From: Cm dowel <

Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 8:57 AM

**To:** redistricting **Subject:** District 6

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To all those concerned, stop playing games and affecting our district. We in the Cory neighborhood would like to continue to stay on District six as it means so much to us. If you don't live in this neighborhood then you won't understand. Please take our concerns into consideration, and do what we want.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Stephanie <

Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 4:38 PM

**To:** Peralez, Raul; redistricting **Subject:** Redistricting map D3

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please strike my email address from any communications posted online.

I would like to express my support of the community map 3.0 version presented by Sonya Lu. I understand redistricting is required but needs to be done in a way that doesn't split the Vendome neighborhood (near the site of the original San Jose settlement) that is literally 2 blocks wide possibly in half and relocate it across a highway, river, shopping center and Guadalupe Gardens to combine it with District 6. Communications will be broken and things that affect the whole neighborhood will only be communicated to half of the neighborhood. Things that affect us just a block away on First street and the new urban village we will now have no outreach on. Is this by design? I really dont think this is in our best interest of our neighborhood as it relates to all things downtown which greatly affect us.

Stephanie Patterson Vendome Resident

From: Linda Sorbi <

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 6:00 PM

**To:** District 6; Taber, Toni; redistricting

**Subject:** Redistricting District 6

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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of District 6 in the Cory Neighborhood, I oppose any redistricting effort to move our neighborhood into District 1. For decades the Rose Garden neighborhood has been our community of interest. This is demonstrated by the fact that in real estate brochures for house sales in this neighborhood we are referred to as the Greater Rose Garden neighborhood.

Cory Neighborhood is on the border of San Jose and Santa Clara. We have a strong Cory Neighborhood Association that has close connections and ties to our elected representative in District 6 for decades. We shop, dine and advocate for city services within what is known as the Greater Rose Garden neighborhood in the City of San Jose.

We oppose redistricting maps that either divide us or annex us from District, including the Unity Map 10/27/21. Retaining Cory Neighborhood within District 6 should not significantly change or alter the overall Hispanic and Asian Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) representation. Please vote to retain Cory Neighborhood in District 6.

Regards,

Linda Sorbi

Sent from my iPad

From: Donna Finelli <

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 5:58 PM **To:** District 6; redistricting; Taber, Toni

**Subject:** Please vote to retain Cory Neighborhood in District 6

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Please vote to retain Cory Neighborhood in District 6.

Sincerely, Donna Finelli

San Jose, Ca 95128

From: Brett Staples <

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 11:54 AM

**To:** redistricting

**Subject:** Willow Glen - Redistricting proposals?

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#### To Whom it May Concern:

I only became aware today that there are some seriously shocking proposals on the table to split Willow Glen's neighborhood up, a neighborhood and community we deeply care about and are involved in from WGLL, WGE, WGMS, and WGHS. It is surprising that something was taking place without much publicity that could alter our neighborhood tremendously.

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

Regards,

#### **Brett Staples**

Willow Glen Homeowner, parent of WG students, WGLL Coach for 9 years

From: kirk vartan <

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:30 PMTo: Taber, Toni; redistricting; Davis, DevCc: Groen, Mary Anne; Alanis, Diana

**Subject:** Redistricting - Keep Cory Neighborhood in D6

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#### To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a resident of District 6 for over 18 years. In looking at the various maps, many either divide the neighborhood or remove it completely from District 6. I have been on the Cory Neighborhood Association Board as Vice-President for almost 10 years and I have recently heard many people express concerns about this change. In fact, at our last Quarterly Cory Neighborhood General meeting, we clearly expressed this concern.

I oppose redistricting maps that either divide us or annex us from District 6, including the Unity Map 10/27/21. Retaining Cory Neighborhood within District 6 should not significantly change or alter the overall Hispanic and Asian Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) representation, and allow us to keep the current condition.

Please vote to retain Cory Neighborhood in District 6.

If you are looking to gain more homes in District 1, you can continue east to the Burbank area. Jumping a highway doesn't seem to matter as you already jump I-280.

Thank you,

Kirk Vartan

"We have to turn everything up-side-down, to get it right-side-up, to get from inadequate to extraordinary." Fred Kent, PPS

From: Patricia Gardner <

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:30 PM

**To:** Taber, Toni; redistricting

**Subject:** Redistricting

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#### Redistricting Commission

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Patricia Gardner

28 year Cory Neighborhood Resident

From: MARSEY KAHN <

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:59 AM

**To:** RC1; RC10; RC2; RC3; RC4; RC5; RC6; RC7; RC8; RC9; redistricting

**Subject:** Redistricting Map recommendation

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As I understand it, the task before you is to select a redistricting map for submission to City Council that makes necessary adjustments with minimum disruption to existing district boundaries. I applaud your efforts to give voice to concerned citizens, however, I hope that your focus remains on the guidelines you have been given. Regardless of the number of people promoting one map or another, I urge you to remain true to your mission to select a map that best aligns with the goal of making minimum changes to achieve necessary results.

Thank you for your commitment to the important work of this commission.

Sincerely,

Marsey Kahn, Board Member

Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association

From: Sandra McSweeney <

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:30 AM

**To:** redistricting

**Subject:** Cory neighborhood

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I am a 20 year resident of the Cory neighborhood and I support keeping the Cory neighborhood intact and in District 6. If the neighborhood gets split, it will be harder to get the attention of our councilperson as our votes are split in half. Please keep the Cory neighborhood unified and in District 6.

Thank you.

Sandra McSweeney
Bellarmine Mothers' Guild President
2021-2022

From: Vicky Leung <

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:53 PM

**To:** Peralez, Raul; redistricting

**Subject:** Vendome neighborhood affected by redistricting

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Dear Councilman Peralez and Redistricting Commission,

I'm a homeowner resident on San Jose, CA 95110 since 2015.

Regarding the redistricting effort happening this year, I have immense concerns over the proposed maps.

There is no one map proposed that fully satisfied a lot of the concerns from our neighbors in the same and different districts.

Please do not split up existing neighborhoods and keep the Vendome Neighborhood in the Downtown District (D3/downtown core) with their neighboring communities.

We share common interests and downtown development has a major impact on

our neighborhoods. It is especially key to keep Vendome with Japantown neighborhood as we are not only in walkable proximity to the neighborhood, we consider ourselves in the same community as Japantown and the VTA lightrail station is closer to Vendome than japantown core street itself. Vendome certainly does not align with neighborhoods separated by the 87 highway. We share the same frustrations and issues downtown San Jose faces and it is important to keep the community united when it comes to expressing concerns and impacting policy making.

Vendome should also not be included with the district that goes all the way up in north Milpitas/Alviso. That just simply does not make sense for the community.

Redistricting should be guided by the census but not strictly based on the number of people in the census and disregarding the physical road and structures that separate communities.

Please consider redrawing a new map after taking the expressed concerns from communities rather than simply voting on an existing proposed map.

Thank you for listening.

