

May 9, 2011

To the San Jose Redistricting Committee,

We are opposed to removing our neighborhood from District 6. We are alarmed that it is even under consideration and ask that it be removed.

We currently reside on Northampton Dr. with our family and our parents live a few blocks away on Walden Square. After our marriage, over 20 years ago, we were ready to buy a home and raise a family. We looked in many neighborhoods, but always kept our eye on Willow Glen. When our current house became available we jumped at the chance to return to our roots and settle in familiar surroundings.

My wife grew up in District 6, went to Booksin Elementary School, Markham Junior High and Willow Glen High Schools. She has attended St. Christopher church since she was a young girl. Our children attended St. Christopher School, and we have been active parishioners for over 20 years. We patronize the businesses in District 6 and proudly call ourselves residents of Willow Glen.

This move seems to be of political expediency and is not in keeping with the definition of a "community of interest" as set out in recently-passed Proposition 20.

We request that the Redistricting Committee rethink this disruptive proposal and withdraw the initiative to slice our neighborhood from Willow Glen and District 6, its natural and historical home and force it into the Cambrian district with which it shares no common interest.

Regards,

Beth & Dennis Leary