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Cc: Tom Wright
Subject: Redistricting mtg

Dear Mr. Fadness & committee members,
I attended the redistricting meeting last night. It was very interesting, especially since I had no prior knowledge of this process before last night. I learned that things are not as straightforward as they seem. There are many factors that need to be considered. Thank you for your time with this long and important process.

I am forwarding you and all the commission members, my recap of the meeting, which I sent out to the Willow Glen Backfence (elist). I did not speak at the meeting, but would like to share my opinion with you. I think that District 6 should include the former Willow Glen boundaries, going all the way down to Foxworthy Ave. I live south of Curtner on Edmond Court. The entire neighborhood, from Curtner down to Foxworthy, from Cherry Ave to Meridian Ave, is one cohesive neighborhood. If there is room, we should move the boundary all the way over to Meridian Ave. We should not be split up. It is important that those of us that attend the neighborhood schools, Booksin Elementary, Willow Glen Middle, Willow Glen High, stay in the same district as the schools our children attend. I see Pierluigi at many functions-in fact, I have seen him 2 times in the past month at Booksin, supporting the school, the kids and the families. I have a bond with him and feel that he represents me well. I don't even know who the council person is for District 9.

It seems like a slam dunk to take out the Rubino Circle neighborhood and move that to District 9. I am not sure if there is any way to move some of the northern chunk of District 6 to another district, but homeowners in Willow Glen feel strong ties Willow Glen and we should stay together. We shop on Lincoln Ave to support local business owners, we love the tradition of Christmas trees on front lawns in winter. We feel pride saying that we are a part of Willow Glen. It gives us a sense of community amongst the larger backdrop of sprawling San Jose. Personally, I don't identify much with the city of San Jose. I hardly ever go downtown to eat or shop or hang out. However, I do love to go to Aquilino and hang on "the avenue." It is important for us to stay together and be cohesive. It makes sense for one council person to represent entire communities. It does not make sense to have two or more council members represent a split up community.

Thank you for reading my letter. I can assure you that many of my neighbors feel the same way as I do. Everyone I have spoken with the past few days reflected much of this same opinion.

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