# **Torrey Pines Community Planning Board Regular Meeting**

Thursday, September 30, 2021 Minutes Approved

#### Zoom Meeting

Board Member	Term	Continuous	Present	Absent	Total
	Expiration	Service			Absences*
Troy Van Horst, Chair	3/2022	4		Х	1
Elizabeth Shopes, Vice	3/2023	1	Х		
Chair					
James Smith, Treasurer	3/2023			Х	1
Susan Lyon, Secretary*	3/2024	2	Х		2
Eduardo Savigliano	3/2023		Х		
Jeff Harasha	3/2022		Х		1
Jake Mumma	3/2022	6	Х		1
Brad Remy	3/2024	2		Х	1
Mike Hastings	3/2024	2			3
Deborah Currier	3/2024		Х		
Jeff Burges	3/2022			Х	1
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\*Per our bylaws, a fourth cumulative, or a third consecutive, absence in the board year (April-March) will result in a written report from the secretary documenting the seat's vacancy. The absence tally, above, will serve as said report.

There is no excused absence, thus the generous policy for our volunteers. Secretary notes attendance at start of Zoom meeting, confirms all attendees still in attendance after each vote to get numbers correct.

There should be 13 board members on the TPCPB.

PRC public members: Daniel Jensvold (not present); Adam Gevanthor (not present)

**CALL TO ORDER at 7:18 pm** (awaiting a quorum due to the meeting being moved resulted in the delay): Elizabeth Shopes, Vice Chair, serving as Chair

#### **Visiting Speakers:**

Officer Briggs, SDPD: Not in Attendance.

Contact for Officer Briggs: jbriggs@pd.sandiego.gov.

# **OFFICIALS' INFORMATION REPORTS**

# 78th District Assemblymember Christopher Ward: Representative: Rachel Granadino

(Rachel.Granadino@asm.ca.gov), District Office: 619-645-3090

 Not able to attend, but please see emailed information appended to minutes as provided.

# District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava: Representative: Brian Elliott

(BEllioJ@sandiego.gov)

- Recent sinkhole off Portofino after the rains. On private property, but City infrastructure is involved. Please report things like this using the Get It Done app, but also email the information to Brian so they can help monitor the issue.
- CIP priorities are being circulated. Top of the list is the traffic light on Del Mar Heights/Mercado. Looking for staff to find the funding source, awaiting more information. (Question from Greg Jabin regarding a full traffic study for DMH. Answer is we are looking for funding to be allocated, and then we can look to the traffic department for a full traffic study.)
- Fire Safe Council will be starting in Del Mar Heights. Very local, neighborhoodspecific information. Coordinating with the City of Del Mar to do a combined group. Stay tuned for an introduction meeting date.
- Transportation staff has changed the resurfacing timeline from April-Nov., to starting from October-forward. There were some staffing issues that required a 6-month delay as projects were reshuffled.
- SDG&E undergrounding is still on hold. We're about 60 days out before the right agreements get to the council so we can see some forward movement.

Brian has office hours available at 10 a.m. every Wednesday.

# City of San Diego Office of the Mayor

Representative: Mathew Griffith. (GriffithM@sandiego.gov)

Not Present

#### Cole Reed, District 39 State Senator Atkins' office (Cole.Reed@sen.ca.gov)

- Sept 10 was the last day of the legislative year, over 800 bills on the Gov's desk. He has Until 10/10 to act on those.
- This year budget is very large \$282 billion. Lots of trailer bills, including an environmental trailer, \$200 million each year through 2028-29 for wildfire fighting

and prevention. \$1.3 billion towards water resilience. \$4 billion investment for transitioning to electrical vehicles (Infrastructure.) Two of Sen. Atkins bills were signed into law. SB 1: Allocate up to \$100 million a year for local grants for sea level rise. SB 9: SFH laws, potentially divide a parcel until two, ass an ADU.

- Office working on constituent issues (EDD, DMV, etc.) Please reach out if they can help.
- From the Zoom chat: <u>https://sd39.senate.ca.gov/sites/sd39.senate.ca.gov/files/e\_alert/20210910\_SD3</u> <u>9 information\_764.htm</u> <u>https://sd39.senate.ca.gov/news/20210721-big-budget-wins-san-diego</u>

Please also see the full text of Cole's report at the end of the minutes.

