MARIN COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Special Meeting
December 5, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

The special meeting of the Marin County Committee on School District Organization (CCSDO) was held on Monday, December 5, 2022 beginning at 6:00 pm in the Mill Valley School District, Board Room (411 Sycamore Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941).

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order

Chairperson Debbie Butler called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Attendance/Introductions

Secretary Designee Terena Mares conducted Roll Call of Committee Members. Members present/absent:

Committee Member	Present (Y)/Absent (A)
Debbie Butler	Y
Karen Crockett	Y
Amos Klausner	Y
Derek Knell	Y
Robin Moses	Y
Stephanie O'Brien	Y
Kathy Ohm	Y
Elizabeth Robbins	Y
Richard Sloan	Y
Stuart Tanenberg	Y
Raoul Wertz	Y

A roll call vote indicated that a quorum was present.

Staff members present: Terena Mares, Secretary Designee of the Marin County Committee on School District Organization; Jon Lenz, Deputy Superintendent of the Marin County Office of Education; Alexis Oberlander, Assistant Project Leader for the Marin County Office of Education; Sergio Silva, Systems Specialist for the Marin County Office of Education; Jared Rippey, Support Technician for the Marin County Office of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Consider Approval and Adoption of Agenda

Chairperson Butler called for a motion to approve the December 5, 2022 Agenda.

M/s/c O'Brien and Wertz; to approve the December 5, 2022 Agenda.

Motion carried:	Aye: 11	No:	Abstain:	Absent:

AGENDA ITEM 4: Consider Approval of Minutes, CCSDO Meeting of November 30, 2022

Chairperson Butler called for a motion to approve the November 30, 2022 Minutes of the Special Meeting.

M/s/c Tanenberg and Crockett; to approve the November 30, 2022 Meeting Minutes as submitted.

Motion carried:	Aye: 10	No:	Abstain: 1 (O'Brien)	Absent:

AGENDA ITEM 5: Open Public Hearing

Chairperson Butler opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 5a: Explanation of the Petition & Presentation of Facts

Secretary Designee Terena Mares introduced the Tennessee Glen territory transfer petition and outlined the petition facts.

AGENDA ITEM 5b: Guidelines for Public Hearing

Chairperson Butler outlined the guidelines for the public hearing.

AGENDA ITEM 5c: Chief Petitioners

Chief Petitioners Pam Keon addressed the County Committee. A copy of the presentation is attached to, and made a part of, the original minutes of this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5d: Mill Valley School District

Dr. Kimberly Berman, Superintendent from the Mill Valley School District, addressed the County Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 5e: Sausalito Marin City School District

Dr. Itoco Garcia, Superintendent from the Sausalito Marin City School District, addressed the County Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 5f: Petition Proponents

No proponents of the petition addressed the County Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 5g: Petition Opponents

No opponents of the petition addressed the County Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 5h: Next Steps

Secretary Designee Terena Mares outlined the next steps for the Tennessee Glen territory transfer petition.

The next public hearing will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Sausalito Marin City School District, Library (200 Phillips Drive, Marin City, CA 94965).

AGENDA ITEM 6: Close Public Hearing

Chairperson Butler closed the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

Chairperson Butler called for a motion to adjourn the December 5, 2022 Meeting.

M/s/c O'Brien and Robbins; to approve the adjournment of the December 5, 2022 Meeting.

Motion carried:	Aye: 11	No:	Abstain:	Absent:

Chairperson Butler adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm.

Re-Establishment of District Territory for Tennessee Glen Community (TGC)

Community Boundaries



HISTORY

Tennessee Valley

- Southeastern Tamalpais Valley in unincorporated Mill Valley
- Historically, small dairy ranches.

Prior to 1951, no local Tamalpais Valley schools

- 200 Tamalpais Valley students bused to schools within Mill Valley City limits
- < 10 dairy farm students bused to Central School in downtown Sausalito. Two hours per day.

