

November 15, 2021

To: The City Clerk of Santa Ana and City Council

Re: City Council Special Meeting re: Redistricting, November 15, 2021

With regard to ward redistricting of Santa Ana, I am asking that you consider the following:

I would like to see that the following be kept together in the same ward: Sandpointe, Republic Homes, Metro Classic and also, Thornton Park and, the area from Segerstrom and the west side of Bristol Street beginning at Park Bristol Condominiums south to Alton.

Reasons:

We who are homeowners who live and shop in the South Coast Metro area and who have kids that go to school at Segerstrom High School, also use Thornton Park extensively, and have common interests and issues that we share. There is a sense of "neighborhood" among us. To not include the above-named areas in the same ward is like splitting up a family.

It does not make sense to divide areas so narrowly that one council member would be dealing with one issue as it relates to the same issue of a like-neighborhood in the same area, if ward division lines are separating these neighborhoods. There would be a lack of continuity.

I know I speak on behalf of many neighbors who are not able to write to you about this, for one reason or another, i.e., not computer literate, don't know how to go about it, or are working, have kids, and just trying still to keep heads above water, as well as many young professionals who live at Park Bristol and work in South Coast Metro. Thus, I've become sort of a speaker on behalf of many in my immediate community on various issues.

Directly behind where I live at 3050 S. Bristol Street is Carriage Drive in the Republic Homes development. We are separated only by a carport, and thus what happens in the Republic Homes development, also impacts Park Bristol Condominiums, and vice versa. Even between our two community associations, we have worked on some issues. To be separated by a ward division line makes things more complicated to know who to talk to about any issue if having to work with more than one councilmember. The separation also interferes with problem-solving continuity.

It does not make sense if Park Bristol Condominiums development is in a different ward than the South Coast Metro area. Ninety-five percent of daily shopping and community concerns of common interests are south of

Seegerstrom and Bristol Street in the South Coast Metro area, not north of it.
That goes the same for the Republic Homes/Thornton Park community areas also.

The South Coast business area is uniquely surrounded by condominiums and residential single-family homes and apartments with residents who are more closely involved in the South Coast Metro area.

These homeowners/residents also share the same interests and concerns for our community relating to schools, medical, police, traffic and public safety that are again, unique to the area I'm referencing. At any given time, many of these concerns can be found talked about on the neighborhood Nextdoor Website. Our issues in this section of Santa Ana bind us together.

I hope you will strongly consider the above when voting on ward boundary lines. And, if I might suggest, to keep in mind with regard to other ward boundary lines, to keep communities together that have common interests/issues to solve that are unique to them.

Respectfully submitted,

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From: Tim Johnson <tjohnson@jlkrlp.com>
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Subject: Item #1 (Ward Boundaries- 11/15 Special Mtg)

Council (cc to I have reviewed the presentation that you will be receiving this evening and the 3 Draft Plans A, B & C along with our current boundaries. I am a 15+ year resident of West Floral Park. I have been active in our community in Ward 3 and enjoy living in our great city and our awesome neighborhood. I am ultimately very concerned about Draft Plans B & C and urge you to not consider those or any other proposed plans that would split the neighborhoods of West Floral Park, Jack Fisher Park, Floral Park, and Morrison Park (also known as Morrison-Eldridge Park). These four neighborhoods have common community interests which have been established over many years, decades, and generations. Our neighborhoods (and hence the residents) share common neighborhood events such as the Home Tour, Garden Tour, movies in the park, Easter Egg hunts, 4th of July Parades, progressive dinners, etc...Some of these events may be organized or held by one neighborhood (and/or its association), but rest assured that there is much cross over in our neighborhoods and participation in these events. Additionally, the presence of Santiago Elementary in the West Floral Park neighborhood serves many our children in all 4 of those neighborhoods. Schools bring families and residents together and should be a high consideration in this process. Further, our two common public parks including Fisher Park and Morrison Park, whose community benefits are also shared by all four neighborhoods and its residents. These parks bring families together. There are two other parks in our neighborhoods also (Sarah May Downie Herb Garden and Eldridge Park) which are also creating shared bonds among neighbors and although they are much smaller, they are still important to our community.

I would go further that there are two other common community features just outside of our technical 4 neighborhood boundaries in Bowers Museum and Discovery Cube. These two museums also bring families in our neighborhoods together. This is also another reason that we should also include the neighborhood of Park Santiago in our community of interest also. Our neighborhoods also share common interests with Park Santiago including Santiago Park, Main Place Mall, City Place and also Bowers and Discovery Cube. Further I would also say that Riverview neighborhood is also connected to our neighborhoods referenced above. Riverview golf course and Riverview Park which includes Santa Ana Pony baseball all are creating common bonds in our community.

Plans B & C both have West Floral Park separated from our highly connected neighbors in Floral Park, Fisher Park, Morrison Eldridge Park as well as Park Santiago. This is not right and instead of keeping a community of interest in place is separating a community which is not the goal of this process. Flower St is not a geographical divider...it is a small neighborhood street just like so many others in our neighborhood. I understand that it is good to look at options, however I believe that Draft Plan B & C miss the mark.

When you are considering these boundaries, I urge you not to separate the neighborhoods referenced above. Of the 3 draft maps, Draft Plan A is the only one that is viable in keeping our community that shares so many interests together.