**Rebecca Smith, County District 3 Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer's office:** (Rebecca.Smith2@sdcounty.ca.gov)

- Supervisor making sure everyone gets their COVID-19 vaccination schedule in full. 72.8% of eligible SD County residents are fully vaccinated. 87.7% of those eligible have at least one dose. Boosters for those over 65 who rec'd a Pfizer two-dose regimen.
- Sign up for a Pfizer booster appointment at: <u>https://myturn.ca.gov/</u>
- Sign up for more updates from the County via our newsletter at: <u>http://tiny.cc/BOSd3Updates</u>
- Be Fire-Ready by registering for Alert San Diego here: <u>https://www.readysandiego.org/alertsandiego/</u>
- Download the SD Emergency App for emergency updates, interactive maps & checklists: <u>https://www.readysandiego.org/SDEmergencyApp/</u>
- Join or start a neighborhood Fire Safe Council. http://firesafesdcounty.org/

Non-Agenda Public Comment: Issues not on the Board Agenda but with the Jurisdiction of the Community Planning Board. Time limit, 3 minutes per speaker. (Board does not respond to speaker per City Council Policy.) NONE

- A. General Announcements: Conduct at meetings follows City Council 600-24. The planning group is encouraged to work on the document presented for the 600 24 document to be returned to CPC.
- B. Report by Treasurer: Skipped

# **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Motion to amend agenda to move redistricting discussion from nonconsent to consent agenda. Passed 6-0.
- 2. Motion to Approve recent past meeting's minutes **from** July 15, 2021. **Passed 6-0.**

# **Project Review**

#### Consent Agenda (approved unanimously by the Project Review Subcommittee) 1. Gibbs Residence CDP, Project 637123

Scope/Location:

TORREY PINES (PROCESS 2) Coastal Development Permit for the remodel and addition to an existing single-family residence totaling 1,595 SF. The addition of 1,260 SF will create a 2,855 SF single family residence at a site located at 14146 Recuerdo Drive, which is within the First Public Roadway. The 0.15-acre site is in the RS-1-6 Zone and Coastal (Non-Appealable) Overlay Zone within the Torrey Pines Community Plan Area, and Council District 1

Project Manager: Xavier Del Valle Email: XDelvalle@sandiego.gov Phone: (619) 557-7941

Applicant/Representative: Barbara Harris 619.708.2272 Motion to approve. Approved 6-0.

# 2. Jana Residence CDP, Project 689701

Scope/Location: TORREY PINES (Process 2) Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a two-story, 4,410-sf single family residence with pool, spa, hardscape and landscape on a vacant lot (APN# 300-294-26) located near the northwest corner of El Amigo Road and Crest Way. The 0.17-acre site is in the RS-1-6 Zone and Coastal (Non-Appealable) Overlay Zone within the Torrey Pines Community Plan area, and Council District 1.

Project Manager: Xavier Del Valle Email: XDelvalle@sandiego.gov Phone: (619)557-7941

Applicant/Representative: Stacy Matthews, Principal, M Design, (760) 815-9904 Motion to approve. Approved 6-0.

# Moved to consent agenda due to timing (see item 1 above)

Redistricting due to Census.

Lisa Ross from D1 United spoke. Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla Shores, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, La Jolla Shores, Carmel Valley, and University City have joined together to fight to stay together. There are six criteria for drawing the districts per the City Attorney. Key for this group is that they need to be compact to minimize gerrymandering and they should serve communities of interest. D1 is within the allowable population variation. This coastal/canyon district is heavily focused on

environmental protection, with the San Dieguito River Valley, Crest Canyon, Penasquitos Lagoon, Carmel Mountain, to the Del Mar Mesa preserve, Rose Canyon and beyond. The concern is that the population concerns are overriding the communities of interest. Map should be done by December, but there may be more hearings for public comment.

#### Motion to join D1 United passed 6-0.

D1 United's 8-page letter can be found at the end of the minutes.

More information can be found, including a mapping tool on <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/redistricting-commission</u> (You can make your own map and submit with comments.)

See the six criteria PDF from the website at the end of these minutes. Agenda for the upcoming October 5, 2021 meeting is also attached.

