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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2011 3:16 PM  
**To:** Hawkins, Dennis (Clerk); Prevetti, Laurel  
**Subject:** REDISTRICTING

Dear Mr. Hawkins and Ms. Prevetti:

My wife and I bought our home on Kirklyn Drive in 1972. We are proud to call Willow Glen home and identify being in Willow Glen.

We understand that a committee is looking at removing our neighborhood from District 6 and placing us in another district since Bagby Elementary School is adjacent to our neighborhood. If we were allowed to vote on this change, we would vote to stay in District 6.

Having spent 38 years in public school education, lastly as the former Superintendent of Santa Clara Unified School District, I can tell you that an elementary school attendance area is not exclusive in neighborhood identity. School districts can and do extend over city boundaries, but that does not change the actual neighborhood identity.

Our neighborhood was built as one development and our sense of community is based not solely where children go to elementary school. The houses in our neighborhood have similar architecture and lot sizes. Many of our neighbors attend places of worship in Willow Glen such as Sinai Synagogue and St. Christopher's Catholic Church where my wife and I volunteer. Our neighborhood is bounded by two very busy streets, Curtner Avenue and Leigh Avenue. These two streets present the end of our neighborhood on the west and the south. The neighborhood children do not cross Curtner or Leigh, but remain in our neighborhood to play.

We feel the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association has been a good advocate for our neighborhood and District 6 has had responsive supervisors representing our neighborhood dating back to Nancy Ianni.

We respectfully ask that our neighborhood remain in District 6.

Sincerely,

Nick and Tina Gervase