Vicky Leung

, San Jose, CA 95110

#### District 6

mick galvin <

Fri 11/12/2021 5:20 PM

To: RCCW <RCCW@sanjoseca.gov>; RC10 <RC10@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>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear commissioners - we understand the good intentions but sometimes things are best left as they are.

Our family has lived in Willow Glen for 30 years, it is definitely a community of interest.

Willow Glen is a strong community and should stay together, we need to support the advocacy of the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association.

Please do not divide our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Mick Galvin

## San Jose redistricting

Richard Carruth <

Sun 11/14/2021 7:39 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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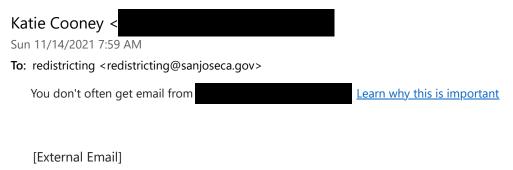
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I want to express my concern of recent that a redistricting effort is underway that impacts my neighborhood (Willow Glen).

Please advance the D4 community map. Please do not push forward the "Unity" map. Please keep communities of interest together.

Sent from my iPhone

### Vote for the Equal and Equitable Map (EE 2.0)



"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."

Vote for the Equal and Equitable Map (EE 2.0) which would avoid dividing neighborhoods and keeps our communities together. Map EE 2.0 follows all best practices, established by the state, for creating County Supervisorial districts. Please do the right thing and vote for Map EE 2.0 to provide fair representation for all our communities in Santa Clara County.

## **Think Bravely!**

Katie Cooney

Wrestling the World: Life/Times of Jack Roddy www.katiecooney.com

### Redistricting 2020 District Map Drafts

Joni Padron <

Sun 11/14/2021 7:59 AM

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

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Regards,

Joni Padronn

### Redistricting

Larry Glick <

Sun 11/14/2021 8:05 AM

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

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Don't split up neighborhoods - Please help preserve the integrity and unity of San Jose neighborhoods on Wednesday and advance the D4 and/or Community Map not the "Unity" map.

### Keep communities of interest together!!

Thank you, Larry Glick

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## Redistricting

Sally Grenfell <

Sun 11/14/2021 8:15 AM

To: redistricting < redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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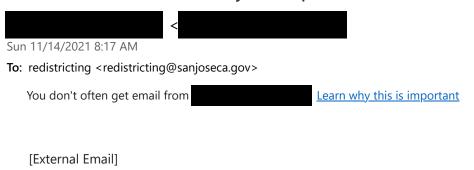
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Hello,

Please advance the D4 or community maps for redistricting. These keep our communities together.

Thank you, Sally Grenfell

# Please Choose The Community 3.0 Map



The "Unity" Map (C4) is a map of paid special interests. Please choose the Community 3.0 map that was constructed by neighborhood volunteers of the Commission's own map D4.



City/County Redistricting: Please advance the D4 and/or Community Map not the "Unity" map. Keep communities of interest together. Thank you. Diane & Richard McGovern

Diane McGovern <	
Sun 11/14/2021 8:22 AM	•
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## redistricting - voicing my perspective & request

David F. < Sun 11/14/2021 8:29 AM

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

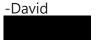
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Hi there - I am a lifelong resident of San Jose and live in Willow Glen with my wife and 2 young children.

I am emailing today to voice my request to advance the D4 map and/or the Community map... NOT the Unity map.

Thank you!



## Redistricting

Jeanne Rudy <

Sun 11/14/2021 8:46 AM

To: redistricting < redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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To Whom It May Concern: I urge you to put forward the D4 or the Community Map in order to maintain consistency of representation for areas of common heritage within San Jose. The Unity map does not do this, and I encourage you not to support its usage.

Sincerely, Jeanne Rudy

# upcoming meeting on redistricting on 11/17

Art Lasky <

Sun 11/14/2021 8:48 AM

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

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I am a resident of the Evergreen area of San Jose.

In the name of keeping communities of interest together, this is to voice my support for the advancement of the D4 and/or Community Map not the "Unity" map. Again, please keep communities of interest together.

Art Lasky resident of the Meadowlands

## No on Unity Map

# Barbara Callisch <

Sun 11/14/2021 8:53 AM

To: redistricting < redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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We need to keep neighborhoods (of similar social/economic interests) together. NO on the unity map! Barbara Callisch (born here and my parents before me)....

San Jose 95125

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## Redistricting - NO on "Unity" map

Barb Rumsby <

Sun 11/14/2021 9:06 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Please support keeping our neighborhood together. Our home is presently, and has always been, in District 9. We are active members of our neighborhood and district. Do not chop up our neighborhood.

Regards, Barbara Rumsby

Sent from my iPad

## Districting

# Lynn Ward <

Sun 11/14/2021 9:13 AM

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

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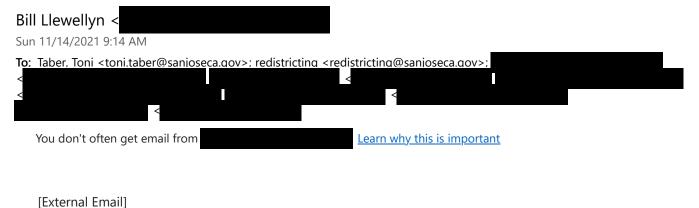
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Please advance the D4 Map, NOT the Unity map. Keep communities of interest together! Lynn Ward

San Jose, CA 95120

Sent from my iPhone

### Vote for the Equal and Equitable Map (EE 2.0)



Dear City and County officials,

I am concerned about some of the redistricting proposals that have been put forward recently. The California Election Code criteria states that the county should "preserve the integrity of neighborhoods and local communities of interest, which are populations that share common social or economic interests that should be included within a single supervisorial district for purposes of effective and fair representation. Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates." In that spirit, I strongly urge you to vote for the Equal and Equitable Map (EE 2.0) which would avoid dividing neighborhoods and keeps our communities together. Map EE 2.0 follows all best practices, established by the state, for creating County Supervisorial districts.

Please do what is right for our region and vote for Map EE 2.0 to provide fair representation for all our communities in Santa Clara County.

Thank you and kind regards,

Bill Llewellyn Willow Glen resident

### Fwd: Redistricting of District 7 to District 5

Felipe Juarez <

Sun 11/14/2021 9:20 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: RC5 < RC5@sanjoseca.gov>; RC7 < RC7@sanjoseca.gov>

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Re submitting as I could not locate my original letter on City website of submitted letters.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Felipe Juarez <

**Date:** October 10, 2021 at 10:11:22 PM PDT

To: RC5@sanjoseca.gov Cc: RC7@sanjoseca.gov

Subject: Fwd: Redistricting of District 7 to District 5

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Felipe Juarez <

Date: October 10, 2021 at 9:33:50 PM PDT

To: RC5@sanjoseca.gov Cc: RC7@sanjoseca.gov

**Subject: Redistricting of District 7** 

Hello,

I am a resident of District 7. I would like to see our Neighborhood redistricted to District 5.

