

As I am not able to attend the redistricting commission meeting tonight and I am concerned that the District 9 voice be heard I had asked Chair De La Rosa to read this for me.

I wish to state my preference for the transfer areas from District 6 to District 9 as being 6-9(b) and 6-9(e). I know that at the May 18th community meeting we heard from dozens of speakers about not only wanted not to be redistricted out of District 6 but also to move the current district boundaries back to where they were 20 or even thirty years ago. We also heard that the community did not wish St. Christopher or Presentation to be moved out of District 6. There seems to be a clear consensus from the speakers that Rubino Circle was the more appropriate area to be transferred. I respectfully disagree.

I support 6-9(b) because it does give, as called for in the City of San Jose Charter, consideration to natural boundaries, street lines, and/or City boundaries. This area is bounded by Foxworthy, Pearl, Capital Expressway, and Almaden Expressway.

I also support 6-9(e). Despite what was said that evening, I believe there is a community that exists in District 9 and a key element of that community is the Cambrian School District. Using the transfer lines as outlined in this proposed transfer accomplishes several guidelines that the commission has been guided by since our very first meetings. While I realize that many of the proposed transfer area would also meet many of the guideline that we have been guided by I believe that transfer area 6-9(e) as stated in the 2001 commission guidelines "where possible, do not divide school districts between separate Council Districts. Under Proposition 11 it maintains "communities of interest" and neighborhoods. The 6-9(e) transfer area, would follow not only the Cambrian School District boundary lines but also follow the boundary line in that community of the Campbell Union High School District. East of that transfer area is the San Jose Unified District.

I did hear, as we all did, loud and clear from the community on May 9th their wish to remain or even be moved the Commission is charged with having to make decisions regarding areas all over the city. I also heard great concern about the possibility of transfer of Booksin Elementary School, St. Christopher or Presentation. The transfer areas that I support does avoid any transfer of those areas of concern.

The Commission has been using the guidelines that we spend the first couple of commission meetings discussing. Using San José's Charter language I believe the Rubino Circle is a community of interest that is difficult to divide into smaller transfer areas, because of lack natural boundaries or street lines. Geographically speaking it is an area that is defined by Almaden Expressway, Foxworthy/Pearl and 87. If the commission transfers a small area it appears to violate the language in the Charter that refers to cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory.

I thank the Commission for all of their hard work on how to address the concerns expressed about the District 6 and District 9 boundaries. I ask my fellow Commissioners to support the transfer areas 6-9(b) and 6-9(e) from District 6 to District 9.