

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
THE INDEPENDENT  
DISTRICTING COMMISSION**

**October 19, 2013**

The meeting of the Independent Districting Commission was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chairperson Nuesca at Mission Middle School, 939 East Mission Avenue, Escondido, California.

**Commissioners Present:** Chairperson Nuesca, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Flores, Vice-Chairperson Valdez, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cruz, and Commissioner Carey.

**Commissioners Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk; Eva Heter, Assistant City Clerk; Megan Grimm, City Clerk Staff; and Livier Valenzuela, Interpretation Services.

**Workshop by Q2** – Workshop by Expert Consultant, Q2, regarding districting process and public input.

Chairperson Nuesca provided an overview of protocol for the meeting.

**Karin MacDonald and Jamie Clark, Q2 Data & Research, LLC,** provided the presentation. (Presentation available at City Clerk's Office.)

Chairperson Nuesca recessed the meeting at 9:50 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing the maps with the public and reconvened the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

**Public Hearing** – Public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines; Public input regarding their Community of Interest (COI).

**MaryAnn Drinan, Escondido,** noted that during her 18 years in Escondido she had actively walked over half of the community registering voters. She stated that her COI boundaries included Lincoln to the north, following I-15 to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue over to Chestnut and eventually to Midway to the far east. She stated that this area was compact, encompassed numerous Hispanic majority schools and businesses, recreation parks, and health care clinics. She noted that she had all of the census block group information and would submit this to the City next week. She felt further study of the registered voters was needed for this area, feeling the area had a younger population that was not accounted for.

**Jennie McFarling, Escondido**, stated that her COI involved the Orange Glen High School area which comprised Citrus north from the county line up to Flood Control District or Washington Avenue, over to El Norte Parkway and comprised everything east. She was concerned with the amount of crime occurring in the subject area. (Boundaries shown after meeting)

**Don Greene, Escondido**, presented a map of the concentration of mobile home parks on both the east and west boundaries of the City and asked that they both be included in separate districts.

**Gina Gillie, Escondido**, thanked the Commission for their work. She wanted to have a City representative who lived in her district, which included the Mission Middle School District. She was concerned for public safety in her community.

**Nova Morgan, Escondido**, noted that she lived in the Del Dios area. She then thanked the Commission for their service and noted that she appreciated the fact that the Commission approved their own demographer. She was in favor of districts. She felt the Commission needed to take into consideration the income and education levels when forming the districts.

**Carolina Terrer, Escondido, (Interpreted)** thanked the Commission for allowing her to express her views. She stated that her COI was in the area of Del Dios and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She noted that she had participated in the North County Transportation meeting, noting that a large number of southwest routes were left without transportation, noting this was based on census data and due to some problems in the community. She stated that her community had several mobile home parks with handicap individuals who were left without transportation. She indicated that the area had a high contrast in income levels. She also elaborated that the area had very few parks. She also felt the area needed a dog park.

**James Gillie, Escondido**, stated that his COI encompassed the Mission Park area. He thanked the Commission for their services. He expressed concern with elections being based on the amount funds a politician had for signage. He felt representatives should live in their district, suggesting that said representative should be required to sign an affidavit of residence. He also noted that public safety was a concern in his area.

**Tom Clark, Escondido**, noted that his COI involved Ash Avenue to Lincoln Street down to Boyle Avenue, noting this would encompass the high school districts. He stated that Lincoln North from east to west would take care of the north side of the City and Country Club.

**Luis Villafana, Escondido**, noted that she lived on El Norte Parkway. She suggested extending the district to North Broadway to Broadway High School and Rock Springs Road and including the Country Club area. She stated that her neighborhood had all levels of income. She was concerned for the safety of the

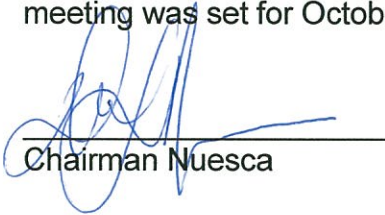
students and parents at Rock Springs Middle School walking to school without proper sidewalks. She was concerned with individuals crossing El Norte Parkway to access the grocery stores. She also suggested using the Country Club Golf Course as open space parks for the community.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Robroy Fawcett, Escondido**, provided the Commission with a database from the Register of Voters and one from the American Community Survey. He then referenced the citizenship estimate for each block group and the margin of error, Hispanic citizenship and the margin of error, citizen voting age population estimate, and Hispanic citizen voting age population. He was concerned with the margin or error, noting that 95% of the time the number would be inaccurate. He stated that he opposed using the National Demographics Corporation due to feeling that their citizen voting population age was inaccurate. He felt the Register of Voters data was more accurate.

**Jose Castro, Escondido**, asked the attendees to get the word out about these meetings in order to better represented.

**Adjournment:** Chairperson Nuesca adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m. The next meeting was set for October 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

  
Chairman Nuesca

  
Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk