

Orozco, Norma

From: Dylan Almendral <dylan@dylanmalmendral.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 2:42 PM
To: Gomez, Daisy; Sarmiento, Vicente; Bacerra, Phil; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jorge (SAPD); Hernandez, Jose; Mendoza, Nelida
Subject: Plan F

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Dylan Almendral, I am a resident of Park Santiago and I support redistricting Plan F.

Thank you,
D.M. Almendral

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Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 2:40 PM
To: Gomez, Daisy; Sarmiento, Vicente
Cc: Bacerra, Phil; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jorge (SAPD); Hernandez, Jose; Mendoza, Nelida
Subject: Supporting Redistricting Map Plan F

Dear Clerk of the Council and Honorable City Council Members,

I am writing today as I would like to request your support for Plan F.

As a first time homeowner (Single 29 year old Latinx female) I had the great privilege of purchasing a home in Park Santiago. I have been following our City Council and this map Plan F.

Thank you in advance for your support of Plan F.

Respectfully,
Adaligza Medina

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Santa Ana, CA 92706

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From: Jeffrey Katz <jeffrey.katz@kesherlawgroup.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 2:45 PM
To: Gomez, Daisy; Sarmiento, Vicente; bacerra@santa-ana.org; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jorge (SAPD); Hernandez, Jose; Mendoza, Nelida; eComment
Subject: Comment re Item #16 - Redistricting Maps

Mayor, Members of City Council and the Clerk,

I submit this brief email to offer my support (and the support of many of my neighbors in Floral Park, Park Santiago, and Washington Square) for Map F. The governing statute dictates that a community of interest be respected. If there is rationale founded in the "community of interest" criteria which justifies excluding Washington Square from the "northern neighborhood district" and retaining the neighborhoods west of the Santa Ana River (Edna Park and Concord), I have not heard it.

Map F offers an apolitical solution to the redistricting mandate. The maps offers something for every resident of Santa Ana.

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From: Tim Johnson <tjohnson@jlkrlp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 2:43 PM
To: eComment
Cc: Lopez, Jessie; Sarmiento, Vicente; Hernandez, Johnathan; Phan, Thai; Mendoza, Nelida; Bacerra, Phil; Penaloza, David
Subject: Ward Boundaries

I quickly reviewed the ward maps for tonight's meeting. My concern is for any proposed map that splits up the neighborhoods of West Floral Park, Jack Fisher Park, Floral Park, Morrison Park, Park Santiago. Preferred would be to include in those northern neighborhoods Riverview and also Washington Square. Please see prior correspondence from me on this issue. From my quick review of the maps, it seems that for the most part the proposed maps are keeping our northern neighborhoods together which is great because we are one community however I notice that the VietRISE1 and VietRISE2 maps split up our northern neighborhoods which I suggest that we not proceed with these maps because they are dividing our community of interest in this area of town. Thanks!



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From: emkold@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 2:36 PM
To: eComment; Sarmiento, Vicente; Bacerra, Phil; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jessie; Hernandez, Johnathan; Mendoza, Nelida
Subject: Redistricting Public Hearing Item #16 Regarding Redistricting Ward Boundaries - IN SUPPORT OF DRAFT PLAN F

Mayor Vicente Sarmiento

Mayor Pro Tem Phil Bacerra

Council Members

Johnathan Ryan Hernandez

Jessie Lopez

Nelida Mendoza

David Penaloza

Thai Viet Phan

Greetings Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to urge the Council to *adopt Redistricting Draft Plan F*. Draft Plan F is clearly in the best interest of our City's residents.

Before asking you to endorse Draft Plan F, I reviewed the plan criteria and draft plans submitted by Redistricting Partners in their Report to Council (See *City of Santa Ana Draft Maps 2-1-2022* <https://santa-ana.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?compiledMeetingDocumentFileId=26389>) as well as the Council's redistricting criteria that appears in our City's web site (See *Santa-Ana.org/CC/redistricting:documents*). Since 2012, I have followed with great interest our City's transition from at large to district elections and the re-drawing of the existing boundaries of our City's wards in compliance with Federal and California Voting Rights Act requirements, based on the latest US Census demographic data.