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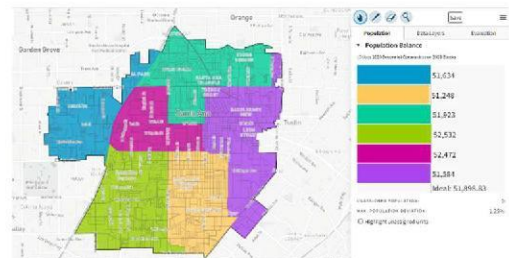
Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Councilmembers
City of Santa Ana
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Subject: Redistricting

The draft maps are out and, as included in the presentation, the proposed plans are written to spark more public engagement. As such, I would like to present my input for your consideration.

You will see that this proposal meets the Fair Maps Act criteria laid out in the staff presentation.

- Relatively equal size - people, not citizens
- Contiguous – districts should not hop/jump
- Maintain “communities of interest”
- Follow city and census designated place boundaries
- Keep districts compact – appearance/function



Please consider the attached proposal. It has a substantially lower deviation than Redistricting Partners.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

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City Manager, Santa Ana

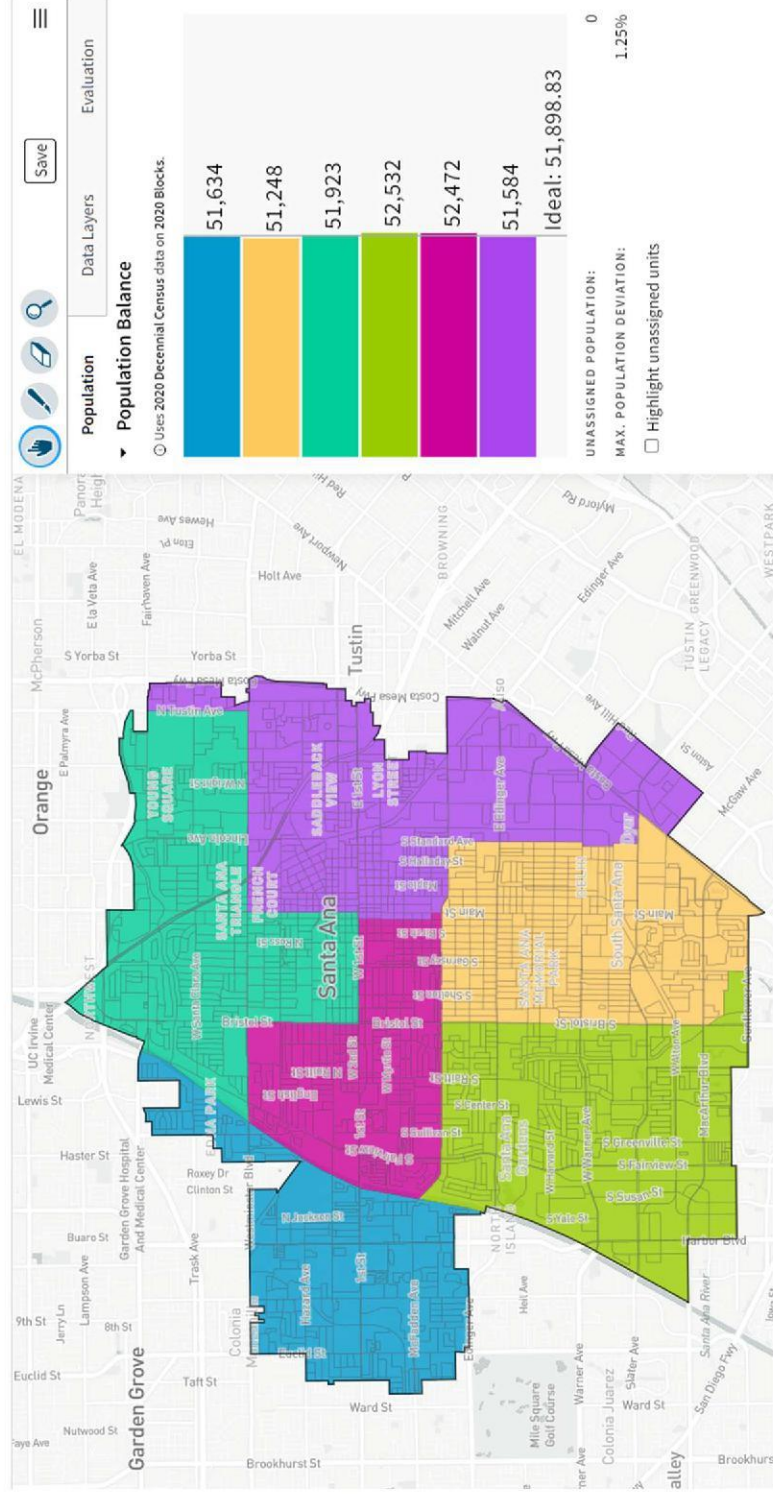
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The total deviation of this proposed plan is the sum of the absolute values of the highest and lowest districts. **This plan deviation is 2.47%.**

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Populationⁱ	51634	51248	51923	52532	52472	51584
Deviation	-264	-650	25	634	574	-314
Deviation %	-0.51%	-1.25%	0.05%	1.22%	1.10%	-0.60%



ⁱ This proposal is based on the ideal population numbers provided to the public of 51,899; not what is shown in the Redistricting Partners presentation of 51,924.

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From: Donna Layne <outlook_B419453DBD54EF09@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 1:39 PM
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Subject: Ward Redistricting Item #1 on Nov. 15 Council Meeting

I do not like plan B or C. Keep North Santa Ana associations together so we can continue to work and plan on mutual problems and interests.

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