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To: Members of the San Jose Redistricting Advisory Commission

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Re: Redistricting Boundaries for District 6

Dear Commissioners:

Thank You for your efforts in volunteering on this committee and working on behalf of my fellow residents, taxpayers and voters in San Jose. My wife Michele and I moved into District 6 more than 12 years ago and are proud to call the Willow Glen neighborhood of San Jose our home.

I am writing to you regarding the proposed redistricting of District 6. I recognize that every 10 years after a census count, our city is required to review city council district boundaries. This is an important task as this process helps to insure that all of the residents of our city are fairly represented in city government. This commission sometimes has to make tough choices and I recognize this. However, in regards to the redistricting of District 6, there is a clear, simple and easy choice that is non-controversial and is by far the best option.

As reviewed and discussed at length at the Redistricting meeting held at the Willow Glen Senior Center on May 9th, the best and most obvious choice is to move the Rubino Circle area out of District 6 and into District 9. This would then allow the Redistricting Commission to extend the District 6 southern boundary to Foxworthy avenue. By doing this, many residents whose children go to schools, participate in sports programs and church activities in District 6 but currently reside in District 9 would be included in what many consider the traditional boundaries of Willow Glen. This also makes sure that current residents of District 6 who consider themselves part of the Willow Glen Community would not be taken out of District 6. At the redistricting meeting I attended on May 9th, commission representative Chris Schumb made a motion for this exact proposal. I urge this commission to approve your fellow representative Chris Schumb's recommendation and move the Rubino

Circle neighborhood to District 9 and redraw the District 6 southern boundary to Foxworthy avenue.

Further, for this entire process to be transparent and inclusive of all stakeholders, I know this commission agrees that it needs to listen and hear from affected residents. At the meeting I attended on May 9th, the room was overflowing with engaged and knowledgeable residents who were overwhelmingly supportive of Mr. Schumbs' proposal that I mention in this letter. Though I was not able to attend the meeting for it's entire length, I was witness to passionate and educated citizens supporting a sensible redistricting of District 6.

Redrawing the district 6 boundaries in a way that separates families from their community makes no sense. Doing so would only elevate citizens distrust of our political process. Not following the recommendations of those who attended the district 6 redistricting meetings or those who have written to you with their concerns would be an obvious attempt to dilute the active and engaged voters who reside in our neighborhoods in District 6.

Thank you for giving strong consideration to the common sense proposal made by commissioner Chris Schumb in regards to the redistricting of District 6. By evidence of the tremendous turnout to the May 9th meeting and the number of letters submitted to this commission, Mr. Schumbs' proposal should be approved and acted on. Doing so would confirm that this commission listens to the citizens they represent and makes knowledgeable decisions that are not corrupted by narrow personal agendas or agendas supported by small groups of self interest.

Thank You again for your efforts and contributions to this process.

Go Sharks!

Terence Fox