I support Council's redistricting criteria for use when drawing ward lines and believe Draft Plan F fulfills these criteria. I appreciate Council's commitment to redistricting as a nonpartisan process in which ward boundaries shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party. Per your criteria, to the extent practicable, ward lines in Draft Plan F have been adopted that appear to ensure: (1) geographically contiguous wards, (2) the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities is respected in a manner that minimizes its division, (3) geographic integrity of the city is respected in a manner that minimizes its division, (4) easily identifiable boundaries follow natural or artificial barriers (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.), and (5) lines are drawn to encourage geographic compactness. (See *Santa-Ana.org/cc/Redistricting, documents*)

As Redistricting Partners notes in their current report to Council, the Fair Maps Act passed by the California Legislature mandates a set of criteria the City must follow when drawing ward plans. Draft Plan F appears to follow all of these criteria as well. Plan F contains wards of relatively equal size of people; which run contiguously with other wards; Plan F wards: maintain “communities of interest;” follow city and census designated place boundaries; and are kept compact in appearance and function. Plan F: has been created with a less than 10% total deviation; is based on public District submissions; and was reviewed to ensure it follows traditional redistricting criteria. The Map of Plan F was posted to the City’s web site for the public prior to this Draft Map hearing. (<https://santa-ana.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?compiledMeetingDocumentFileId=26389>)

Specifically, Redistricting Partners notes that Plan F meets traditional redistricting criteria and also achieves the deviation of 4.7%; it is based on public submission; it creates five wards that are 50%+ Latino citizen voting age; creates an Asian plurality ward in Ward A at 43.5% : and follows Neighborhood lines. It keeps Northern Communities whole: West Floral Park, Floral Park, Fisher Park, Morrison Eldridge Park, and Park Santiago. It keeps Southern Communities whole: Sandpointe, Republic Homes, Metro Classic, Thornton Park and South Coast. (<https://santa-ana.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?compiledMeetingDocumentFileId=26389>)

To sum up, by all of these important criteria, Draft Plan F will benefit our City. The Plan maintains a plurality of Asian residents in a Westside ward and **five wards that are 50%+ Latino citizen voting age.** It keeps the strength of both North and South Santa Ana neighborhoods by keeping those neighborhoods together. This Plan thus enhances the strength of the City's communities of interest and **keeps the strength of our City’s neighborhoods.**

I am a Santa Ana resident. My family lives in Ward 3 in the Floral Park neighborhood of our City. I urge you to adopt Redistricting Draft Plan F without delay.

Respectfully Submitted

Mrs. Ellen Koldewey
Santa Ana CA

Orozco, Norma

From: Angel Barnes <saretjdg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 2:05 PM
To: Gomez, Daisy; Sarmiento, Vicente; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jorge (SAPD); Hernandez, Jose; Mendoza, Nelida
Subject: REDISTRICTING

To the Honorable Mayor, City Council and Council Clerk:

I have been Secretary of the Floral Park Neighborhood Association for four years, Floral Park's *Neighborhood Hero* for 2019, retired Judge in Santa Ana for ten years through 2017, and the owner of my home for 22 years located in Floral Park.

Several Council members are recommending and supporting **Redistricting Map PLAN F** which will protect our Historic North end as well as the South end of the City. I am *respectfully requesting* that you please give **Plan F** your support.

My sincere thanks for seeking community input.

Angel Barnes
2006 North Victoria Drive
Santa Ana, CA. 92706

(714) 953-5530

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From: Peter Christoffersen <pwchristoffersen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 2:25 PM
To: Gomez, Daisy
Subject: Redistricting Map

Vote for Plan F

Peter W. Christoffersen
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Orozco, Norma

From: Janelle McLoughlin <janellemcloughlin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 12:58 PM
To: Gomez, Daisy
Subject: I support Plan F Redistricting

Hello Daisy

I support Plan F for redistricting.