HISTORY

1948 - 1952

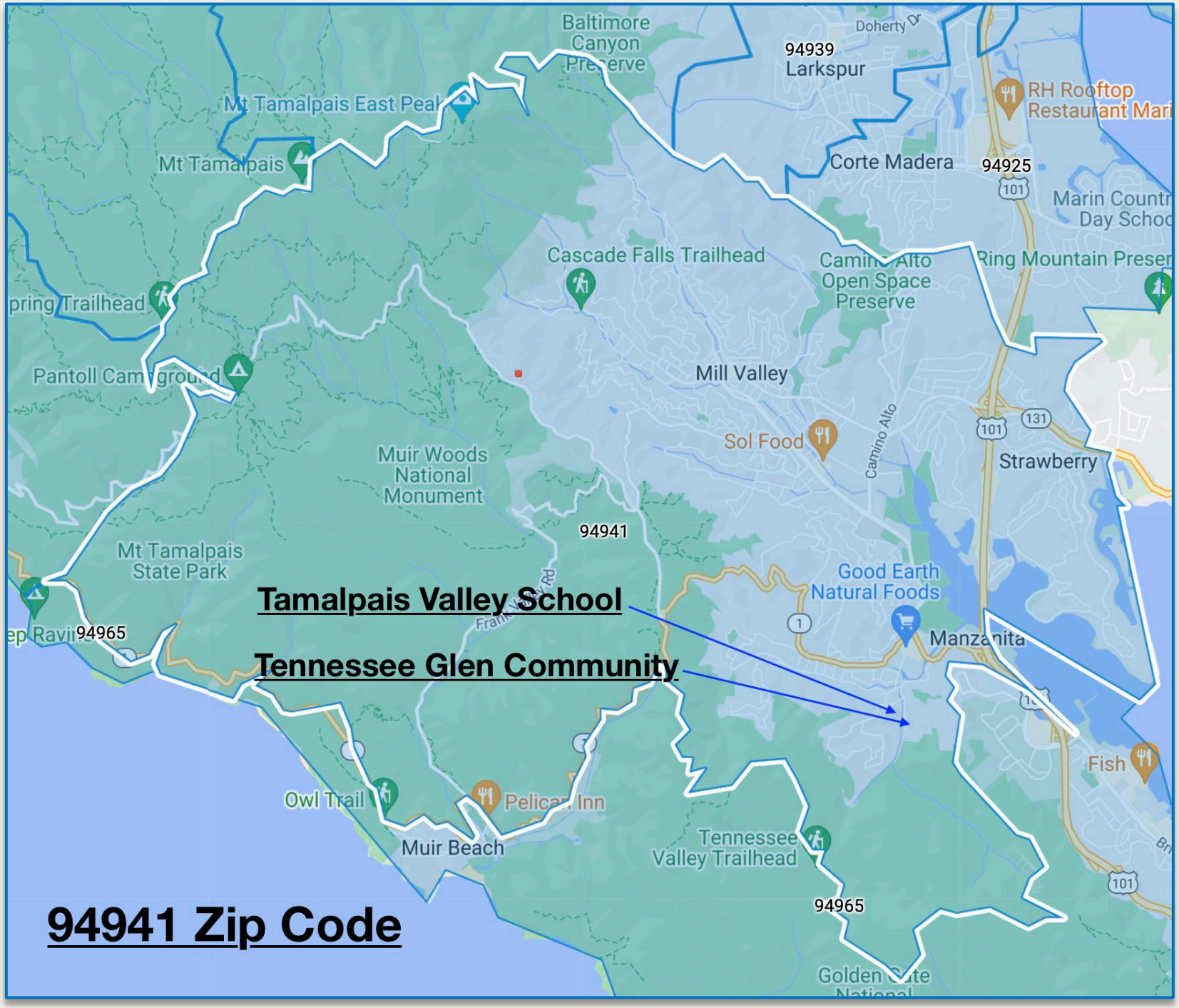
- Kay Park and Crest Marin (Birdland) Developments
- 1951 - Tamalpais Valley School opens, 350 Bell Lane
- School district boundaries realigned. All Tennessee Valley children attend Tam Valley School. School becomes their home and cultural center.

