



Independent Redistricting Commission

Public Comments

February 3, 2022

Dear Escondido Redistricting Commissioners,

Thank you!! I have attended and spoken at several meetings, and written in to others, and I appreciate the time that you have all put into this effort, as well as the consideration that you have given to the numerous community members who have provided input.

There have been many iterations of the map, as the process has led to a solution that will best benefit the residents of Escondido. There is a map I see on the website, dated January 27, 2022, which I believe is a solid and good solution. I am writing to encourage the commission to move ahead and create Escondido's districts as this map outlines. The link to that map is here:

<https://escondido.org/Data/Sites/1/media/BoardsandCommissions/IndependentRedistrictingCommission/PreliminaryRedistrictingPlan/EIRCPreliminaryRedistrictingPlanHighResolution.pdf>

Again, thank you for all of your hard work and consideration!

Debbie Resler

Hi Zach,

Thank you very much for your hospitality last week. Do I need to request to speak at tonight's workshop through the website?

My input on 2C and CVAP is available

at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vXyas8GyWGAfoVQ_fQtyTw_m1z3uH0rFf48Pyx8WJ94/edit?usp=sharing

I appreciate your help and your service to Escondido in this process.

Colleen MacKinnon

February 3, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

I'm a long time resident of Escondido and am very much interested in the process of Redistricting our city. I have attended and wrote comments at several meetings. I also spoke at a meeting. I really want to thank you for all the attention and hard work you have put in to help us come to a decision on a fair map. Thanks for the consideration that you have given to numerous community members to speak and then make changes to the map as we work to accomplish our objective. The solution that I think will best benefit the residents of Escondido is the one dated 1-27-2022 (2C). I encourage the commission to move ahead with this map!

Thanks Again,

Sandra Lang

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Subject East and West not North and South

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Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Hello commissioners,

By this point in time, you have heard from many of the same voices over and over again. These are the same voices, including my own voice, that typically try their best to make time to voice their opinions and have a calling to advocate for their communities.

The thing is, you were going to hear from us anyways. From the environmentalists, to the social activists, and everything in between, these voices were a sure shot to be at this table.

I am thrilled to see that the city was able to provide many different translation services, but I am saddened to see that the services are not being utilized to their full potential.

They are not being utilized because there are no people to utilize them for.

I could imagine a lot of money was used to secure large venues to house a good amount of people. I also imagine a good amount of money was used for the translation services. But how much of it was used to get people who are not usually at the table into this space?

The people who I am talking about reside in the areas that have been labeled districts 1 and 3. The people in these areas are folks who are not usually involved in these conversations, yet we are in the midst of solidifying their fate for the next 10 years. So to dismiss the possibility of an east west map for districts 1 and 3, the majority latino districts, feels inappropriate.

What's even more inappropriate is that the few folks who have been participating who actually live in these areas, telling you why east and west central districts would be more beneficial in bringing balanced representation or in the words of city's website "more responsive representation", are not being taken into account any more.

There is still time to make an attempt to tap into the communities to receive honest feedback. Make a survey, post it all over social media, tap into the school districts, tap into community organizations, think outside of the box! The current tools provided cannot guide us into making a decision as large as this one. What happens today, our communities of interest will have to live with for the next 10 years.

As someone who has spent my youth and adult life in both current district 1 and district 3, a north and south district in the central area does not make sense. Although the COI's are similar, an east and west will allow better representation for both. But I am only one voice in a sea of affected people.