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Subject: Redistricting proposal

To the City of San Jose Redistricting Committee:

We have been informed that a small area of District 6, an area in which we currently live, is being considered for reapportionment to District 9.

My wife and I, residents of San Jose's District 6 for over 25 years, are opposed to this redistricting change.

First and foremost, Districts are supposed to be formulated and boundaries drawn based upon a "community of interest." The area in which we live, the Dry Creek area of Willow Glen, has been, and always will be, an integral part of Willow Glen, the heart and soul of District 6.

Moving this westernmost part of District 6 into District 9 would fly in the face of retaining a "community of interest" and would place our neighborhood into another area of San Jose that lacks centrality, core focus and feel, neighborhood intimacy and organization.

Moreover, one of the distinct benefits of being a resident of District 6 is residing in a part of San Jose that has symmetry of political interest and influence – and a strong desire to continue being represented by Pierluigi Oliverio, whom we helped elect in 2007 and re-elect in 2008.

Certainly, there must be other contiguous pockets within San Jose that can be more easily transplanted into District 9, if that's the real end game here, that wouldn't have such a deleterious effect on the fabric of the neighborhood you're currently looking to displace.

My wife and I are adamantly opposed to this plan and strongly encourage you to reconsider this action. We and other equally passionate members of our affected neighborhood are readying plans for a petition drive should this initial proposal gain traction.

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