#### **Non-Consent Agenda**

Housing bills, SB 9 and SB 10. Discussion with Cole Reed from Senator Atkins' office answered some questions. Eduardo Savigliano shared some maps from SANDAG and other government sources showing the concentration of people vs where they work. SD is a very suburban city where other cities in CA are very different. Liz Shopes noted we do have someone coming to talk at our next meeting about TPA areas. Cole noted that we do have a lot of aspects of the housing crisis with homelessness, unaffordability.

SANDAG 2021 regional plan. https://sdforward.com/mobility-planning/2021-regional-plan (No Updates.)

Sorrento Valley Community Plan Upgrade. (No Updates.)

Formation of subcommittee(s) to work on the above issues. (Can discuss at a future meeting)

Train Realignment Sub-committee. Proposed that Eduardo Savigliano, Brad Remy, and Jim Smith will lead this committee with Brian Farmer and Adam Gevanthor. (Waiting for everyone to confirm.)

CPG Update from Eduardo Savigliano. City ADU ordinances. Neighbors for a Better San Diego will (hopefully) be presenting to the board in the next meeting. Sounds like the City would respect the state ADU regulations. More information will be coming.

**Information Items and TPCPB Reports** (As available, maximum 5 minutes) Covered above, as available.

# NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Constituting new or future business)

None discussed.

Chair adjourned the meeting 8:57 pm.

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### Addendum

TPCPB is happy to add information from government and other representatives that supplement the meeting minutes above in order to make our minutes a more valuable resource for the community. Any notes below are printed as supplied.

If you present to us, we will happily add your slide deck to the end of the presentation, please post it in the chat on Zoom.

Redistricting press coverage shared with the board via email although no response was given via email or discussed at the meeting. Morning Report: UCSD Students Want Out of La Jolla (Politics)

https://www.voiceofsandiego.org/newsletters/morning-report/morning-report-ucsdstudents-want-out-of-la-jolla-politics/

# Rachel Grandino, for 78<sup>th</sup> District Assemblymember Ward, update via email:

Assemblymember Ward ended his time in Sacramento on September 10th and is now back in the district for several weeks for our fall recess. He is proud of the legislation that was passed, and has sent quite a few bills of his to the governor's office to sign. The governor now has 30 days from September 10th to sign legislation into law. Of the five bills that he sent to the governor's office he has had two signed. Those include AB 223 (Dudleya protections) & AB 491 (Common Entrances: Multi-family structures). If you would like to see a summary of those bills, they can be viewed on our website (https://a78.asmdc.org/2021-legislative-bill-package).

There is a bill that could be of interest to this group that we have been watching closely regarding the Brown Act and allowing community groups like these to continue to meet virtually past September 30th. AB 361 was signed by the governor and will continue to allow community groups to be in compliance with the Brown Act should they choose to meet virtually.

An important announcement to note, most unemployment benefits expired on September 4th. All extensions, all federal stimulus payments, and all PUA claims which were for business owners and independent contractors, expired on that date. If you or someone you know is still experiencing issues with their claim that began last year, please give them my information or our offices information. We can still assist with these

claims until mid-October. EDD also has many resources posted on their website to help our constituents find jobs and re-enter the job market.

As always, if you are having any issues with any state related agencies, EDD, DMV, ABC etc. please feel free to send me an email.

# **Rachel Granadino**

District Representative CA State Assemblymember Christopher Ward 78<sup>th</sup> Assembly District | 619-645-3090 District Office |<u>1350 Front St., Suite 6054 San Diego, CA 92101</u> <u>https://a78.asmdc.org</u>

# Full text of report from Cole Reed:

#### Office of Senator Toni G. Atkins - State Report for September 2021 California Legislature Update

• The state legislative session for the year ended on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Slightly over 800 bills moved onto the Governor's desk, where the has through October 10<sup>th</sup> to act on them.

# **Budget Trailer Bill Update**

- While California enacted record-level investments in the budget earlier this summer, we have continued to further address some of our state's most critical issues. The most recent budget trailer bills passed by the Senate and signed by the Governor show California's commitment to investments in combatting climate change, drought, wildfires, and infrastructure resilience. Among these gains are:
  - \$3.7 billion over three years for climate resiliency to restore wetlands, rejuvenate forests, establish community cooling centers, and fund sea level rise protection projects.
    - \$200 million in annual funds that will be used to support wildfire fighting and prevention budgets through 2028-2029.
  - \$3.9 billion over three years to support the transition to zero emission vehicles, including school and transit buses, trucks, and passenger cars;
  - \$1.3 billion for water infrastructure to improve wells, water sanitation projects, water recycling, and groundwater cleanup.