This would be from Story Road running South along 101 on one end and King Rd on the other, all the way to the D5,D8 & D7 intersect at King and Ocala.

For many years, this neighborhood, officially known as Meadowlark

Park/Tropicana Village Neighborhood (unofficially known as the "Tropicana") has been the forgotten step child of District 7.

I feel this transition would better serve the residents living in this area.

Please consider this redistricting request.

Felipe Juarez-resident Meadowlark Park/ Tropicana Village Neighborhood

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Felipe Juarez-resident Meadowlark Park/ Tropicana Village Neighborhood

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### San Jose Redistricting

John Bernstein <

Sun 11/14/2021 9:27 AM

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

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I am writing to express my support for the D4 and/or Community Map for redistricting.

I am OPPOSED to the so-called "Unity" map, as it violates the California Election Code criteria of preserving the integrity of neighborhoods.

Our neighborhoods must be represented as cohesive units, rather than split up to meet the political needs of groups which are orthogonal to the actual neighborhoods being represented.

Sincerely, John Bernstein San Jose, CA 95125 Willow Glen

### We do not approve of "Unity" map, it is divisive

Terry Kelly < Sun 11/14/2021 9:31 AM To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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### advance the D4 and/or Community Map not the "Unity" map. Keep communities of interest together. Thanks

#### **Terry Kelly**

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# Dividing our districts!

Camille Colonica <

Sun 11/14/2021 9:36 AM

To: redistricting < redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Please advance the D4 map not the "unity" map. Thank you Camille Colonica District 6

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### Re: Redistricting Willow Glen

Will Belknap <

Sun 11/14/2021 10:02 AM

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

Cc: Sara Belknap <

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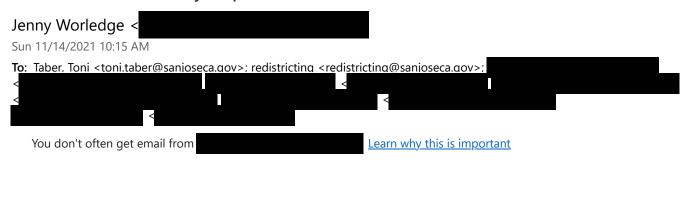
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It's my understanding that the redistricting vote is coming up this week. Please advance the map known as D4 and/or Community Map, and do not advance the "Unity" map. We want to keep communities of interest together and keep the neighborhood we moved here for intact and thriving. Thank you again, Will Belknap Blewett Ave, SJ

On 11/1/2021 4:41 PM, Will Belknap wrote:

- > Greetings,
- > I'm a Willow Glen resident and have lived here for over 30 years. It
- > is my understanding that a redistricting is in process with the idea
- > of dividing up our neighborhood. That would be a bad idea, as Willow
- > Glen is a cohesive community as defined today and the neighborhood
- > really should to stay together and remain within one district.
- > Especially true for us seniors that have worked to create the
- > community environment that we now enjoy.
- > Please do not divide our neighborhood.
- > Thank you,
- > Will Belknap
- > Blewett Ave, SJ

#### Yes on D4 or Community Map



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Please keep communities of interest together. Please do not advance the "Unity" map. My neighbors and I are engaged voters meaning we actually vote. Many of the voters feel their hard work and quality of life are being threatened by our government representatives. Unless you are uber rich, you feel threatened and less protected of personal property and quality of life these days. We do want to help those who are in need, but we don't want to be robbed of our hard work and downgrade our quality of life for it. You are going to lose many upstanding, hard working citizens who actually vote if you continue to threaten our way of life. Please consider your children and grandchildren's future. I am an educator and I would like to continue to live in California. Please advance the D4 or Community Map.

Thank you very much for reading. Jenny Worledge

# Redistricting

# KAREN BATEY <

Sun 11/14/2021 10:40 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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I am writing to request that you voce to advance the D4 / or the Community Map and NOT the Unity map.

Keep our communities of interest together.

Thank you!

# Karen Batey



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# redistricting

Dan Phelan < Sun 11/14/2021 10:52 AM

To: redistricting < redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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## Redistributing

Sally < Sun 11/14/2021 11:04 AM To: redistricting < redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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As a long time resident of San Jose and specifically Willow Glen I am asking you to advance the D4 and/or Community Map not the "Unity" map. Keep communities of interest together.

### Sally Videan

Sent from my iPad

#### Support the Equal and Equitable Map (EE 2.0)

David Taylor <	
Sun 11/14/2021 12:17 PM	
To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov></redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>	
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Hello,

I am a long time resident of San Jose. My wife and I bought our house in Willow Glenn in 2000 and we have been active participants in the community.

After reading articles on the redistricting proposals and reviewing maps, I would like you to consider supporting the Equal and Equitable Map (EE 2.0). I believe that this map maintains the integrity of our community because Willow Glen will still be a one block instead of being fragmented.

Regards, **David Taylor** 

#### Redistricting

Jan Llovera <

Sun 11/14/2021 1:21 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Please vote for the community or D4 map so our neighborhoods are not randomly chopped up and so we do not lose a voice for our common interests. We all pay a lot of taxes here and would appreciate you using them to help make our lives better.

Thanks, Jan Llovera

Sent from my iPhone

#### Advance the D4 map

Celeste Melehan <

Sun 11/14/2021 1:58 PM

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Not the unity map

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### Keep our communities together. Only advance the D4 and Community maps to the City Council

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The Unity map is blatant gerrymandering!	
Regards,	
Robert Feretich District 10	

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## PLEASE advance the D4 and/or Community Map not the "Unity" map. Keep communities of interest together.

#### D4 Map/Community Map

Katie Nelson <

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the D4 Map and/or Community Map choices in the redistricting of San Jose. I strongly oppose the "Unity" choice. I believe it is important to keep communities of interest together.

Thank you for your work.

Sincerely, Katie Nelson

#### Please vote for D4 and listen to citizens of San Jose Communities of interest

Richard Hillebrecht <

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#### **DISTRICT 6**

Marilyn August <

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#### Dear Redistricting Committee:

I have followed some of the discussion regarding redistricting in Santa Clara County and am alarmed by the proposals that will split several communities. For effective and fair representation, I would think it is beneficial to maintain the integrity of neighborhoods with common interests and concerns. It appears that some of the proposed maps are contrary to that thinking.

As a resident in Willow Glen, I encourage you to support a plan that retains the integrity of our community, in particular, NOT the "Unity" map. Please keep existing D6 neighborhoods in D6, including Cory, Willow Glen, and Diridon.

Sincerely,

Marilyn J. August

#### Redistricting

Wendy Watkins-Smith < Mon 11/15/2021 6:38 AM To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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I urge you to keep communities of interest together and advance the D4 and/or Community map, NOT the "unity" map.

