

To the Redistricting Commission:

After your further explanation at last night's meeting of how the redistricting actually works – that it won't affect property values or change school boundaries YET, we want to make clear what we and other residents of Willow Glen are concerned about.

For as long as we can remember, we have had excellent representation by our District 6 Councilpersons, Nancy Ianni and now Pierluigi Oliverio. The attitudes expressed of dividing Willow Glen are that if we become part of District 9, we will lose the complete representation we have in District 6. We would lose our vote in elections and eventually believe we would be disconnected from Willow Glen as described by the many residents of Willow Glen who were removed from District 6, without notice in 1981.

The transferring of Rubino Circle to another District is absolutely the most logical. From the woman who spoke last night from Rubino Circle, she was perfectly okay with making the transfer and since there were no others represented, we have to believe she spoke for the others in Rubino Circle area. They are newcomers to San Jose and do not have the sense of community/history as the rest of us have in Willow Glen. Key point is that Willow Glen was its own city prior to a close vote to become incorporated into San Jose.

Please consider the proposal of Commissioner, Chris Schumb, to keep all of Willow Glen District 6 and returning the boundary to Foxworthy Ave. Or at minimum simply do not divide Willow Glen any further by removing any current portion of Willow Glen proper to District 9 which includes our Dry Creek neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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29 year organizer of the Willow Glen Home Tour