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**Subject:** FW: Re-districting

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**From:** Annemarie Clisby <[Aclisby@encinitasca.gov](mailto:Aclisby@encinitasca.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2021 2:04 PM

**To:** Jace Schwarm <[Jschwarm@encinitasca.gov](mailto:Jschwarm@encinitasca.gov)>

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**From:** Joan Gosewisch <[joan1106@gmail.com](mailto:joan1106@gmail.com)>

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**To:** Council Members <[council@encinitasca.gov](mailto:council@encinitasca.gov)>

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Obviously I meant the original redistricting was in 2017 -not 1917. I know I'm old, but not that old.

On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 1:31 PM [outlook\\_C96BC28097DEE5FD@outlook.com](mailto:outlook_C96BC28097DEE5FD@outlook.com) <[joan1106@gmail.com](mailto:joan1106@gmail.com)> wrote:

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Dear Mayor and Esteemed Council,

Re: Council Meeting of 6/9/21

After the 2020 U.S. Census, we await the results of the re-districting for our Congressional Districts. It appears California will lose one seat in the House of Representatives for a myriad of reasons. The Citizen's Group charged with drawing the California's Congressional districts is a welcome change from the politically drawn districts of previous times.

Which brings me to what might eventually be the re-districting of our fair city, Encinitas. The first round in 1917 was decidedly political because instead of just ensuring equal representation by community, the districts were drawn so that no incumbent lost their seat. Including the 'panhandle' of New Encinitas in the Cardiff district was not only wrong, it assured that the incumbent at the time would have a difficult time in any re-election attempt. Again, purely political.

In an attempt to maintain the current mantra of "Community Character", only four of the individual communities were considered: Cardiff, Old Encinitas, Olivenhain and Leucadia. My community, New Encinitas, was carved up among three different districts – Cardiff, Leucadia and Olivenhain. The Councilmembers of each of those districts were and are primarily focused on the residents that make up the majority of voters within their districts. And the carved up small portion of New Encinitas within each of these districts does not contain the majority of voters within the Council District, we are the 'leftovers.'

Moreover, the California Election Code – as posted on the City's web page delineates the following:

To the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division. A "community of interest" is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents or political candidates.

The current district's delineation violates the code by its carving up of my community. New Encinitas is the primary economic engine of our city and should be represented as such.

I understand that the number of people within New Encinitas is far greater than the number of people who are required to be included within each of the four districts – based upon a citywide population of 63,000. However, I implore you to consider New Encinitas as its own district (yes, a few of us might be carved out within an adjacent district). As it stands now – New Encinitas is not one Councilmember's priority and that's just not right. The upcoming re-districting should attempt to rectify this mistake.

Respectfully,

Joan Dodge

(previously Joan Gosewisch – name changed legally on June 11, 2021)