Thank you,

Wendy Watkins-Smith



San Jose

#### Redistricting letter

art maurice <

Mon 11/15/2021 9:11 AM

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Cc: Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

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Redistricting Board City of San Jose 200 E Santa Clara St San Jose, CA 95113

Dear San Jose Redistricting Board, City Clerk, and Councilmember Davis,

The Cory Neighborhood Association was formed in 2001 and has, through the years, built a strong relationship with the District 6 councilmember, which currently is Dev Davis. They attend our events and speak at our community meetings. That includes the current meetings we hold on Zoom.

Because of the many years of working together with Dev and the councilmembers before her, there is substantial institutional knowledge of our issues and where the hot spots are. This relationship allows solutions to our issues to happen quickly and efficiently. This is an incalculable value, which makes Cory a great place to live.

The Cory Neighborhood Association Board understands how hard the redistricting process and gathering input from the community can be. We want to thank you for removing the redistricting plans that would split Cory neighborhood into two districts. That would have been devastating.

Of the three redistricting plans under consideration, we take issue with the Unity plan as it puts the Cory neighborhood in District 1. While we have had some meetings with Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, the District 1 councilmember, we don't have the strong relationship as we do with Dev.

Also when studying the Unity plan, while it is a noble cause, District 6 looks heavily gerrymandered. The whole point of redistricting was to correct the problems that arose from past gerrymandering. If we gerrymander for one cause, even a noble one, we allow gerrymandering for all causes, even the not so noble ones. The Board unanimously voted to oppose the Unity plan.

Additionally our Board, through unanimous consent, we approve plans 3.0 and D4. These plans keep all of the Cory neighborhood in District 6. Because Valley Fair Mall and Santana Row have been an integral part of our neighborhood for over 25 years, there is unanimous Board support and preference for the D4

plan. With this redistricting plan, the same District 6 councilmember can address issues holistically with both of these destinations and the community.

Thank you for your time,

Art Maurice President, Cory Neighborhood Association

Cc (via email): Toni Taber, City Clerk Councilmember Dev Davis

#### Support for "community map"

genevieve stoner <

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Please support the "D4" and/or "community map" in your efforts for re-districting. We feel that this map is advantageous because it respects the interests of community groups within our large metropolitan city.

Thank you. Genevieve Stoner

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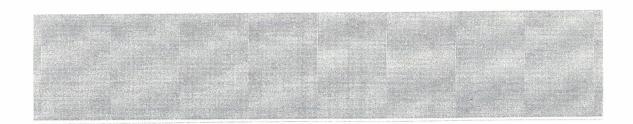
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Please add the attached/presented Vendome Neighborhood - Community of Interest presentation to the letters from the public for review.

Thanks, Tod

# Vendome Neighborhood - Community of Interest



## 1. Vendome Neighborhood-Community of Interest (introduction)

Hello and thank you for the time. Marissa Gorsline and I (Tod Williams) are presenting some Community of Interest information as Vendome residents.

Vendome Location within District 3



#### 2. Vendome (plain)

This map shows the outline of the Vendome. It is a very small neighborhood (approximately only 9 blocks long-(from Taylor to Ryland/Bassett Street)----by 2 blocks wide-(from the 87 freeway to N. 1st Street). It is mainly the former property of the Vendome hotel and includes apartment complexes, two condominium complexes and many historic homes and duplexes.

The next 3 maps are all from a similar vantage point for easy comparison.



#### 3. Surrounding Areas and Urban Transit Village

You can see the Vendome in this area here. We selected this map because it shows the topography.

On the west side is the 87 freeway, the Guadalupe River, Guadalupe Park, A shopping plaza, and a railroad-these natural and artificial boundaries separate us from the Rosegarden/Willow Glen-District 6.

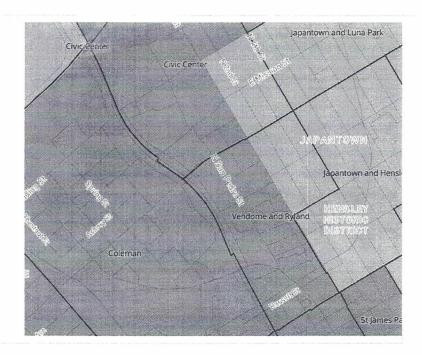
On the north side are the old county buildings including the county jail and a tiny home village, and another upcoming project for the unhoused in the police parking lot.

On the east side is the N  $1^{st}$  Street Urban Transit Village-which is in the final planning stages, the Japantown-Ayer light rail stop (the second stop from Santa Clara street) and our adjacent neighborhoods of Hensley and Japantown .

"A picture is worth a thousand words"...This illustrates the unique placement of our neighborhood including the natural boundaries, separation from District 6 and our close proximity to the downtown.

## **Unity Map**

This map breaks up our neighborhood and removes us from being united with other downtown neighborhoods



#### 4. Unity Map

The Vendome is outlined (I'm not sure of the inclusion of this little piece as our eastern boundary is N. 1st Street.

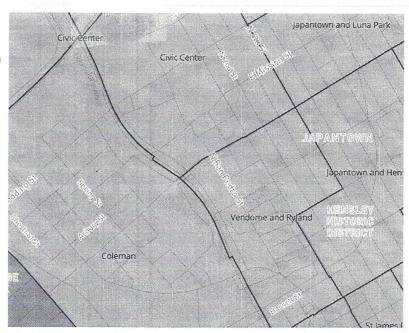
It clearly shows the Vendome carved out from downtown into another district. At the last meeting it was verbally stated that it is planned to shift the line to San Pedro which is almost worse as it would actually divide our small neighborhood and isolate a small number of homes/residents.

We would also prefer to keep our adjacent neighborhoods whole and together as this map splits downtown into three districts around Japantown.

It seems strange that some districts are majorly changed while others remain intact. It would really help if the Unity Map presenters could re-explain their formula and particularly explain their reasoning behind the deviations from the current district mapping and their purpose for splitting District 3.

## **Community Map**

This map keeps our neighborhood intact and in the same district with other neighborhoods that share common interests, including downtown development.



#### 5. Community Map

The Community Map keeps the Vendome whole and connected with our adjacent downtown neighborhoods. While it is somewhat similar to the Redistricting Partners map, the Community Map was created from a grassroots neighborhood effort and has tried to reach out to the various neighborhood associations and residents for input and complies with the redistricting guidelines. We find the Community Map to be the fairest/ best option, for our neighborhood and the city.

# Keep Vendome and Downtown within D3

- Downtown Development
- Hensley, Japantown, Hyde Park, Northside, Naglee Park, SJSU, etc.
- SJC Airport
- Guadalupe River Park
- Urban Transit Village
- Community



#### 6. Bullet Points

- Downtown Development
- Historic downtown neighborhoods
- SJC Airport
- Guadalupe River Park
- Urban Transit Village
- Community

We engage regularly with representatives from Northside, Hyde Park, Japantown, Hensley and other downtown neighborhoods on various city government and neighborhood concerns, objectives and improvements.

Downtown development, SJC Airport and its development, the Guadalupe River Park in general with the associated unhoused situation and the Urban Transit Village all greatly impact ours and the surrounding neighborhoods.

We also share a love of preserving our city's history through architecture and renovation of historic homes and have generally formed a community with our adjacent and nearby neighborhoods.