1963

- All of Tamalpais Valley assigned to Mill Valley 94941

1963

Tamalpais Valley Assigned to Mill Valley 94941 zip code



HISTORY

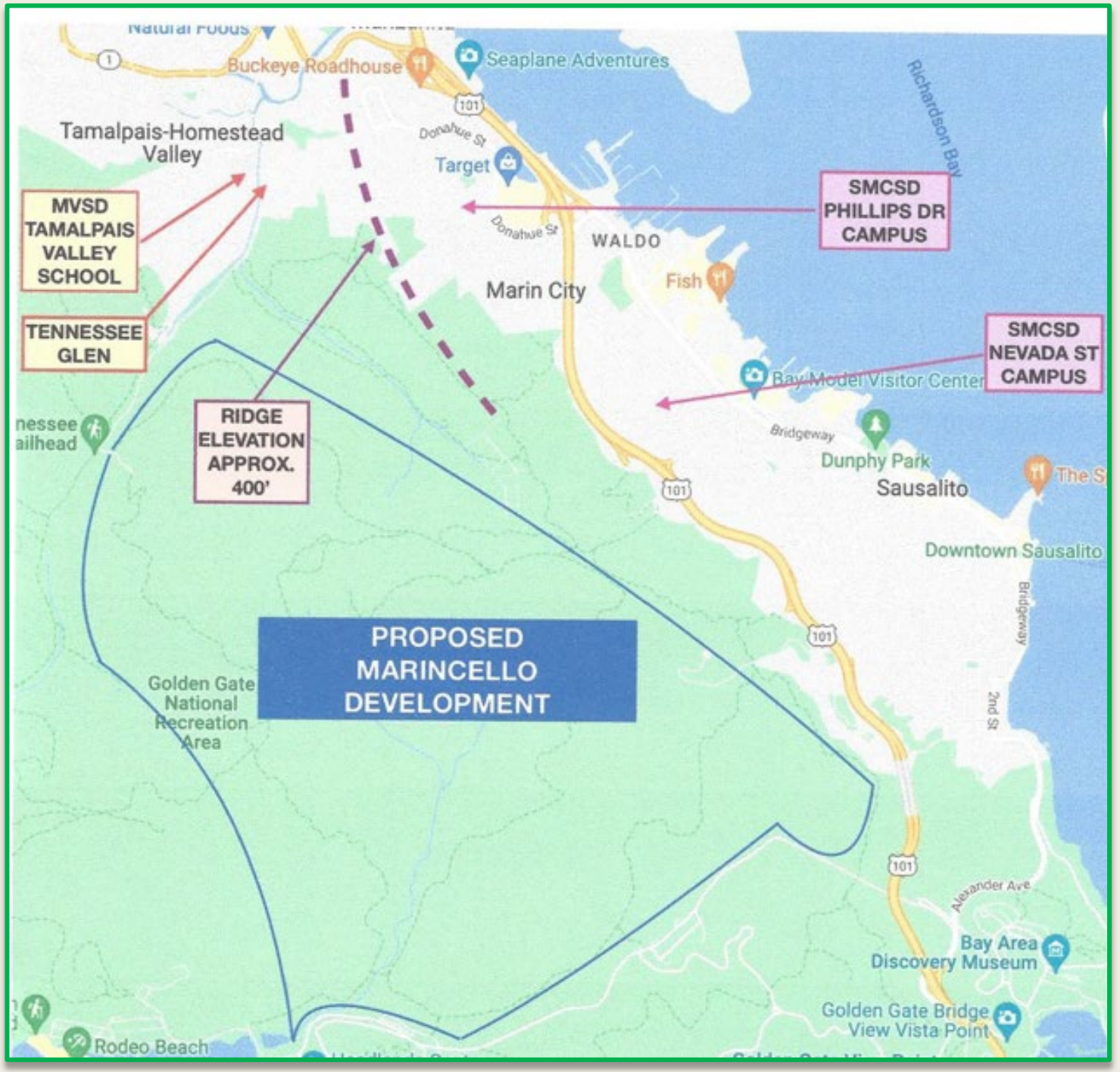
1964

- Proposed Marincello Development - 2,100 K-8 students
- MVSD Annexes East Tennessee Valley Road to SMCSD
  - Students forced to withdraw from Tam Valley School
  - Affected families homeschool or use Mt. Carmel in Mill Valley

MARINCELLO



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Buckeye Roadhouse
Seaplane Adventures
Richardson Bay
Tamalpais-Homestead Valley
Donahue St
Target
MVSD TAMALPAIS VALLEY SCHOOL
SMCSD PHILLIPS DR CAMPUS
WALDO
Marin City
Fish
TENNESSEE GLEN
SMCSD NEVADA ST CAMPUS
Bay Model Visitor Center
RIDGE ELEVATION APPROX. 400'
Bridgeway
Dunphy Park
Sausalito
101
Downtown Sausalito
PROPOSED MARINCELLO DEVELOPMENT
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
2nd St
Alexander Ave
Bay Area Discovery Museum
Golden Gate Bridge View Vista Point
Rodeo Beach

