



Independent Redistricting Commission

Public Comments

February 23, 2022

I want to thank the Redistricting Committee for their hard work and for taking the time to listen to the public. You have done an outstanding job with this task. In my opinion either Map 2E or 2C seem to be good for our City. Thank you for taking the time to listen.

Jenni Crimm

Map 1c

Patti Ward

Dear Commissioners,

Sierra Club North County Group represents over 1,500 members and supporters in Escondido and is a local organization very active in Escondido.

Last week, the Executive Committee adopted the following recommendation for the Escondido Redistricting process stating, "Because Escondido's population has a majority of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), NCG supports that, at least, two of the four city council districts should have a majority BIPOC voting population."

Thank you for your hard work on this important effort for Escondido.

Pamela Heatherington, Chair

NCG Executive Committee

Dear Commissioners,

I have done my best to study all the Maps presented, and my choice is Map 2A dated 1/24/2022.

It contains a good balance of the population mix in Escondido and makes more sense with neighborhoods

and the geography of the City, especially on the East and South boundaries of District 2 and East/ North boundaries of District 4.

In the other maps, District 2 was drawn too far South/East or District 4 was drawn too far into the North/West

areas of the City in a rather unrelated way.

I believe Map 2A divides the City in a workable way for all the Districts going forward.

Thank you for the work you have done.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Southwell

District 2

Submitted on Thursday, February 17, 2022 - 5:03pm

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Council Meeting Date February 17, 2022

Item # 1

Subject Public Comment

Position No Position

First and Last Name John Williams

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Once again, Thank you so much Zach and the rest of the Commission--please keep up the exceptional work.

Submitted on Thursday, February 17, 2022 - 5:39pm

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Council Meeting Date 2/17/22

Item # 3

Subject Support for map 1C

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Polett Schafer

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Hello commissioners,

My name is Polett Schafer and I live in unincorporated Escondido. While I personally cannot vote for city council members and the mayor, it is important to me that the commission chooses map 1C, the east/west map. It is crucial we listen to the COIs of Escondido to draw the maps. The east/west map more accurately captures the needs of the central districts. In order to not dilute the protected class's voting power in Escondido is to work off of the east/west map. Grappling with the intersectionality of race, ethnicity, languages spoken, class/income level, arrival to the US, etc., of our city is a recursive process and I appreciate the commission for taking in public comments, explaining the different laws, and special shout out to our community leaders for consistently speaking up for the different needs of the most marginalized people of Escondido.

Thank you,
Polett

Submitted on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 - 6:01pm

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Council Meeting Date February 17,2022 (Public Meeting) Independent Redistricting Commission

Item # Map 2E

Subject Independent Redistricting Commission

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Dolores M Righetti

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I appreciate all the hard work you are dedicating to this very important project. My comment is in regards to extending District One in El Norte Pkwy, specifically from North Ivy Street up to N. Ash Street. It cuts El Norte Pkwy in two zones.

I would appreciate if you could consider my opinion. El Norte Parkway is one of the most important streets in Escondido, and partially cutting would create confusion in the Communities of Interest.

Thank you.

Submitted on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 - 6:11pm

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Council Meeting Date 2/23/2022

Item # 3

Subject Support Map 2C & 2D

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Vinh An Le

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you again for your - and staff - hard work and efforts these past months listening to the communities. I appreciate the entire commission's dedication and professionalism through this whole process.

I'm writing to you support the Preliminary Map 2C and Map Visualization 2D. I'm concerned about Map Visualization 2E because the deviation for District 1, a district of concern, is -1.11% for this map visualization. While for 1C and 1 D, I'm concerned that the area wherein I lived east of Midway to Citrus Ave is separated from the rest of our communities of interested in District 1 & 3 in these maps.