Please keep Vendome and downtown within District 3

# Questions?



## 7. Questions?

Thank you again for your time and all your hard work.

#### Redistricting

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Howard Levin San Jose

#### community map

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Dear San Jose City Council and Redistricting Commission.

As a Resident of District 6, I wanted to reach out and express my concerns with the current redistricting processing of San Jose. I am concerned about the lack of transparency, inequitable representation, and possible bias on the Redistricting Website and presentation of maps.

Please remember the following when reviewing those maps.

The districts must be substantially equal in population. This is important in ensuring that each city council member represents about the same number of constituents.

#### Assembly Bill No. 849 The Fair And Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities And Political Subdivisions (FAIR MAPS) Act.

To the extent practicable, district lines will be adopted using the following criteria:

- (1) geographically contiguous districts (each city council district should share a common border with the next),
- (2) the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division,
- (3) geographic integrity of a city shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.
- (4) easily identifiable boundaries that follow natural or artificial barriers (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.), and
- (5) lines shall be drawn to encourage geographic compactness. In addition, boundaries shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

The purpose of having the redistricting commission is to provide the public input and provide fairness. Equal access to the maps and providing information that the public can understand is part of that process. The commission should not be seen favoring input from a particular group, special interests have no place here. Redistricting has a direct impact on elections and gerrymandering is of great concern. It is critical to have equitable, fair and transparent information and adoption of the redistricting map. Lastly, this should be about keeping communities together, by keeping this a procedural process and not political a political one.

Thank you, Laura Saso

San Jose Resident

#### Andrea Perry (Spartan Keyes) Strongly Supports the Unity Map

Neil McClintick <

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Please support the Updated San Jose Unity map, so we can chart our city on a course for fair and equitable elections.

Sincerely, Andrea Perry SPARTAN KEYES San Jose, CA 95112

#### Opposition to SJ Redistrict Proposed Plans - Do not Split Willow Glen!

Ronna Cuddihy < Mon 11/15/2021 1:59 PM To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov> You don't often get email from Learn why this is important [External Email]

Hello,

I am writing to request Willow Glen remain unchanged in the redistricting proposal. I have been living in Willow Glen for over 55 years and a home owner for over 25 years. I do not want to see the proposed changes that are part of the "Unity" map.

"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!!!"

If any changes are made, please advance the D4 and/or Community Map **NOT** the "Unity" map. Keep communities of interest - especially Willow Glen - together.

Vote for the Equal and Equitable Map (EE 2.0) which would avoid dividing neighborhoods and keeps our communities together. Map EE 2.0 follows all best practices, established by the state, for creating County Supervisor districts. Please do the right thing and vote for Map EE 2.0 to provide fair representation for all our communities in Santa Clara County.

Thank you,

Ronna Cuddihy Willow Glen Resident.



Ronna --

We are once again writing you about the City and County Redistricting process because your input is incredibly important.

The redistricting process determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together for the purposes of electing city council and county supervisors. The results of this process will significantly impact future policies that will affect your quality of life such as single-family zoning and housing density, homelessness, taxes, etc.

Gerrymandering efforts designed to give one party or group an unfair advantage over another party or group are always an issue. This year is no exception.

On the county level, the Board of Supervisors, by a 3-2 vote, Susan Ellenberg, Cindy Chavez, and Otto Lee voting in favor, advanced three maps for consideration: the Yellow, Purple and EE 2.0 maps.

The "Yellow" "Unity" Map was submitted by South Bay Labor Council and Working Partnerships USA which many say would benefit their political goals while splitting up Communities of Interest in Almaden Valley, Evergreen Valley, Cambrian, Rose Garden, the Vietnamese Community and more.

The San Jose Mercury News says, the Yellow map violates the California Election Code criteria governing the redistricting process. The criteria states that the county should "preserve the integrity of neighborhoods and local communities of interest, which are populations that share common social or economic interests that should be included within a single supervisorial district for purposes of effective and fair representation. Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates."

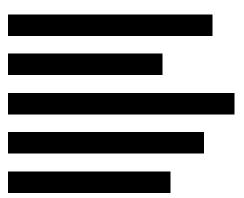
This same group has also submitted a "Unity" map for the City redistricting process. There has been fierce neighborhood opposition to this map as it divides many established communities of interest. It would move over half of Willow Glen into two other districts. Residents worry that splitting neighborhoods such as Naglee Park, Japantown and Willow Glen, will dilute the area's voice concerning issues such as homelessness, parking, property taxes and city resources.

The good news is that there are two maps that respect communities of interest and do not violate the California Election Code. They are the commission drawn D4 map and the Community Map which was proposed by a grassroots effort from residents in many neighborhoods across San Jose. The City of San Jose redistricting commission has not yet advanced a map to City Council. It will vote on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

#### **WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

CITY: Email City Clerk Toni. Taber@sanjoseca.gov and redistricting@sanjoseca.gov and/or Call into the San Jose Meeting on 11/17 at 6pm. Tell them to advance the D4 and/or Community Map not the "Unity" map. Keep communities of interest together.

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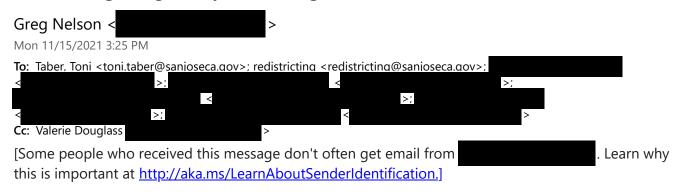
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San Jose



#### Concerns regarding county redistricting



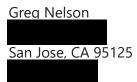
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To whom it may concern,

I agree with what the Mercury News story says about the proposed "Yellow" map violating the current election code criteria. The criteria clearly states the county should "preserve the integrity of neighborhoods and local communities of interest, which are populations that share common social or economic interests that should be included within a single supervisorial district for purposes of effective and fair representation. Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, political candidates"

I believe the EE 2.0 map follows the current practices established by the state. I will be encouraging all my Willow Glen neighbors to be writing in and/or attending the call on Wednesday. I hope you take mine and others' concerns into account do vote according to the current election codes and vote in favor of the EE 2.0 map.

Sincerely,



#### (No subject)

Stephen Graf <

Mon 11/15/2021 3:35 PM

To: redistricting < redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Please advance the D4 and/or Community Map not the "Unity" map. Keep communities of interest together.

### **Steve Graf**

SAN JOSE, CA

### DON'T SCREW UP DISTRICT 6. WILLOW GLEN IS A COMMUNITY!

Mark Donnelly <

Mon 11/15/2021 4:48 PM

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Cc: District 6 < district6@sanjoseca.gov >

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While you are gerrymandering the district maps for San Jose, please do not change up Willow Glen. We've been a community for decades. As one of my dear neighbors said, "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."

Also, Willow Glen has always included the Diridon station area. It is just political BS to pull that area out of District 6 now that Google is going to be generating some tax revenue that would support the parks in our D6 neighborhood. All the proposed maps now pull Diridon out of D6. That's unacceptable!

