From:
To: COSD, Redistricting
Subject: [External] IRC Draft Map 14

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Dear IRC Commissioners,

I would like to express the support of the Mira Mesa Town Council for IRC Draft Map 14. This draft map retains the Mira Mesa community in District 3, along with other communities traditionally thought of as "coastal communities."

It is often not recognized that approximately 25% of the Mira Mesa community is located in the San Diego Coastal Zone. The Mira Mesa community is part of the Los Peñasquitos Watershed, which includes creeks in Los Peñasquitos Canyon and Lopez Canyon. These creeks, along with Carmel Creek in Carmel Valley, drain into Los Peñasquitos Lagoon in the Torrey Pines area. Los Peñasquitos Canyon and Lopez Canyon are partially or completely within the Mira Mesa community.

In addition, Carroll Creek drains the Carroll Canyon sub-watershed that encompasses approximately 11,000 acres and serves as the most southern drainage to Los Peñasquitos Lagoon. Los Peñasquitos Creek merges with Carroll Creek in Sorrento Valley before entering the lagoon. These areas are all located within the Mira Mesa community.

Carroll Creek will be the subject of enhancements as part of the upcoming Stone Creek development in eastern Carroll Canyon. We believe that Mira Mesa's inclusion in a district with other coastal communities and the rest of the Los Peñasquitos Watershed will enhance opportunities to restore Carroll Creek, after decades of mining in the adjacent canyon.

We thank you for your consideration and encourage you to adopt IRC Draft Map 14 and keep Mira Mesa in District 3.

Sincerely, Bari Vaz President, Mira Mesa Town Council