

From: Frank Ramirez
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 2:05 PM
To: 2011redistricting
Subject: Move the boundary lines for District 9

Dear Redistricting Committee,

It has come to my attention that your committee is considering keeping Bagby Elementary School in District 6 while the remainder of the small Cambrian School District will be in District 9. As a parent in the Bagby attendance area, I am very concerned about this division.

The division of the school district between two council areas has made district wide coordination and improvements difficult if not impossible. I strongly ask the committee to recommend moving the boundary lines of District 9 to include up to Dry Creek Road so that the entire school district is in one councilmember district.

The Cambrian School District community is tightly knit, with a strong school identity. The community often works together to further improvements within the district. This was shown last fall when the community of parents, teachers, and administrative staff worked tirelessly to try to pass a parcel tax measure to help protect the school district from State Budget cuts.

Then Councilmember Judy Chirco and now Councilmember Don Rocha dedicated their endorsement and efforts (including phone banking, precinct walking, and event organization), to help the campaign. The campaign received **no support** from Councilmember Oliverio (District 6). In fact, Councilmember Oliverio scheduled an event on the same evening as our one community fundraiser (after his office had been informed of the date and details of our event). Additionally, the councilmember heavily advertised his event to our community, taking away attendees from the school fundraising event. Clearly, Bagby Elementary is not a priority for District 6 and would only be disadvantaged by the proposed redistricting lines that separate Bagby from District 9 and the rest of the Cambrian School District.

Again, I sincerely urge you to recommend adjusting the boundary lines so that our school district is able to work efficiently together with just one city council office on issues such as coordination and support for schools, city, and community events, maintaining our crossing guards, funding homework centers, and joint use of facilities. Please allow us to be one strong district for the betterment of our children, parents, and community.

Sincerely,

Frank Ramirez