Also, the "Unity Map" is a political gerrymanderer's dream, tearing our longstanding neighborhoods apart. Get rid of the Unity Map!

Thank you,

Mark Donnelly San Jose, CA 95125

## District 6 redistricting

kay fontana < Mon 11/15/2021 5:29 PM To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov> You don't often get email from Learn why this is important [External Email]

### To whom it may concern:

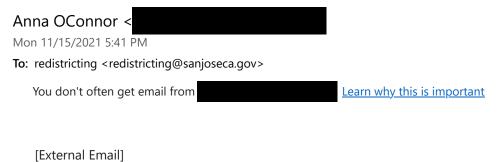
Please do not vote to destroy neighborhoods in the process of redistricting. Our neighborhood has had a strong bond since I moved here in 1974 and continues to be cohesive. Please keep all the existing D6 neighborhoods in D6, including Cory, Willow Glen and the Dididon area. Politics should not enter into neighbor affairs and districting.

The California Election Code criteria governing the redistricting process. The criteria states that the county should "preserve the integrity of neighborhoods and local communities of interest, which are populations that share common social or economic interests that should be included within a single supervisorial district for purposes of effective and fair representation. Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates."

Please vote to keep our neighbors together.

Thank you for you time, Kay Fontana

# **D4 Community Map**



Please advance the D4 and/or Community Map not the "Unity" map. Keep communities of interest together.

Thank you, A long time Willow Glen resident

## **Redistricting Willow Glen**



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Please, please vote for the Equal and Equitable Map (EE 2.0) which would avoid dividing neighborhoods and keeps our communities together. Map EE 2.0 follows all best practices, established by the state, for creating County Supervisorial districts. Please do the right thing and vote for Map EE 2.0 to provide fair representation for all our communities in Santa Clara County.

We have lived in Willow Glen for over 30 years, please do not change our community by splitting us into two other districts.

We hope you will do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Toni Morrella

## Please Recommend the Community Map to City Council

### David Noel <

Tue 11/16/2021 3:22 AM

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#### Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

Thank you so much for your service on the commission. I'm sure you're looking forward to wrapping up the commission's work and enjoying some well-deserved recovery time from your huge volunteer commitment.

#### I'm writing to urge you to:

- Recommend the Community Map 5.0 to City Council
- Not recommend the Unity Map to City Council
- Recommend that the City Council investigate improving equity by reviving the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative and/or similar programs in the next budget year (see more info below)

#### Here's why:

- The Community Map best meets redistricting laws and guiding principals such as compactness, contiguity, logical geographical borders, and preservation of communities of interest. It also minimizes excessive changes and unintended consequences.
- The Unity Map disregards the key redistricting laws and guiding principals, and creates significant disruption in order to provide political advantage to special interests hoping to sway the balance of the city council.
- The Unity Map will result in districts that are more difficult to manage, reducing efficiency and quality of service for all residents.
- The Unity Map would shatter the greater Blossom Hill / Almaden Expressway Community of Interest at the border of Districts 9 and 10 by wedging a narrow Gerrymandered arm of District 2 between them in order to grab a specific population that has been well represented by District 10 for decades. This will create ongoing chaos in addressing numerous issues unique to our geographical COI, including highly congested traffic corridors, future Urban Villages, and Guadalupe River and Trail developments/issues.
  - As one important example, the Unity Map would require representation from 3 city council offices at 10-20 public meetings for each of multiple urban villages to be built along the Blossom Hill corridor from Almaden Expressway to Hwy 85. It would be unfair that these major projects would be contained in District 2, but most severely impact residents of adjacent Districts 9 and 10. The quantity of council offices involved could introduce Brown Act complications, further complicating these critical projects.
  - As a second important example, the Almaden Expressway corridor from Blossom Hill Road to Branham Lane is one of the most congested corridors in San Jose and needs to be contained in a single city council district to be manageable. This corridor is is already complicated by being a County-owned road. The "Unity" Map divides this corridor into two city council districts.

#### Here's more info about improving equity:

- Consider reviving the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative to help neighborhoods reach their full potential via building independent, capable, and sustainable neighborhood organizations. (Reference: www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments/planning-building-code-enforcement/planningdivision/citywide-planning/area-plans/strong-neighborhoods-initiative)
- Consider increasing funding to United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County (UNSCC) to revive its annual "Neighborhood Development Training Conference". Have each city council office recruit new neighborhood leaders to attend, with a focus on "Equity Priority Communities" as defined in the Beautify San Jose grant program.
- Leverage the Beautify San Jose grant program to help establish new neighborhood associations, and consider allowing mid-year grant cycles for new neighborhood associations, especially in "Equity Priority Communities".

- Consider developing mentoring initiatives that pair up new neighborhood leaders with established neighborhood leaders.
- · Community-building programs such as these could yield far greater impact for under-served residents than changing council district boundaries.

Thank you for your consideration and thanks again for your service on the commission.

**David Noel** 

District 9 resident (near the District 10 border)

### District 6

mick galvin <

Tue 11/16/2021 7:46 AM

To: redistricting < redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Commissioners - our family has lived in Willow Glen for 30 years, it is definitely a community of interest.

Willow Glen is a strong community and should stay together, we need to support the advocacy of the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association.

Please do not divide our neighborhood.

SIncerely,

Mick Galvin

# Public Comment (Redistricting District 7 and 8)

Moran, Charmayne < Tue 11/16/2021 8:11 AM

To: redistricting < redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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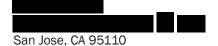
Attached please find my public comment for the purpose of considering redistricting the Valley Palms community from District 7 to District 8.

Thank you,

### **Charmayne Moran**

**Program Manager II** 

Neighborhood Safety/Services Unit Juvenile Probation Department



To: City of San Jose Redistricting Commission,

As a partner of Valley Palms Unidos, the neighborhood association and tenant leadership collective at Valley Palms Apartments, I am writing in support of VPU's efforts to elevate their concerns about draft maps that include the complex in District 8. Valley Palms Unidos has expressed the importance of keeping their community of interest together by remaining an integral part of District 7. Valley Palms is located in the larger Tropicana-Lanai area, a predominantly working-class, majority Latinx neighborhood with a shared history of resilience and a common struggle for equity in the City of San Jose. According to State and Federal redistricting rules, communities of interest must be protected when it is feasible to do so. In this case, it is possible for the Commission to uphold the redistricting requirements without separating this community of interest.

VPU has built and sustained shared power by organizing around neighborhood safety and violence prevention, protection of rights for tenants, immigrants, students, workers, and more. Even in the midst of historical experiences of poverty and violence that can be traced back to redlining in East San Jose, the Valley Palms community has consistently risen to the challenge. VPU has worked hard to ensure that shared history, shared values, shared culture, and shared goals drive their civic engagement and participation in the democratic process. As a neighborhood association, Valley Palms Unidos is a cornerstone of our community. They have shared interests and have often collaborated with the neighborhood associations in the surrounding neighborhood to preserve and protect their community of interest. Over the past five years with the evolution of VPU leadership, the organization has created partnerships and built trusting relationships with the City by uniting their vision and struggle with that of their neighbors.