HISTORY

1972

- Proposed Marincello Development Abandoned
- Sold to Golden Gate National Recreation Area - Permanent Conservation
- With no E. Tennessee Valley Road Students Enrolled in SMCSD, Properties Fail to be Returned to MVSD

HISTORY

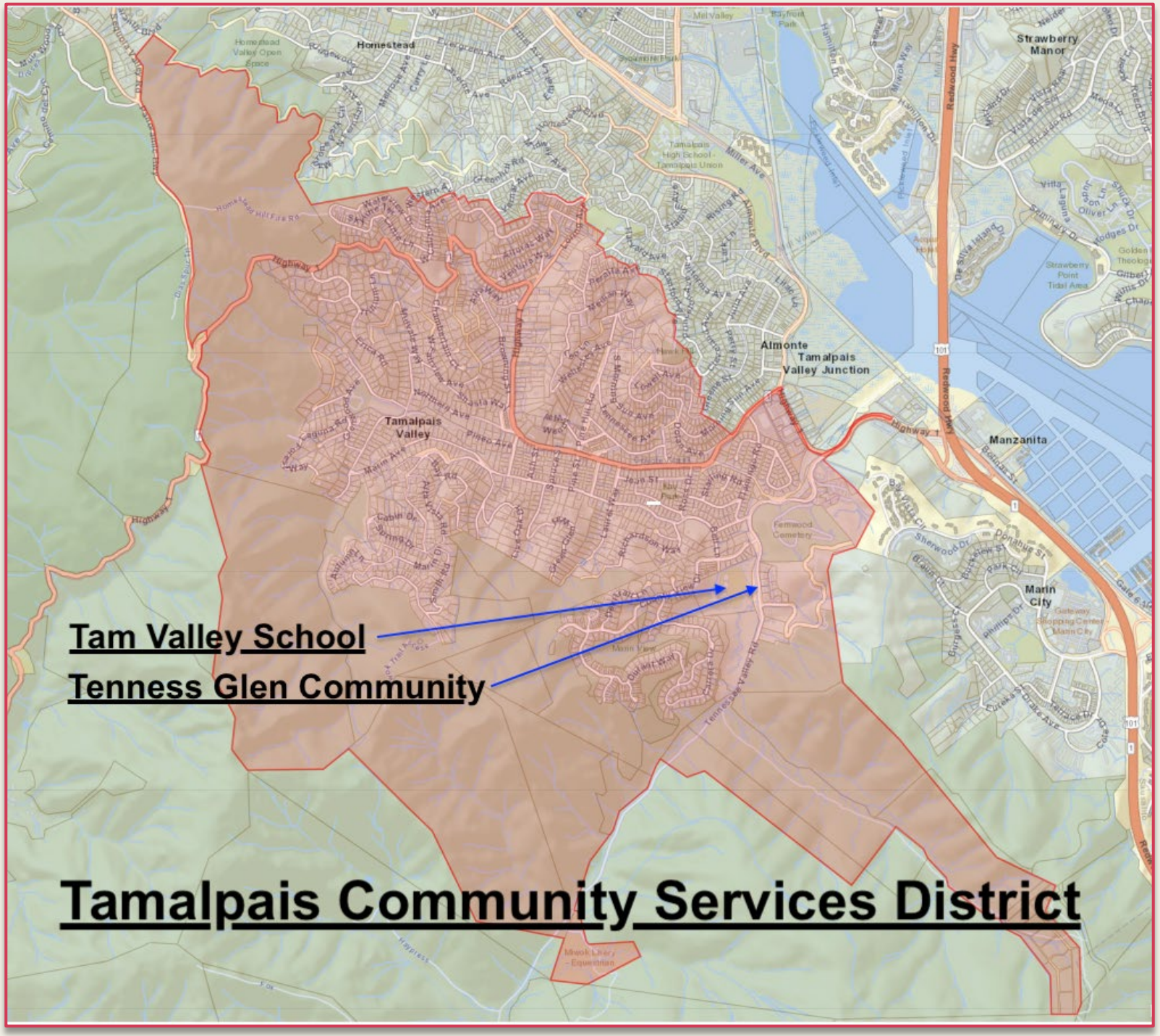
“ …. several properties east of Tennessee Valley Road, …. are located within the Sausalito Marin City School District.” “….. MVSD **annexed portions of that area to the Sausalito School District** …. **when a very large development …. was in the planning stages**. MVSD “would have been unable to accommodate the large number of students expected to be generated by such a development. …… **Although the development never came to fruition, several ….. parcels on the east side of Tennessee Valley Road remained within the Sausalito-Marin City School District boundaries**.”