As a long-time resident of Escondido & North County and a member of the Asian and Vietnamese diaspora communities, I urge the Commission to move forward with either Map 2C or 2D. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Council Meeting Date 2/23/2022

Item # 1C

Subject Redistricting Map 1C

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Justin Mikos

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

After looking at all of the maps, I still greatly prefer Redistricting Map 1C. I feel like it does a better job of keeping major communities together. From the later maps, splitting the Orange Glen High School community apart for example, whether through cutting out the Oak Hill area or using Citrus as a divide, seems weird to me. I'm not sure what the far northwest side of Escondido would have in common with the far east side as seen in the newer maps either. The areas covered in later maps are just too broad. The more concentrated urban and suburban areas of District Map 1C are more ideal. Please pick redistricting map 1C as the final choice. Thank you.

Submitted on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 - 6:23pm

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Council Meeting Date 02/23/2022

Item # Redistricting Commission

Subject Public comment regarding map options

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Alex Lee

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Hello, my name is Alex Lee and I have been a resident in Escondido for the last 29 years. In reviewing the available maps presented by the commission, it is my firm belief that the preliminary redistricting map is the superior of the five options. I believe this map best represents the diverse communities of Escondido, and I appreciate the effort by the commission to ensure the Latino community's voice is adequately heard.

Submitted on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 - 6:56pm

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Council Meeting Date 2/23/22

Item # 3

Subject Support Map 1C - Read Outloud

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Gamble J Reynolds

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Hello Redistricting Commission.

My name is Gamble J Reynolds. In the early 2010s, my struggling family chose to move to Escondido, CA from the South (Savannah, GA) and decided to enroll me at Orange Glen High, as opposed to the local segregated Charter schools. I was a teenager who grew-up in the Eagles Point and Midway apartments East area. I'll never forget that a lot of us poor kids were warned to not go into the Oak Hill suburbs behind Eagles Point to avoid getting the cops called on us for trespassing into those neighborhoods. It's a different world behind those apartment complexes where the Oak Hill suburbs are.

As an adult, I am still a Renter and an essential worker. I currently reside in the apartments on the far South West corner of Escondido. The apartments of Creekside Village and Elan Felicitia Creek are a Community of Interest that should be kept together and included with S. Escondido Blvd. You will always see families walking up and down the street S. Escondido Blvd. This community should be kept with Old Esco. Friends and neighbors who've lived on the West side longer than me feel the West area hasn't had representation and has been neglected for many years. I don't disagree with them. There are many broken sidewalks, roads, and areas with no sidewalks. I will note, I recently learned from a neighbor who once remembered a time "Creekside Village" was referred to as "Crackside Village" in the past. West Side renters need more resources, not rent hikes that aim to further gentrify and displace people.

Map 1C is the only option that addresses both these experiences and concerns. Please keep renters interests in mind and our communities together.

Submitted on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 - 10:14pm

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Council Meeting Date 2/23/22

Item # 3

Subject Map 1C, Yes. Read Outloud

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Damaris Bermudez

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

Hello Redistricting Commission.

My name is Damaris Bermudez and I'm supporting map 1C.

I am a displaced North County resident. You won't see me, or MANY peers my age, physically at these kind of meetings because many of us ARE essential workers. We are renters and all we want is the same access to housing as the some people who've NEVER stepped-foot in my West area of town, unless it's to tell us how to vote. Some of the people trying to dictate how the lines are drawn we'll only see barely acknowledge my area during election time, then NEVER hear from them again. We DO NOT have the same issues in common as the people who are NOT from my community who are speaking from a home-owner perspective. Anyone speaking for a North and South divide DOES NOT speak for Latinx who rent. These lines will affect my West area of town for the next 10 years and I feel it's important to listen to Latinx from these communities.

