

Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I am writing this letter in support for Karin MacDonald to be hired as a technical consultant for the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Ten years ago, Ms. Karin MacDonald served as a consultant for the City of San Diego Redistricting Commission. During that time, I served as Chair of the Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board. I have served as a community volunteer for over thirty years. Of concern during that redistricting process was a proposal to split the Rancho Bernardo community into two separate districts based on the location of I-15, contrary to identifying and protecting communities of interest. I spoke before the Commission, as did many other members of the RBCPB, additional residents of Rancho Bernardo, and residents of neighboring communities regarding the need and desire to keep Rancho Bernardo unified.

Ms. MacDonald encouraged public participation and acted with a fair and balanced approach. The process was open and transparent, meetings accessible and well advertised, and the approach organized and efficient. Most importantly, citizens had a voice in the process that was encouraged and valued. Ms. MacDonald did an exemplary job of identifying and protecting communities of interest.

Thank you for your service to our state and local communities. You play a valuable role in protecting the democratic process in ensuring everyone has a voice and is encouraged to participate and by protecting the representation of individuals and communities.

Sincerely,

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