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Subject: Redistricting Willow Glen area to Cambrian

I am following up on the email I sent you today. Since I recently had open heart surgery, I needed to take my heart medication as well as blood pressure medication. Having accomplished the medical necessities, I wish to further discuss and/or advise you of my dismay.

First of all, the May 16th meeting is at Cypress Senior Center located at 403 S. Cypress Ave., San Jose, 95117.

The bulletin generated by the City Council omitted the "South" in the name of Cypress Ave. I am more than qualified regarding the street name since my grandparents (Fortunato and Concetta Pellegrino) owned one of the beautiful Cherry orchards down the street at 549 S. Cypress Ave. I played in my grandparents orchard (1950's) as well as attending Cypress Elementary School through the 5th grade.

The citizens and residents wishing to attend the May 16th meeting, should be aware that in order to drive to Cypress Senior Center (formerly Cypress Elementary School), they can only enter Cypress Ave. from Stevens Creek Blvd. Cypress Ave. dead ends at Constance Drive which is parallel to Fwy # 280. Once again I know this because that is where my grandparent's orchard and home was. As a matter of history, Constance Drive was named after my grandmother; Constance is english for Concetta, should anyone care to know.

Just a little more history, My father was born in a house on Bird Avenue in San Jose on May 16, 1917. My father as well as his father were building contractors in San Jose and in fact built many homes in Willow Glen, once again, I doubt that would mean anything however I thought I would share that with all of you.

To get to my additional "soundoff" point, I think the City of San Jose pulled a fast one since they have allowed developers to purchase properties in the Willow Glen area, mow down the old structures and put in multiple family housing which in turn adds to the citizen head count in district 6 thus allowing the City Council to argue there are too many people in district 6. Once again, certain people were able to pull strings and get their way via the permit process as well as zoning. Most residents know what I'm referring to and I'm sure the people in question know exactly what I'm referring to.

I do believe the time has arrived for all residents to participate in raising questions as well as demanding answers regarding the City of San Jose taking control of our future as well as our most valuable asset.

Many people rejoiced when we heard Osama Bin Laden was eliminated, since he posed a threat to our way of life and freedom, unfortunately, there are more people out there who take advantage of their power to disrupt the freedom and choices and destiny of American Citizens. I believe people in elected City of San Jose positions should not receive any type of compensation, their duties should be consistant with a Cub Scout leader, volunteering his or her services for the betterment of people, the community and the American way. Perhaps then will we get back to where we should be.

Last thought, why don't the bright ones take over some of the Tajmahal libraries the City of San Jose has constructed, these would make satellite City Halls; since the City will be eventually getting rid of the employees who staff the libraries.

Am I discouraged with San Jose? You bet I am!

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