MVSD Superintendent K. Benney, 2008

HISTORY

1998-1999

- 10 Tennessee Glen Community (TGC) Homes Built
- 94941 Address
- Inside Unincorporated Mill Valley Boundary
- Inside Tamalpais Community Services District Boundary
- Developer Posts $71,967 and Initiates Petition for Territory Transfer


Tam Valley School
Tenness Glen Community
Tamalpais Community Services District
Homestead
Strawberry Manor
Almonte
Tamalpais Valley Junction
Tamalpais Valley
Manzanita
Marin City

HISTORY

2000

- TGC Families Continue Petition to Transfer Territory
- TGC Agrees to Withdraw Petition in Favor of Five-Year Evergreen Enrollment Agreement Renewed Annually
- TGC Releases $71,967 to MVSD
- TGC Continues Paying Annual Property Taxes to SMCSD and Begins Paying Parcel Taxes to MVSD

HISTORY

2007

- MVSD Does Not Renew Agreement

2008

- MVSD Notifies TGC of 2007 Non-Renewal
- Subsequently, MVSD Notifies TGC of Renewal

2009

- MVSD and SMCSD Approve New Agreement - Same Terms as 2000 Agreement

HISTORY

2010

- SMCSD Renews Agreement "*due to the close proximity of families to Mill Valley Schools as compared to Sausalito Marin City Schools*."

2011

- Agreement is Renewed - Term is Shortened

2013

- SMCSD Renews Agreement - Eliminates Renewal Provision

HISTORY

2013 - 2015

- Districts Do Not Respond to Homeowner Communications Regarding Agreement Status

2016

- MVSD and SMCSD Approve New Agreement - Again Shortening Term and Limiting Provisions

2017 - 2018

- Districts Do Not Respond to Homeowner Communications Regarding Agreement Status

HISTORY

2019

- California Attorney General's SMCSD Decree

2020

- Families Receive Confusing and Incorrect Information about Status of Agreement
- Attorney General clarifies 2019 Decree "does not prohibit establishment of interdistrict attendance agreement"
- COVID Takes Precedence over Attempts at Resolution

CURRENT STATUS

2022

- Six TGC Students Enrolled in MVSD
- Homeowners Continue to Pay Property Taxes to SMCSD
- Homeowners Continue to Pay Parcel Taxes to MVSD
- Enrollment Agreement has Lapsed

LOGICAL BOUNDARIES

Tennessee Glen Community is Unique

- Physically isolated from Sausalito-Marin City by 400’ Undeveloped Ridge
- Surrounded by Fernwood Cemetery, Woolly Egg Ranch, GGNRA and Tam Valley School
- Inside Tamalpais Valley Community Boundaries
- Inside Tamalpais Community Service District Boundaries
- Inside Mill Valley 94941 postal code

