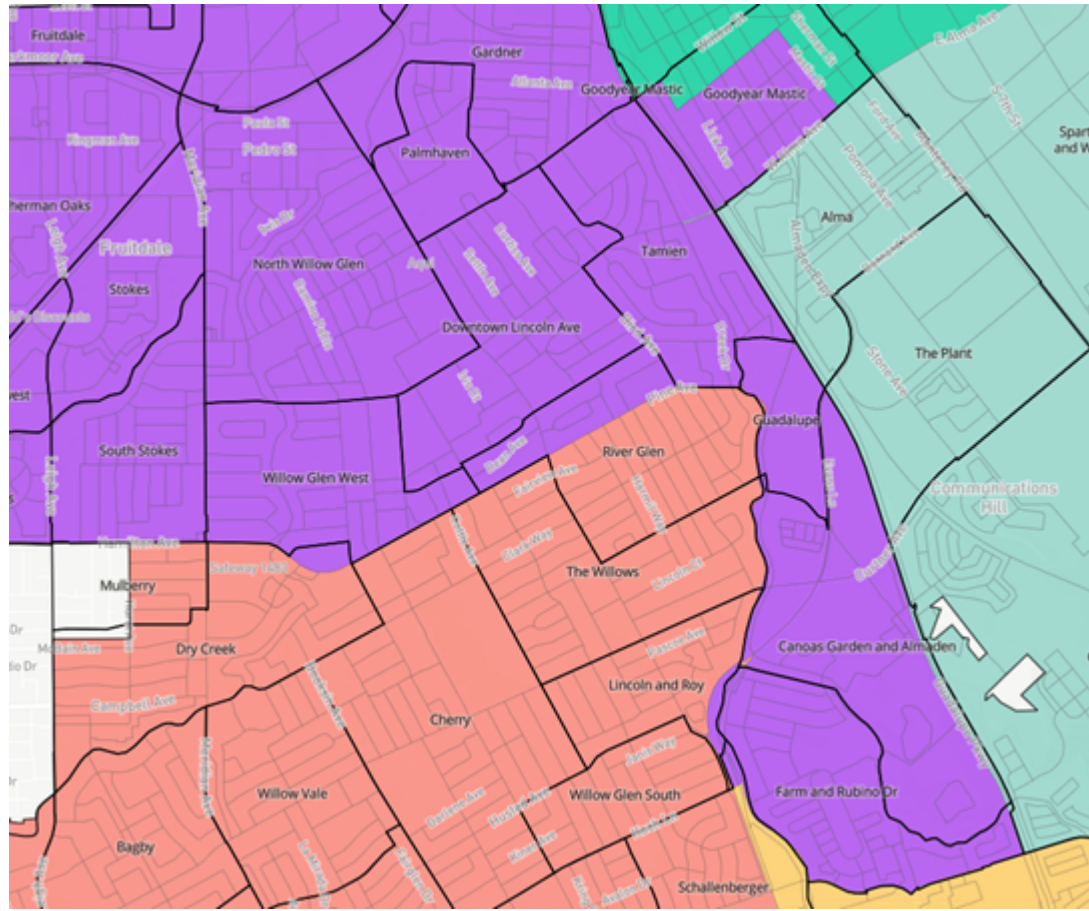
Here's our downtown District 3 on the Union map (barely squeaking through at 101 by the Berryessa Flea Market).



Here's District 9 with District 2 snaking around it on the Union map:



Here's part of District 6 in purple on the Union map. Apparently, Willow Glen High won't be in District 6 any more.



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willow glen redistricting

[Redacted] <[Redacted]>

Mon 10/25/2021 3:37 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hi:

We are a willow glen resident and have lived on Creek Drive for 27 years. We back up to the guadelupe creek and we bought one of the first VA neighborhoods in san jose. When we moved in we met some of the original home owners. They have mostly moved away or have passed, but we have loved living here. We remodeled the house 6 years after we purchased and started our family. We have roots in willow glen and are currently updating our home, again.

We have seen some redistricting maps showing our street moving to another district, and less desirable Monterey Corridor. We are actually a bit furious that the more "affordable" neighborhood of willow glen would be removed from this district and lumped with less appealing neighborhoods, especially with the creek being a natural divider. We are a biracial family and the thought of being removed from the willow glen district only furthers the divide with the "haves and the have nots" in our area, and that is the most infuriating part.

We are asking that you please not divide the willow glen neighborhood.

Kara Silkwood



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Do not Change Willow Glen's Districting

Laura Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 4:05 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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I have become aware of proposals to redistrict Willow Glen.

Willow Glen is a community of interest, the neighborhood needs to stay together, and support the advocacy of WGNA. Please do not divide our neighborhood.

I strongly object to these proposals.

Laura and Douglas Johnson

[REDACTED] SJ [REDACTED]

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Please don't change District 6 boundary lines

Dena Trujillo <[REDACTED]>

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To whom it make concern,

Willow Glen is a community of interest, the neighborhood needs to stay together, and support the advocacy of WGNA. Please do not divide our neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dena Trujillo
CEO, Crisis Text Line

[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA [REDACTED]

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The Redistricting of Willow Glen

une basquaise <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 4:42 PM

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Dear Ms. Taber et al,

As I did 10 years ago, I am writing today in light of the redistricting process that is underway, aimed at dividing Willow Glen in an extreme manner. I know you have heard from WGNA, but simply want to assert my point of view here.

Our charming, historic, Willow Glen is a community of interest. The neighborhood needs to stay together and I support the advocacy of WGNA. Please do not allow greed to divide our unique neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Anne-Marie Valero

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