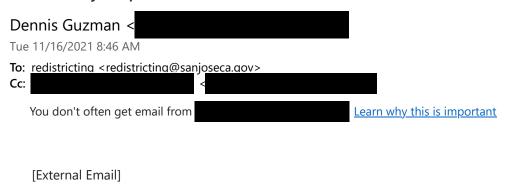
As a united district with shared history and goals, VPU has a more equitable chance at representation and realizing their vision. While their kids attend schools in District 8 and they have a great partnership with neighbors in that district, the inclusion of Valley Palms in District 8 would severely dilute their political voice and representation in the City of San Jose. It is imperative that future city councilmembers that are elected to represent Valley Palms are a true reflection of their community, and VPU strongly believes that a councilmember who lives in District 7 would be most representative of their shared resilience.

In conclusion we urge the Commission to support draft maps that keep Valley Palms in District 7. Thank you to the Commission and to our elected leaders for engaging us in this process.

In community spirit,

Charmayne Moran

# **Community Map**



## To Whom It May Concern,

Please advance the D4 and/or Community Map not the "Unity" map. Keep communities of interest together.

Sincerely,

**Dennis and Kim Guzman** 

San Jose, CA 95125

Sent from my iPhone

## **Proposed Redistricting Maps**

Michael Wright <

Tue 11/16/2021 9:47 AM

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

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At the upcoming redistricting meeting on 11/17, I would recommend that the Commission move forward with either the proposed D4 and /or the Community Map. As a San Jose native, lifelong resident and former City employee, I believe these two map proposals represent the best interests of all the communities in all of the districts.

Thanks for your consideration. Michael Wright

## Propaganda? Dog-whistle? Race Baiting? Fearmongering? Hypocrisy?

Tod <

Tue 11/16/2021 9:47 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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## Redistricting Commission,

At the last meeting, a Unity Map presenter said that they are not a special interest group and then went on to say that they represent tens of thousands of residents? The attached email/flyer (including a robo-letter) has since been circulated from the same presenter/groups business (and identical associated businesses addresses).

The original email title alone is inflammatory "Latinx leaders demand City crackdown against voter suppression". This is just one of many misleading and provocative statements. The powerful alliance of associations have championed great causes in the past but I must take exception to these tactics.

The presenter also said that it is a slippery slope to question the motives of the different maps. I'm not sure how the competing maps: Redistricting Map created by the commission or the Community Map created by two residents with outreach to the neighborhood communities can be accused of being "special interest groups and conservative forces". These two maps start with the existing district map and make minimal adjustments based on population changes and community input, while the Unity Map purposely makes major changes to some districts while leaving select others untouched?

Please also factor into your decisions the extensive mailing list these actual special interests have and the validity of the information being distributed. David vs. Goliath: a small neighborhood voice should carry at least proportional weight/consideration with the Redistricting Commission.

This divides rather than unites. We have come a long way with more to go. Redistricting is not the forum for righting the wrongs of the past. Let us allow previous wounds to heal

rather than picking at the scab. Fairness must prevail by strictly adhering to the commission guidelines/laws. Thank you.

# Silicon Valley Rising Action

Hi Tina,

Special interest groups and conservative forces are working to suppress the votes of working families and communities of color, right here in San José — pushing redistricting maps that would suppress our voices for the next decade.

I'm coming together with local Latinx leaders to demand that our City stop this power grab and redraw district lines for an equitable San José in which all our voices are heard.

That starts by supporting the Unity Map — the only map under consideration that keeps our communities whole and ensures working families and communities of color have an equal say in our future. Check out the full open letter here.

[Gabby Chavez-Lopez, President of Latina Coalition, speaks of the need to support the San José Unity Map in order to fight back against voter suppression during a press conference at Brenda Lopez plaza]

### **View Open Letter**

Every 10 years, U.S. Census data is used to redraw the City of San José's electoral district boundaries. The districts we draw this year will shape our lives for the next decade — determining how our communities are represented and what gets funded, from parks to hospitals to public transportation.

We have the opportunity of a lifetime to ensure that no matter who you are or where you live, your voice will be heard. This is our chance to rewrite historical wrongs that have long kept our city segregated,

redlined and weakened the political voice of working families, people of color, and renters.

However, the Citizen Redistricting Commission is currently weighing a number of maps which would divide our communities and suppress our votes — reducing the voice of Latinx residents in various neighborhoods by as much as 7% compared to today.

As a City, we cannot go backwards on equity, we must charge forward and ensure our communities have an equal say in our future.

That's why we're joining civil rights, labor, and community based organizations in supporting the Unity Map — the only map to ensure we keep our communities in tact and strengthen the movement towards a just San José, in which all of our votes have equal weight, each of our voices equal stature, and each of our communities equal resources.

Check out the full letter here.

## View the Open Letter

We need transparent district lines we can trust, where all voters have an equal voice. We refuse to support any district lines that take us back in time.

But we can't do it alone.

Join us in ensuring the Citizen Redistricting Commission and City leaders support the Unity Map and reject any map that further suppresses working people and communities of color. Here's how you can take action:

- Email City leaders to support the Unity Map for an equitable San José. We've made it easy — just click here.
- Join the City meeting on Wednesday, 11/17 and ensure the Citizen Redistricting commission moves the San José Unity Map forward. Sign up here for the details.

In solidarity, Maria Noel Fernandez Campaign Director



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# **Redistricting maps**

Ann Chung <

Tue 11/16/2021 10:30 AM

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Hi,

I am writing to let you know that I think you should support the D4 or community map. Please choose D4 or community map when deciding. Thanks.

Ann

## Opposed to Redistricting Cory Neighborhood

Keith Morales <

Tue 11/16/2021 10:48 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

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#### Good Morning,

As a colleague and resident of District 6 in the Cory Neighborhood, I oppose any redistricting effort to move our neighborhood into District 1. For decades the Rose Garden neighborhood has been our community of interest. This is demonstrated by the fact that in local real estate marketing in this neighborhood, we are referred to as the Greater Rose Garden neighborhood.

Cory Neighborhood is on the border of San Jose and Santa Clara. We have a strong Cory Neighborhood Association that has close connections and ties to our elected representative in District 6 for decades. We have strong ties with our neighbors and parents at our child's school. We shop, dine and advocate for city services within what is known as the Greater Rose Garden neighborhood in the City of San Jose. We have so much invested in our community and neighborhood.

We oppose redistricting maps that either divide us or annex us from District 6, including the Unity Map 10/27/21.

Please consider our voice and vote to retain Cory Neighborhood in District 6.