TGC within Logical Territory Boundaries of MVSD



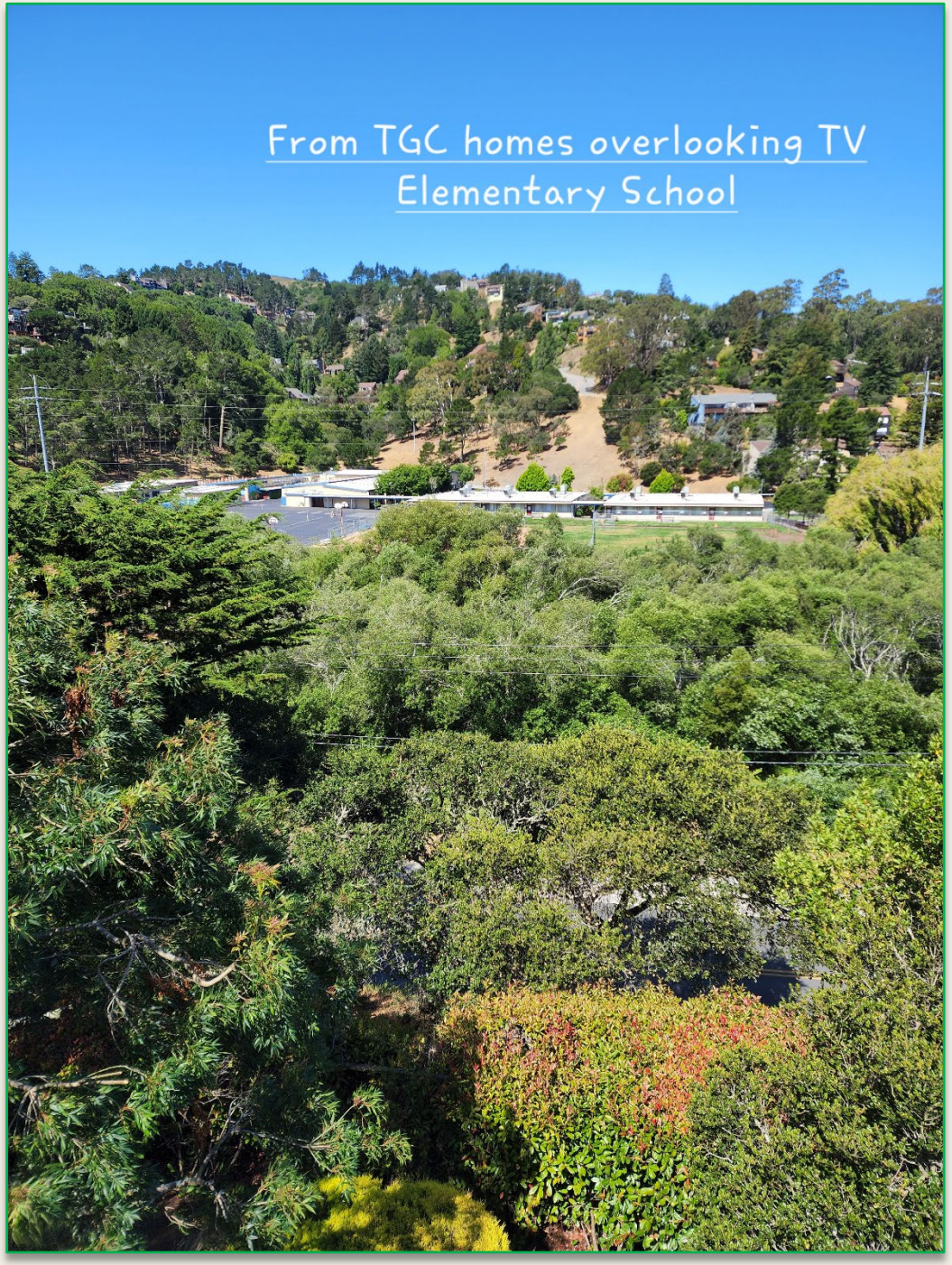
LOGICAL BOUNDARIES

- 400’ between Tennessee Glen and Tam Valley School
- Close Enough to Hear Our Children and Teachers All Day
- Only 16 Homes in MVSD are Closer to Tam Valley School
- MVSD Safely Accessed by Walking, Biking, Driving on Local Roads
- In 71 Years No Child East of Tennessee Valley Road and South of Fernwood Cemetery has Attended SMCSD
- For 23 Years – Almost a Quarter Century – All TGC Public School Students Have Attended MVSD