# Update on Senator Atkins' Bills

# SB 1 - Sea Level Rise Mitigation and Adaptation Act

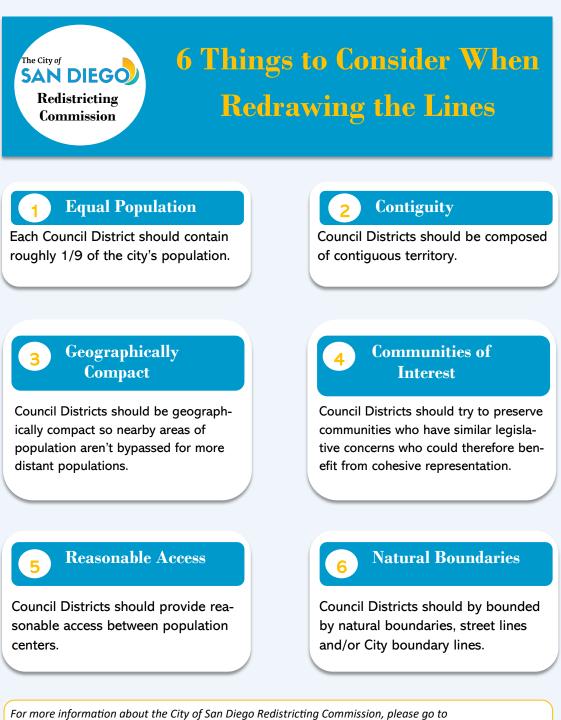
- Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> SB 1 was signed into law by the Governor today.
- This bill would empower local and regional governments to better plan for the impact of sea level rise by expanding existing grant programs to allocate up to \$100 million in total annual funds.

# SB 9 – HOME Act

• Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> - SB 9 was signed into law by the Governor.

- This bill would enable homeowners to create intergenerational wealth and widen access to more rental and home ownership opportunities for working families by streamlining the process for subdividing a single-family home.
- This bill would empower local and regional governments to better plan for the impact of sea level rise by expanding existing grant programs to allocate up to \$100 million in total annual funds.

For any questions, feel free to contact me at: <u>Cole.Reed@sen.ca.gov</u> Sign up for the Senator's newsletter: <u>https://sd39.senate.ca.gov/contact/newsletter</u>



For more information about the City of San Diego Redistricting Commission, please go to <u>www.sandiego.gov/redistricting-commission</u>. If you have questions or need translation services, please email redistricting2020@sandiego.gov (3) three business days in advance.



# Redistricting Commission Special Meeting

Virtual Public Hearing Agenda Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Live broadcast publicly available on Zoom Webinar:

https://sandiego.zoomgov.com/j/1618466452

Participate by phone at 669-254-5252 (Webinar #1618466452)

Call to Order

Commissioner Roll Call

#### Non-Agenda Public Comment

Non-agenda public comment provides members of the public with an opportunity to address the Redistricting Commission on any matter of interest not scheduled on the agenda; however, the subject matter must be within the Commission's jurisdiction. Please note that Commissioners and City staff will not be responding to feedback or answering questions during non-agenda public comment. Pursuant to the Ralph M Brown Act, no discussion or action other than a referral shall be taken by the Redistricting Commission on any issue brought forth during non-agenda public comment.

Item 1 - Brief Overview of the Redistricting Process

- Criteria for redrawing the lines
- · How residents can get involved throughout the process
- Brief tutorial on how to use the Districtr mapping tool
- Timeline
- Item 2 Discussion on Themes/Trends from Public Comment Received from both the 9 Special District Meetings and Redistricting Commission Website

Item 3 - Adjournment

#### DISTRICT 1 UNITED Preserve the Coast and Canyons District

# District 1 United is a coalition of communities of interest, concerned citizens, community planning groups and environmental organizations committed to the preservation of District 1, the Coast and Canyons district, as currently constituted.

The City Attorney has described six criteria to be considered during the redistricting process. District 1 United demonstrates that D1 meets all of the criteria. District 1 (D1) has many strong, functional COIs and the district is readily defined by using natural and man-made boundaries. Additionally, D1 is contiguous and compact with reasonable access between population centers. D1's estimated population is roughly1/9th of the City's population.

