



## Tell us about your community!

### **Help shape the future of City of San José's Council Districts**

Every ten years, U.S. Census data is used to redraw City of San José City Council district boundaries. This ensures the districts are balanced for changes in population. The City Council wants to hear from you on how these boundaries should be drawn. Complete this form to tell the Commission about your **community of interest** – keeping communities of interest together is a high-ranking criteria in the redistricting process.

### **What is a Community of Interest?**

A Community of Interest is a group of people in the same geographically definable area who share common social and economic interests. Some examples of Communities of Interest are:

- Senior citizens
- LGBTQIA+ communities
- College students living near campus
- People who live downtown or in a neighborhood
- Dog park community
- Residents who share a common language
- People that use the same transportation systems

### **What criteria will help the City Council understand the importance of your community in the redistricting process?**

When answering the questions on the form, please keep in mind the following:

1. Does your community have a shared culture, characteristics, or bond?
2. Is your community geographic in nature? Is your community able to be mapped? Is there density within your community?
3. Describe your community's relationship with the County and how it is affected by policy decisions made by the City Council.

The public can submit any testimony, but it is important to remember that your input can be best used if it addresses all three of these questions.

### **What You Can Do to Further Participate in the Redistricting Process?**

1. Provide your comments on your community of interest by completing this worksheet and return it by email to the City Clerk at [redistricting@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:redistricting@sanjoseca.gov) or mail/drop off a hard copy to the City Council, 200 E Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113 or attend a public hearing and read your comments to the Redistricting Commission or City Council.
2. Attend one of the City of San José Redistricting Commission public meetings, times and locations to be publicized on the website. <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/appointees/city-clerk/redistricting-2020>



**Email:** [redistricting@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:redistricting@sanjoseca.gov)



**In person:** Call 408-535-1260 to make an appointment



**Mail:** City Council,  
200 E Santa Clara Street  
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## Questions or comments?

We want to hear from you. Email the City of San José City Council at [redistricting@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:redistricting@sanjoseca.gov) or visit our webpage at <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/appointees/city-clerk/redistricting-2020>

## Document Your Community of Interest

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

The Mount Pleasant Neighborhood Association is an active neighborhood association with a legacy of over 25 years that has successfully advocated for, engaged, and supported our community for several years. We work closely with our city council representatives, schools, city services such as DOT and PRNS to name a few, and police, to keep our community safe, clean, and connected with services that our neighbors need.

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

We are presently in the south east corner of San Jose City Council District 5. Bounded on the west by White Rd., to the north Mount Vista Dr. and north of Clayton, east of Mount Pleasant Rd. and Marten Ave to the South.

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.

Over 25 years of advocacy and some of our accomplishments:

- Crosswalk upgrade on Marten Ave. near Mt. Pleasant High School
- Crosswalk at Harvest Dr. and Clayton Rd.
- Advocated for re-pavement of streets
- National Night Out events with over 300 participants

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

We consider it imperative that our neighborhood stay together given our long list of historical advocacy and accomplishments. We feel that we are most knowledgeable in how to best engage our residents and community and our elected officials. We don't consider fragmentation of our neighborhood optional. Keeping our neighborhood intact is non-negotiable.

## Community of Interest Form

Providing the following information is optional. If you provide an email address, we will send you updates on the process.

**First name:** Trudy Ellerbeck/Melissa Got-l **Email:** [REDACTED]

**Which district do you live in? If you're not sure, write your address and we'll look it up:**

District	District 5
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