In unity,

Keith Morales

13 year Cory Neighborhood Resident

### Willow Glen

David OConnor <	

Tue 11/16/2021 11:21 AM

To: redistricting < redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hi

I would like to state my opposition to the "Unity Map" redistricting plan for the Willow Glen Neighborhood. As a Willow Glen resident and homeowner for the last 25 years, I believe in keeping Willow Glen together as one neighborhood.

Regards, David O'Connor

## City and County Redistricting

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To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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> Dear Redistricting@sanjoseca.gov~

> As a long time(4 decades plus) homeowner here in Willow Glen, I am writing you today to ask that you please do not break up my neighborhood community by implementing Redistricting that would do that very thing.

> My home is between Hamilton Ave/Pine and Minnesota Ave, and bordered by Meridian on the West side. My neighbors and I have participated in our District 6 activities of interest for as long as I can remember. We have a population that shares common social interests, and we have begun and maintained traditions (in particular, around Holidays) that bring us together as "family".

> In order to preserve the integrity of our Willow Glen neighborhood, I believe that Willow Glen should continue to be its' own single supervisorial District, continuing to share our common social and economic interests, as well as having fair representation. Political parties, incumbents, or political candidates should not be the power that makes the decision for our community. We, the residents of Willow Glen, desire the continuity of our neighborhood and do not need/want political agendas influencing what has worked so well for so long.

> "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" Our neighborhood works for us. Please leave the "Yellow" map (which according to the Mercury News violates the California Election Code criteria) and "Unity" City Redistricting map in the trash bin. Instead, please consider the D4 and/or Community Map which will keep our Willow Glen neighborhood community of interest strong, compassionate, active, and innovative, as it has been for so many decades.

> "Please do the right thing and vote for Map EE2.0 to provide fair representation for all our communities in Santa Clara County".

> Thank you,

- > Rita Redfern
- > Mercer Ave
- > Willow Glen

### Vendome

Joseph Cellura <

Tue 11/16/2021 11:53 AM

To: redistricting < redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Ladies and Gentlemen, Please do not play games with District 3 and the Vendome neighborhood. I urge you to leave things the way they are. Joe Cellura

# redistricting.

Suzanne Morrone <

Tue 11/16/2021 12:55 PM

To: redistricting < redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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I strongly support the COMMUNITY MAP. Thank you, Suzanne Morrone

## San Jose Meeting on Redistricting Nov. 17

Janet Atkinson <

Tue 11/16/2021 12:59 PM

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

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I would like to provide input to the meeting as I cannot attend. Please advance the D4/Community Map, NOT the "Unity" map that would split our communities of interest.

Please keep our local communities whole so we can work in the best interests of the area as well as the city and county.

Thank you, Janet Atkinson

Resident of Cambrian Park since 1987 and the greater Cambrian/Almaden area for 64 years

# Re: redistricting'

## Agendadesk < Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov >

Tue 11/16/2021 1:37 PM

To: redistricting < redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:33 PM To: Agendadesk < Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: redistricting'

----Original Message----

From: Suzanne Morrone <

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:55 PM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: redistricting'

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I strongly support the COMMUNITY MAP. Suzanne Morrone

## Redistricting input for Nov. 17th meeting

mary tucker <	
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To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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I would like to add my support for the Community Map (5.0) and urge the Commission's support for this proposed map.

I have been a resident/home owner of the Hensley District since 1996, and of Northside in the downtown area since 1989. I acted as co-chair of the Hensley Historic District Neighborhood Association for several years, where we partnered with many of our other neighborhood associations on a wide variety of programs.

I believe that the Community Map represents a strong area of downtown neighborhood groups with their wide variety of residents, and with minimal (if any) disruptions based on proposed boundaries being split up.

Thank you.

Mary Tucker North 5th Street/Hensley San Jose,CA

# Redistricting

Charles Luckhardt <

Tue 11/16/2021 2:24 PM

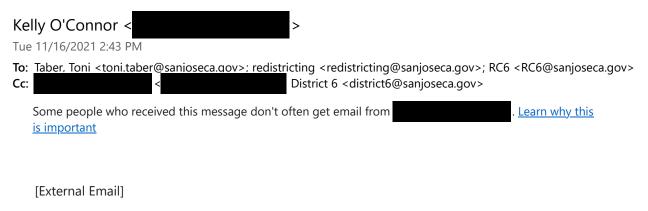
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Advance the d4 and or community map

### District 6 - KEEP OUR DISTRICT INTACT



My husband and I have been active members of District 6 through 3 great representatives - Ken Yeager, Pierluigi and now Dev Davis. We follow what our district does, we've attended clean-ups and community events, we are active users of SJ Parks and Recs, and also enthusiastically supportive of all efforts to re-energize downtown (we are YES YES YES with every and all development milestones on this large endeavor). I've also been thrilled to use the new North SJ Bart station on several occasions so YES to that too... and YES to continuing to get it to the airport.

Having the Willow Glen and Rose Garden communities represented in District 6 as they have been helps me feel that I'm represented and learning about specific projects, events, concerns that relate to my small and happy part of this big city. Let's please keep this district intact as it is to continue this strong commitment to our community.

For specific feedback, the Unity map is the most disruptive so NO to the Unity map and the Community plan map looks to keep the boundaries as similar to current boundaries as possible so YES to keeping D6 intact. Dev Davis did host a good meeting that explained these maps, otherwise I would not have understood these maps as clearly so thank you Dev Davis for doing this.

Thank you, Kelly O'Connor and Ryan Azus, District 6 voters

# **Redistricting district 3**



To: redistricting < redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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I am a homeowner in the historic Vendome area of San Jose. I am concerned about the odd configuration proposed of annexing my neighborhood from the rest of the japantown, Hensley and downtown area in these redistricting efforts.

I vehemently oppose the unity map or any map that removes the vendome area from district 3. We are directly affected by policy in the downtown area and would be silenced by a transfer to district 6.

Regards, OSun Yoo

## Redistricting Map Recommendations



Tue 11/16/2021 3:41 PM

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### Redistricting Commissioners:

I urge the commission to include the Community Map 5.0 in its recommendation to City Council. This map best adheres to redistricting laws and guidelines, including continuity/preservation of communities of interest, and logical geographical borders that achieve necessary balance with minimal disruption to existing district boundaries.

I also urge the commission to reject the Unity Map, which is, in actuality, a blueprint for disunity. By providing political advantage to special interests, the Unity map disregards redistricting laws and guidelines by unnecessarily pushing a narrow portion of District 2 into a critical area between Districts 9 and 10. This will negatively impact the resolution of issues unique to the Blossom Hill/Almaden Expressway Community of Interest. It is illogical and unfair that major issues affecting D9 and 10, including the Guadalupe Trail and Corridor, the highly congested traffic corridors, and proposed Urban Villages, would be complicated by the involvement of D2, when the greatest impact of these issues will be felt by D9 and 10 residents.

By recommending the Community Map 5.0 to City Council, I believe the commission will demonstrate its commitment to adhere to redistricting laws and guidelines, and will fulfill its obligation to make minimal changes to existing boundaries in order to achieve necessary results.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marsey Kahn, Member Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association