These criteria are examined in detail and we show that:

#### D1 has many strong, functional COIs which should be preserved.

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Using natural and man-made boundaries, D1 is contiguous and compact with reasonable access between population centers. Page 8

#### D1 contains roughly 1/9th of the City's population.

D1 meets all of the criteria which must be met for a City Council District. We respectfully request that D1 – the Coast and Canyons District – remain as it is now.

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District 1 spans the coast and canyons of the City from Carmel Valley to University City and La Jolla. It includes the most bio-diverse area in North America. The University of California San Diego (UCSD) forms a hub for District 1 around which a number of the City's principal economic sectors revolve, notably the biotech and high tech sectors. The communities in District 1 understand the common environmental, economic, and institutional issues we face, the complexity of planning and development processes, and the value of having cohesive representation at the City Council.

The Council District 1 (D1) communities have a thirty-year history of working well together. They share common interests in coastal access, environmental protection, managed growth, outdoor recreational opportunities, cultural activities, world class education and medical facilities, and dynamic economic enterprises that serve people throughout San Diego and the world. These communities have strong Community Planning groups that communicate well with each other, with local businesses, with developers and with the City, and which have overseen critical regional growth and infrastructure connectivity that benefits the whole region. The flourishing Golden Triangle – North City region encompassed by D1 is evidence of this success.

#### Introduction

The City of San Diego's Redistricting Commission was presented with six criteria to be considered in the redistricting process:

- Each Council District should contain roughly 1/9 of the city's population.
- Council Districts should be composed of contiguous territory.
- Council Districts should be geographically compact, so nearby areas of population aren't bypassed for more distant populations.
- Council Districts should try to preserve communities who have similar legislative concerns who could therefore benefit from cohesive representation.
- Council Districts should provide reasonable access between population centers
- Council Districts should by bounded by natural boundaries, street lines and/or City boundary lines.

All of these criteria are important considerations. The Commission should be mindful that a deviation from the 1/9 population criteria is allowable and legally defensible (City Attorney presentation dated April 15, 2021

https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/redistricting\_principles\_final\_4-15-2021.pdf).

The six things that the Commission is to consider could be combined and prioritized as follows:

1. Council Districts should preserve Communities of Interests (COI)

- 2. Using natural and man-made boundaries, the Council Districts should be contiguous and compact with reasonable access between population centers.
- 3. Each Council District should contain roughly 1/9th of the City's population.

The most important of these considerations is the preservation of COI.

COI are identified by their legislative concerns, shared interests, educational backgrounds, shared festivals and neighborhood gatherings, occupations and employment patterns, shared use of public transportation, use of particular shopping areas, parks, beaches and recreation areas, and shared participation in civic and cultural organizations.

Addressing each of these three considerations, we have:

#### 1. Council Districts should preserve COI

There are multiple COI in D1 and various ways of assessing them. They include: Common Community Planning Areas; Common Neighborhoods; Common School Districts and school attendance boundaries for public schools; Civic and Cultural Associations; Town Councils; Business Improvement Districts; Maintenance Assessment Districts; Community Associations; employment centers and institutions, and charitable foundations that have been formed by residents to benefit specific community interests or locations. Examples of community interest organizations for D1 include The Friends of Rose Canyon, The University City Community Association, Friends of La Jolla Shores, Friends of Del Mar Mesa, Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley, Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, La Jolla Town Foundation, University City Community Foundation, University City Fire Safe Council.

D1 has strong COIs. They consist of planning groups, neighborhoods, schools, community activities, shared parks, open space and recreational facilities, common environmental concerns and activism related to the coast and canyons in the district. The residents have similar educational backgrounds and careers. Many of the residents work at UCSD, the large biotech and high tech sectors in the Torrey Pines Mesa and University Towne Center areas of the University Community Planning area, and the Sorrento Valley area of the Torrey Pines Planning area. As many as one in six employees in UTC/Golden Triangle area live in D1. Our residents are employed in and use the medical facilities of D1, which include four major hospitals and associated medical office facilities. In addition, our residents shop at the local and regional shopping centers which are in D1.

