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Mr. Rich de la Rosa  
Chairperson  
2011 Redistricting Advisory Commission  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San José, CA 95113

Dear Rich:

Dividing council districts down the middle of a major street can end up causing jurisdictional confusion. Because City Service Areas often adhere to Council District boundaries, there can be confusion as to who is responsible on which side of the street.

One way to highlight the potential confusion is to note the difference between Alum Rock Avenue from Hwy 101 to King Road and King Road from Alum Rock Avenue to McKee Road.

Both sides of Alum Rock Avenue from Hwy 101 to King Road are in District 5; the Council District boundary is drawn behind the businesses on the north side of Alum Rock Avenue. Because of this, issues that must be addressed with the city are addressed by one Council District office and one City Service Area.

On the other hand, King Road from Alum Rock Avenue to McKee Road is a headache because Council Districts, parking compliance areas, code enforcement areas, and every other city service is split down the middle of King Road. A real example concerns parking issues and illegal auto sales along that section of King Road. Problems like these are ping-ponged between two City Service Areas. Whenever we have a meeting with city representatives, we have one representative from each Council District and one from each department (code enforcement, traffic abatement) for each side of King Road.

Please share our Five Wounds / Brookwood Terrace NAC's input with your colleagues on the 2011 Redistricting Advisory Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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