TGC within Logical Territory Boundaries of MVSD



TGC within Logical Territory Boundaries of MVSD

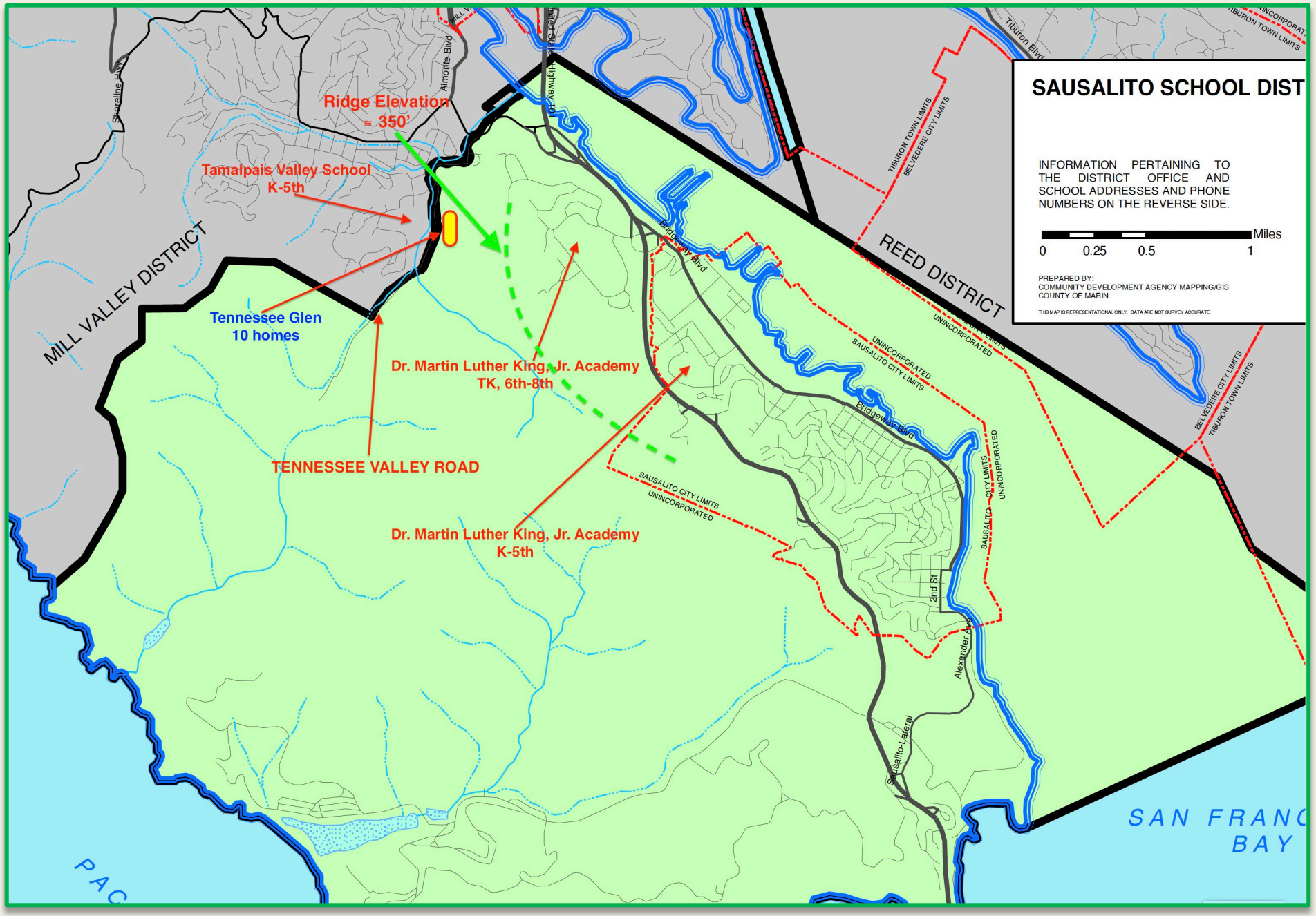


LOGICAL BOUNDARIES

SMCSD Schools

- Not Safely Accessible by Walking or Biking
- 4.4 Miles of Walking and Public Buses via State and Federal Highways Each Day. 90+ Minutes per Day.
- 6 Miles by Private Car via State and Federal Highways Each Day. 30+ Minutes per Day.
- Far Removed from Tennessee Glen Children's Natural Community, Friends and Activities

TGC within Logical Territory Boundaries of MVSD



LOGICAL BOUNDARIES

Impacts of Re-Districting for MVSD and SMCSD

- **No** Increase in School Facilities
- **No** Disruption to Educational Programs
- **No** Change in Ethnic Demographics
- **No** Increase/Decrease in Costs
- 2022-23: MVSD – 6 students; SMCSD – 0 students
- 2023-28: MVSD – 5 students; SMCSD – 0 students *

** anticipated*

CONCLUSION

- Rationale for annexing East Tennessee Valley Road to SMCSD did not and can **never** come to fruition.
- In 71 years no child in TGC area has attended SMCSD.
- Burden of transporting students outside natural community at distances required with feasible family strategies not equitable.
- TGC has acted in good faith for 22 years paying Property and Parcel taxes to two Districts; Unpredictable administration of Agreement causes undue stress for families and children.
- **Only logical resolution is permanent re-districting**.

THANK YOU

The Tennessee Glen Community

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The Byrne Family
The Camilleri-Gardner Family
The Cerchiai-Brennan Family
The Courant Family
The Johnston-Penny Family
The Keon-Vitale Family
The Kirby-Roussel Family
The Roth Family
The Roy Family
The Salisbury-An Family