#### COI – Community Planning Areas

D1 includes all of the following Community Planning Areas which include Planned Districts and have knowledgeable and engaged Community Planning Groups:

- Carmel Valley
- Del Mar Mesa
- Fairbanks Ranch Country Club
- La Jolla
- Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve (Partial area west of Carson's Crossing Bridge)
- NFCUA Subarea H
- Pacific Highlands Ranch
- Torrey Hills

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- Torrey Pines
- University
- Via de la Valle

D1 Community Planning Groups and citizen advocates have been proactively involved in the many processes needed to evaluate and improve the different types of development projects and infrastructure proposed for D1. All of these projects share potential impacts to nearby ecologically sensitive areas. This is particularly important given the unique biodiversity of the district.

#### **COI – Neighborhoods**

#### D1 includes all of the following Neighborhoods:

- Carmel Valley
- Del Mar Mesa
- Del Mar Heights
- La Jolla Shores
- La Jolla
- La Jolla Village
- Bird Rock
- North City
- Pacific Beach (partial the area in the La Jolla Community Planning Area)
- Pacific Highlands Ranch
- Sorrento Valley (partial areas in University Community Plan Area and Torrey Pines Community Planning Area)
- Torrey Hills
- Torrey Pines
- Torrey Preserves
- University City (area north of SR-52, south of Rose Canyon)
- UTC area (including UCSD)

#### **COI – School Districts**

#### D1 includes the following School Districts:

- Del Mar Union
- San Dieguito Union High School
- Solana Beach Elementary
- San Diego Unified School District
  - The La Jolla Cluster is **entirely** within the D1 boundaries
  - The University City Cluster is **entirely** within the D1 boundaries and spans the area both north and south of Rose Canyon

Schools form a very important basis for communities of interest because they are used to organize a multitude of youth, family and community activities.

#### **COI – Environmental Interests and Concerns**

D1's protected habitat areas are the focus for a significant COI. San Diego is recognized as a globally significant bio-diverse region and areas of D1 are a uniquely rich portion of the region.

D1 residents have worked together for decades to preserve, protect and enhance the many environmentally sensitive areas from Coast to Canyons. Forward-thinking environmental planning created viable canyon, mesa and coastal preserves through protection of connected wildlife corridors while facilitating responsible development. One wildlife corridor in north D1 connects Torrey Pines State Park on the west to Del Mar Mesa Preserve on the east through Los Peñasquitos Lagoon, Carmel Mountain, Shaw Valley, and Los Peñasquitos Canyon.

Environmentally sensitive areas in D1 include habitat for dozens of rare and endangered species including the Torrey Pine, San Diego Fairy Shrimp and the California Gnatcatcher, which is the cornerstone species for San Diego's nationally recognized habitat plan, the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP).

As a regional model for environmentally sensitive growth, the Coastal Communities of Carmel Valley, Torrey Hills, Pacific Highlands Ranch and Del Mar Mesa were developed in conjunction with the MSCP.

On the south of D1, SR-52 was carefully planned to preserve San Clemente Canyon. Rose Canyon provides an important greenbelt of protected habitat and a critical east-west wildlife corridor connecting to habitat on MCAS Miramar. Other southern environmentally sensitive areas include Mt. Soledad.

The Pacific Ocean side of D1 features the six-thousand-acre, San Diego-La Jolla Underwater Park, five Marine Protected Areas (South La Jolla State Marine Conservation Area, South La Jolla State Marine Reserve, Matlahuayl State Marine Reserve, Scripps Coastal Reserve, and San Diego-Scripps Coastal State Marine Conservation Area), an Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) along La Jolla Shores Beach which is shared with UCSD, the Cove, Boomer's Beach, the Children's Pool, the famous Windansea, La Jolla Shores, Black's and Torrey Pines beaches.

On the north boundary of D1 is -our regional crown jewel, the San Dieguito River Valley.

These natural areas are of critical importance to the City of San Diego in meeting its clean water, climate action plan, and habitat conservation goals mandated by the state of California. These areas benefit naturalists and recreational users throughout the region and have been shepherded by planning boards, community groups and elected City Councilmembers of D1.

Community interest groups were formed (Friends of Rose Canyon, Friends of La Jolla Shores, Friends of Del Mar Mesa Preserve, Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley, Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Torrey Pines Association and others) in D1 and have acted to protect, preserve and enhance these areas for the future generations of San Diego.

These areas provide outdoor recreational opportunities for our entire region and these resources should remain in one district where there is an existing knowledge base and a tradition of conservation and managed growth.

