



Independent Redistricting Commission

Public Comments

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Subject Redistricting

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Joanne Tenney

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Thank you for listening and accepting community input for re-drawing City districts; the visualization of the district maps are headed in the right direction. The 2010 maps did not provide equal representation to meet the changes and shifts in population that occurred in the past 10 years. The new boundaries, as drawn, will adequately provide this much needed representation.

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Item # 1

Subject Public Comment on Escondido Redistricting

Position In Favor

First and Last Name John Williams

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

It's been great to watch the progress you've been making and I agree with most of your changes so far-- especially the new map wherein District 1 is just south of District 2 and District 3 is just south of District 1. Keep doing what you're doing. Thanks!

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Item # 1

Subject Redistricting

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First and Last Name Juan Vargas

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Hello Redistricting Commission,

My name is Juan Vargas, community member in district 4 and part of the grassroots coalicion de semillas malas unidas en Escondido.

I'd like to start by saying how grateful I am that we are having these meetings, but there are a couple of issues I've come across that have made it inconvenient for working class members of the community like myself to follow the discussions that have happened so far.

I work full time, have two amazing kids, and try to make time for my community where I can. To make it out to meetings such as this one, whether attending virtually or in person, can become logistically difficult for me and I assume for others who are in the same boat.

With that being said, so far I have found that using the tools that are available to the public on the city's website have been difficult for interested folks like myself to follow. The map visualizations are very hard to follow because they only label the exact streets of the proposed borders, and do not describe the surrounding streets. I find myself anxiously toggling between Google maps and the visualization map hoping that there is not anything I am missing. I ask that you provide maps with a better representation of the surrounding streets in order for folks who are visual learners can better understand the maps provided.

Another thing that would be beneficial on the redistricting website would be access to the 2020 census data as it pertains to Escondido's population. Sure, we can always try and look it up, but working class families already struggle with making the time to participate in these discussions let alone try and toggle between that as well.

As for the maps themselves, some of the discussions we have had as a coalition of community members revolve around the following:

The border at Oakhill presents a potential visible division of hierarchy between home owners and renters. In the past I have lived on both sides of that street, specifically on Katella Avenue and grew up on Jeffery Ave, and although that is a little deeper in the area and I can assure that there are interests in both sides of that street that would benefit representation under one councilmember.

Another area of focus is the South West border of District 3 and 4 presented in the latest visualization. I have spent a lot of time in the community between 5th and Spruce and can assure that that community of interest would benefit from moving the district line West from Tulip to Upas st at least until it hits 5th ave so that it is a part of District 3.

Last area of focus that I would like to mention is the South West border at 9th and Tulip presented in the last visualization. That border should be moved South until about 13th ave, or at the very least until 11th ave. Five star market and other frequented areas by that neighborhood would also benefit from the same representation of those in District 3.

Thank you for the time today to be involved in this process, and for taking the time to volunteer for something as important as this.

In Solidarity,
Juan Vargas

Thank you Commissioners for the hard and valuable work that you are doing for the City and for all the citizens of Escondido.

I like both of the proposed visualizations, but I feel that the visualization that has District 1 North and ***District 3 South*** is one that will disrupt the least number of residents in both of those Districts. I would like for the Commission to go forward with that map.

I have a few suggestions on how to get District 1 to over the 50% majority/minority District. I feel that if you take the southern boundary of District 1 to be at least at the creek. Then in District 3, add the area north of the 78 and west of Center City Parkway to D3. I believe the heat map show a lower Latinx population in that area.

I hope you will consider this change.

Thank you,

Pam Albergo