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City Council (via e-mail)
City of Encinitas
505 S. Vulcan Avenue
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Honorable Council Members,

We followed with interest the January 19 redistricting proceedings and thank you for your unanimous support for maintaining the Olivenhain community intact within the proposed District 4 boundaries. We would like to take this opportunity to respond to Councilmember Hinze's request for the Olivenhain Town Council (OTC) to propose specific boundary recommendations.

We support the Council's consensus for including the portion of the San Elijo lagoon east of I-5 and Manchester Ave. within District 4 as this City resource is closely associated with the homes, school and vineyard east of Manchester as well as the Escondido Creek watershed that is synonymous with the Olivenhain Valley.

We also support Planning Commission Chair Ehlers' testimony regarding the importance of including the Morning Sun community intact within District 4. We further support Councilmember Kranz's observation that residents of the eastern most part of the existing District 1 more closely associates themselves with Olivenhain and the eastern District 4 than coastal Leucadia. Although not part of the formal community boundary of Olivenhain, the ~200 home neighborhood east of Village View Way along La Posta and side streets is functionally part of the Olivenhain Community. The neighborhood children attend Olivenhain Pioneer Elementary along with the northern 80% of Olivenhain. Since the eastbound traffic barrier was erected in the 90's, the only legal vehicular ingress is via Rancho Santa Fe Road, thus commuting residents also share the congested northbound evening queue with the same 80% of our community who live north of Encinitas Blvd.

Because the Census blocks being used to build the boundary maps don't correspond exactly to the community and elementary school boundaries, moving Census blocks 720 and 1155 into District 4, not only shifts 1355 people between the districts, but also creates irregular boundaries that artificially bisect other streets and neighborhoods in the area. Therefore, the OTC proposes using the major SDG&E easement as a consistent boundary between District 1 and 4 through Village Park. This would have the effect of trading the residents currently in District 1 residing east of the easement, for the residents currently in District 4 residing west of the easement and north of Encinitas Blvd. Our proposed modification to 'Map 69' (p69847) which Council has settled on as the basis for the next set of proposals can be found as [plan 103165](#) in the DistrictR tool.



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We also support the proposed change to the District 3 boundary that reunites the currently orphaned Olivenhain neighborhoods of Pacific Ranch and Sienna Canyon with the rest of Olivenhain as shown in 'Map 69.' We acknowledge the conversation about adjusting District 3 to remain south of Encinitas Blvd., and the necessity for District 3 to include areas east of El Camino Real for population balancing, but we will leave to those more directly affected to settle on the specifics of the District 3-4 boundary north of Sage Canyon.

Thank you again for your unanimous support for maintaining the Olivenhain community intact within the proposed District 4 boundaries.

Yours in community, the OTC Board of Directors

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