Please include in tonight's City Council package

Janelle McLoughlin
2415 N Riverside Dr
Santa Ana Ca 92706
714-349-2722

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Mark Earthlink McLoughlin
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 1:12 PM
To: Gomez, Daisy
Cc: Sarmiento, Vicente; Bacerra, Phil; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jorge (SAPD); Hernandez, Jose; Mendoza, Nelida
Subject: Redistricting Santa Ana City Council Boundaries - 2/1/2022 City Council Meeting
Attachments: Redistricting Map Draft Plan F - ID 86566.pdf

I support PLAN F

Best regards
Mark McLoughlin
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Santa Ana, CA 92706

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From: Susan Gray <tonyandsusan2011@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 1:49 PM
To: Gomez, Daisy; Sarmiento, Vicente; Bacerra, Phil; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jorge (SAPD); Hernandez, Jose; Mendoza, Nelida
Subject: Redistricting

Reaching out to request your support in voting for Plan F in redistricting Santa Ana.

Respectfully,

Susan Gray
2408 N Riverside Dr
Santa Ana CA, 92706

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From: Marisol De La Torre <marisol.d.castillo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 1:51 PM
To: Sarmiento, Vicente; Lopez, Jorge (SAPD); Gomez, Daisy
Subject: Plan F

Greetings,

Please support Plan F and help protect our historic north end of the city and our south end as well.

Thank you,
Marisol Castillo ~ Floral Park resident

2409 N. Riverside Drive
Santa Ana, CA

Sent from my iPhone

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From: noah.apodaca <noah.apodaca@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 1:34 PM
To: Gomez, Daisy; Sarmiento, Vicente; Bacerra, Phil; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jorge (SAPD); Hernandez, Jose; Mendoza, Nelida
Subject: Support for Redistricting Map Plan F

Honorable Mayor, City Council, and Clerk:

My name is Noah Apodaca and I own a home at 406 W. Park Lane, Santa Ana, CA 92706, within the Jack Fisher Park neighborhood.

I'm writing to voice my, and request your, support for Redistricting Map Plan F.

Thank you very much.

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From: T Sherman <nothingbutfun@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 1:44 PM
To: Gomez, Daisy; Sarmiento, Vicente; Bacerra, Phil; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jorge (SAPD); Hernandez, Jose; Mendoza, Nelida
Subject: Redistricting

Reaching out to request your support in voting for Plan F in redistricting Santa Ana.

Respectfully.

Tony Sherman
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From: Mark Rothenberg <mark11aa@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 1:30 PM
To: Gomez, Daisy
Cc: Sarmiento, Vicente; Bacerra, Phil; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jorge (SAPD); Hernandez, Jose; Mendoza, Nelida
Subject: Please Support Redistricting Plan F

Honorable Members of the City Council:

Kindly register this email as yet another supporter of Redistricting plan F.

Many Thanks,
Mark Rothenberg-Floral Park resident

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From: Christine Switzer <switzer.christine@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 1:32 PM
To: Gomez, Daisy
Subject: Redistricting Santa Ana City Council Boundaries

Please consider Plan F when you are voting to preserve the historic district.

Thank you and respectfully,

Christine Switzer
2462 N Riverside Dr,
Santa Ana, CA 92706

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From: philandbill <philandbill@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 1:20 PM
To: Gomez, Daisy
Subject: Redistricting

I support Plan F and would appreciate your support. Thank you.
Phyllis Smith
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Santa Ana

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy A71 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone



February 1, 2021

Sent Via Email

Santa Ana City Council
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**Re: Public Comment: Support for Santa Ana Redistricting Coalition Maps
February 1, 2022, City Council Meeting, Agenda Item No. 16**

Dear Members of the Santa Ana City Council:

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Foundation of Southern California supports SARC Map 1¹ and SARC Map 2.² As explained in more detail in the map narratives, the SARC maps were created by community members throughout Santa Ana, including individuals served by Latino Health Access, Orange County Environmental Justice (OCEJ), Orange County Congregation Community Organization (OCCCO), and VietRISE. These organizations and their members form the Santa Ana Redistricting Coalition (SARC). Both maps follow state and federal redistricting criteria that help ensure that district lines are fair. Because the maps are legally compliant and are supported by ethnically and geographically diverse residents in Santa Ana, we urge you to adopt SARC Map 1 or SARC Map 2.

The Fair and Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities and Political Subdivisions Act (Fair Maps Act) requires the City Council to, in order of priority: comply with the federal requirement that districts be substantially equal in population, comply with Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act (VRA), and create districts that are geographically contiguous, maintain communities of interest, have boundaries that are easily identifiable and understandable by residents, and are compact. Cal. Elec. Code §§ 21621(a)-(c).