#### COI – UCSD

UCSD including Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) is integrated with the communities of University City/UTC area (UC) and La Jolla, and all should remain together in D1. There is a century long history of SIO and the community of La Jolla working together. UCSD and UC area were part of the same Master Plan in 1959. The communities of La Jolla, UC and UCSD

have grown together. UCSD students, faculty, staff, administrators and thousands of alumni live in D1. Amenities at UCSD are used and supported by the adjacent communities. Some examples include the La Jolla Playhouse, the La Jolla Music Society, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, UCSD Extension, the Preuss School, the Stewart Collection, The Faculty Club, La Jolla Symphony and Chorus, lectures, and libraries. The medical school and the hospital and specialty medical centers are also part of this COI.

The planning groups of La Jolla (LJCPA) and UC (UCPG) share responsibility for important transportation infrastructure projects with UCSD. Students, faculty and staff affect transportation and the public safety of these communities on a daily basis. Local collaboration on a range of issues has led to better planning for the campus and D1 as a whole. UCPG and LJCPA frequently consider issues and impacts related to UCSD.

D1's office and UCPG worked with UCSD to fund and locate a needed fire station, the campus alignment for the region-wide Coastal Rail Trail, and a new bike and pedestrian bridge to connect east and west campuses. UCSD, the La Jolla Shores Association, the LJCPA and D1's office partnered to provide lifeguard service for Black's Beach and La Jolla Shores Beach along with facilities for San Diego Lifeguards at Black's Beach.

There is a COI around the Torrey Pines Glider Port and Torrey Pines City Park that includes both the UC and La Jolla planning areas, the user groups (hang gliders, radio-controlled gliders and sail planes) and UCSD.

#### **COI – Transportation**

Important north-to-south transportation corridors (I-5 and I-805) and east-to-west commuter routes such as SR-52 and SR-56 cross or abut D1. Current infrastructure projects include: the widening of I-5 from the 52 north; the I-5 to 56 connection; 56 widening; the I-5/I-805 merge widening, the existing and new Sorrento Valley Coaster station; possible tunneling for the double-track Amtrak train transportation which would pass under North and South UC to the Sorrento Valley area; signal synchronization on Genesee, La Jolla Village Drive, and North Torrey Pines Road to mitigate the effects of UCSD's growth; the Blue Line Trolley Extension and improvements for active transportation which run from Sorrento Valley across UCSD to Rose Canyon.

Having these infrastructure issues in one district is critical to effective planning and oversight. These projects are within the boundaries of D1 and affect its communities directly.

#### COI – Planned Growth

Our D1 Community Planning Boards and citizen advocates have been proactively involved in the planning and review processes needed to evaluate and improve the different types of development projects and infrastructure proposed for the district. New residential development in the northern portion of D1 provided 10 - 20% on site affordable housing. Community planning has emphasized compact development, bike and pedestrian infrastructure and multi-modal transportation, job and housing growth, and protection of parks and open space. The projects in D1 share potential impacts to nearby environmentally sensitive areas making this balance especially important given the unique biodiversity of the district.

The newer D1 communities of Carmel Valley, Torrey Hills, Del Mar Mesa and Pacific Highlands Ranch were designed using managed growth policies so that new development paid for all infrastructure, some with enhanced Maintenance Assessment Districts (MAD) to maintain landscaping and parks and Facility Benefit Assessments (FBA) to pay for planned infrastructure. This process led to the construction of over 14,000 units of housing in the Carmel Valley area during the last 20 years.

#### COI – Shared Watershed

The watershed of Torrey Pines Mesa (part of the UC Planning Group Area) includes Sorrento Valley and the Peñasquitos Lagoon in the Torrey Pines Planning area. Additionally, the Peñasquitos Lagoon and flood plain abuts the Torrey Hills Planning area, the Carmel Valley Planning Area and the University Community Planning area. The Peñasquitos Lagoon and the adjacent Torrey Pines Preserve and Extension have restoration and remediation projects underway. This watershed links the University Community, the Torrey Pines, the Torrey Hills, the Del Mar Mesa and the Carmel Valley planning areas.