Both maps meet the federal requirements identified in the Fair Maps Act. *See id.* §§ 21621(a) & (b). The districts in both draft maps are substantially equal in population. In both maps the total deviation from the ideal population size is under 5%, well below the allowable 10% deviation. *White v. Regester*, 412 U.S. 755, 764 (1976) (holding that deviations of under 10% are presumptively constitutional). Section 2 of the VRA prohibits district lines that dilute the voting strength of minority communities. 52 U.S.C. § 10301(a). Neither SARC map impermissibly dilutes the Asian or Latino vote through packing or cracking. The maps also do not violate the constitutional prohibition against racial gerrymandering. *See Shaw v. Hunt*, 517 U.S. 899, 905 (1996) (prohibiting the use of race as the predominant redistricting factor absent a compelling government interest). While the SARC identified various communities of

¹ SARC Map 1 submission and narrative is available at: <https://publicdocs.santa-ana.org/weblink/1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1/doc/130677/Page1.aspx>.

² SARC Map 2 submission and narrative is available at: <https://publicdocs.santa-ana.org/weblink/1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1/doc/130675/Page1.aspx>.

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interest that share an ethnic background, race did not predominate in the drawing of any map. Instead, the SARC considered race as one of many factors. Other factors the SARC considered include compactness, contiguity, and easily identifiable lines. The SARC also considered socioeconomic factors and shared interests and concerns, including environmental justice issues, the prevalence of mobile home parks, and income levels throughout the City.

The SARC maps comply with the Fair Maps Act's mandatory ranked redistricting criteria. Both maps contain districts that are geographically contiguous. *See* Cal. Elec. Code § 21621(c)(1). The maps also maintain several communities of interest. *See id.* § 21621(c)(2). Districts A, B, D, and F share largely the same configuration in both maps and maintain distinct communities of interest. As discussed in greater detail in the SARC map narratives, each of these communities have a series of interests and concerns largely unique to them. Characteristics include, to name a few, a high number of mobile home parks and shared restaurants and faith institutions in District A, more affluent and historic neighborhoods in District B, a high number of mobile home parks and shared environmental justice concerns in District D, and low-income, mixed immigration status households facing environmental justice issues in District F. District F also keeps the Delhi neighborhood intact. There is a larger community of interest in the southern core of the city that includes low-income, working-class, and mixed immigration status households. In both configurations, these communities are captured by Districts E and C. The northernmost part of this region, however, is also heavily impacted by environmental justice concerns. This region is captured by District E in SARC Map 1 and by District C in SARC Map 2. Finally, both map configurations create compact districts with borders that include major streets and landmarks and will therefore be easily identifiable by residents. *See id.* § 21621(c)(2)-(3).

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The Fair Maps Act and federal redistricting laws seek to ensure that maps are representative of various communities within a jurisdiction. The SARC maps do precisely this. Through months of community outreach and review of socioeconomic and environmental data, the SARC created two maps that capture various communities of interest throughout the City, ensuring that all residents have an opportunity to elect candidates of their choice. We urge you to adopt either SARC Map 1 or SARC Map 2. If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach us at cvalencia@aclusocal.org or jgomez@aclusocal.org

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From: mike.zachan@twc.com
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 4:34 PM
To: Sarmiento, Vicente; Lopez, Jessie; eComment
Subject: Santa Ana Redistricting

Mayor Sarmiento and Council Woman Lopez,

I know that the City Council is considering options for establishing new ward boundaries for the city. As a resident of ward 3, I encourage you to ensure that the new ward boundaries are drawn in a way that ties communities together. By that I mean that the wards should group together neighborhoods that share common resources of the city ---- schools, roads, shopping centers, etc. --- so that the voters of each ward have a shared perspective and common interests. I believe that Draft Plan F does the best job of meeting this objective and I hope that you will pursue adoption of this plan.

Best regards,

Michael Zachan
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From: Carole Nightengale <cnight1234@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 8:48 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Redistricting Ward 4, Map F Proposal

To City Council:

I encourage the Council to approve the Redistricting Ward 4, Proposal Map F (formally 86566).

The South Coast community will benefit from this yes vote.

Sincerely,

Carole Nightengale
Resident Homeowner

Sent from my iPad