The watershed of SIO and La Jolla Shores includes the Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS), the La Jolla Preserve and three State Marine Protected Areas (MPA). One of the three MPAs is in La Jolla Community Plan area and two are associated with SIO. There are strict requirements on the storm water drainage system's discharge into the ocean in these areas. There are an additional two MPAs adjacent to the coast which run from south of Bird Rock northward to Windansea Beach. Both of these MPAs are in the La Jolla Community Plan area.

#### COI – Cultural

D1 is home to many valuable cultural venues, associations, and activities. These include numerous art galleries, concerts and movies in community parks, events and performances at local high schools and libraries. Venues like the Athenaeum, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Stewart Collection, The Conrad and the La Jolla Playhouse offer residents and visitors additional cultural opportunities in D1.

#### COI – Maintenance Assessment Districts (MAD)

D1 communities have agreed to self-assessment for the public benefit. They have done this by forming the Maintenance Assessment Districts (MADs) that are shown on the map <u>https://sandiego.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?</u> id=dd4f11011ef244d4a1fca10f5428a5d9.

The Maintenance Assessment Districts in D1 are managed by either the City of San Diego's Parks and Recreation Department or the Economic Development Department. Each MAD's operation is typically the responsibility of a local board with oversight by the City.

The MADs managed by the Park and Recreation Department:

- Genesee Avenue and North Torrey Pines Road Maintenance Assessment District
- La Jolla Village Drive Maintenance Assessment District
- Campus Point Maintenance Assessment District
- Del Mar Terrace Street Repair Maintenance Assessment District
- Carmel Valley Maintenance Assessment District
- Carmel Valley Neighborhood 10 Maintenance Assessment District
- Torrey Hills Maintenance Assessment District
- Pacific Highlands Ranch Maintenance Assessment District

- Eastgate Technology Park Maintenance Assessment District
- Bird Rock Maintenance Assessment District

The MAD which is managed by the Economic Development Department is La Jolla Zone 1 Maintenance Assessment District.

# 2. Using natural and man-made boundaries, the Council Districts should be contiguous and compact with reasonable access between population centers.

# D1 IS CONTIGUOUS AND COMPACT WITH REASONABLE ACCESS BETWEEN POPULATION CENTERS

D1 has distinctive geographic boundaries, which reflect its striking natural topography and the man-made infrastructure that bounds it. The natural boundaries of D1 are SR-52 and San Clemente Canyon/Marian Bear Park on the South; Rose Canyon (I-5 south of the 52); San Dieguito River Valley on the North; MCAS Miramar, 805 and Soledad Canyon; Del Mar Mesa and Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserves on the East; Torrey Pines State Park, La Jolla Shores Beach, the San Diego-La Jolla Underwater Park and Windansea, and the Pacific Ocean to the West. The man-made boundaries include highways I-5, I-805 and 52 and the Coaster/Amtrak tracks along with the cities of Del Mar and Solana Beach, the County of San Diego, and the Torrey Pines State Park, Preserve and Extension.

Using the maps of community planning areas, school districts, school attendance maps, information about watersheds, transportation corridors, infrastructure and public safety availability, D1 is shown to be reasonably contiguous, accessible and geographically compact. Incorporation of complete planning group areas into D1's composition demonstrates sensitivity to building a compact and contiguous D1 with strong communities of interest.

Major traffic arterials allow access to all parts of D1. Twenty lanes of Interstate (I-5 and I-805), as well as arterial streets such as La Jolla Boulevard, Soledad Mountain Road, La Jolla Shores Drive, Genesee Avenue, Torrey Pines Road, El Camino Real, connect D1 north and south. Strong east-west links include SR-56, Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar Heights Road, Carmel Mountain Road, La Jolla Village Drive and SR-52.

#### 3. Each Council District should contain roughly 1/9th of the City's population.

#### D1 POPULATION MEETS ALLOWABLE DEVIATION

The City Attorney has described six criteria to be considered during the redistricting process. District 1 United has demonstrated that D1 meets all of them. D1 has many strong, functional COIs and the district is readily defined by using natural and man-made boundaries. Additionally, D1 is contiguous and compact with reasonable access between population centers. D1's estimated population has a deviation of less than 10% from the predicted exact 1/9 average of the City's population. As presented by the City Attorney's Office on April 15, 2021, a 10% deviation is legally defensible, if the other important criteria are met, especially if communities of interest are well-served.

# We urge you to support District 1 United's request and proposal that D1 – the Coast and Canyons District – remain as it is now.