The original place I grew up is in current District 4, in Southwest Escondido, where my family still lives. I believe the neighborhoods behind the "5 Star Market," where my family lives, and along West Side Park should be kept in one Latinx voting district. People who live here feel like there's NO ONE at the city they can go to for help. There's so many streets that have potholes, are broken, and have no street lights. Getting your tires fixed, due to the broken roads, is so normalized, you'll literally see tire shops in this area. There are so many families that have lived here on the West Side for decades that are renting and just trying to scrape by to continue making a life here. The West Side (Old Escondido) area should be included with S. Escondido Blvd due to the amount of renters in these neighborhoods. To repeat, I am in favor of Map 1C.

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Council Meeting Date 2/23/22

Item # 3

Subject Support for Map 1C

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Alex Ignacio

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Hello Redistricting Commission. My name is Alex Ignacio. Me and my AfroLatino family have lived on the West Side of Escondido for many years. I am one of many young people being displaced as there seems to hardly be opportunities for young working people and renters my age. There doesn't seem to be investment or job advancement for young workers who've spent their lives here. I feel like my West Side area of town has never had representation.

Even though I've lived on the West Side since my family moved here when I was younger, I graduated from Orange Glen High 2017. Orange Glen High was where my older brothers went and it seemed to have more Latino-oriented programs than other schools. Because of this I spent a lot of time on the Southeast side. After highschool, I even lived on the Southeast side for a bit. The neighborhoods behind Oak Hill are a different vibe when you cross over to the apartments where many low-income families live, like where Eagles Point and Pepperwood are.

Though for the most part my family and I have lived on the West Side, behind the 5 Star Market, area. There's a good amount of Latino families who send their kids to Escondido High School in these neighborhoods. The paletero route goes through West Side park. I'll add that I'm not exaggerating when I say the potholes are horrible on this area of town. There have been many Quinceañeras in the Felícita Elementary and Grace Lutheran neighborhood. I feel that the South Escondido Blvd. neighborhoods and renters are in my Old Escondido community. If you live in this area, your family will send you to any of the 3 main public high schools. The paleteros and eloteros go all through these neighborhoods. Which is why Map 1C best represents my Communities of Interest.

Submitted on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 - 11:23pm

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Council Meeting Date 2/23/22

Item # 3

Subject Please support Map 1C - Read Outloud

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Gema Conejo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Hi. My name is Gema Conejo. I'm a young mother. I am a full-time worker and hope to own my business and home one day.

I've been once a renter in the Eagles Point area which is more on the East area of town. The apartments along E. Grand Ave. have the most interests in common as renters. These apartments and renting families along E. Grand Ave. have less financially in common with the Oak Hill neighborhood South of it.

I am currently a renter in South West Escondido. The potholes are really bad on this side of town, yet I don't feel like there's anyone me or my neighbors on the West side feel comfortable going to at city hall for help. We have a lot in common with people who live up the S. Escondido Blvd. strip. Please keep this community together. There are always families walking up and down this neighborhood. They're mainly Latino and young families.

Map 1C is more representative of renters, Latinos, and young families who are trying to stay in Escondido.

Submitted on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 - 12:09pm

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Council Meeting Date 2/23/2022

Item # 3. Recommend Redistrict Plan

Subject Prefer Map 1D or else 2E

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Linda Wilkinson

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I think Map1D is the best map of the 5 because it is the most compact, District 2 or 4 do not wrap around the city. It also has the higher percentage of Latino CVAP in both District 1 and 3 than the other maps and minimal standard deviations in populations. Map 2E is similar in compactness and close in the other respects, so it would be my second choice.

Submitted on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 - 12:28pm

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Council Meeting Date 02-23-22

Item # 1

Subject District map changes

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Ed Gallo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am very concerned that the most important meeting of the RDC had the least public notice. The Preliminary Map as presented is totally unacceptable as are 1C and 1D. Map 2D appears to be most reasonable with the following changes. Balance population between District1 and District2 by removing that portion north of El Norte Pkwy to Sheridan and Broadway to N. Ash St from D1 move it to D2. For District 3 move the western boundary east from Tulip St. to Centre City Pkwy. In any event it makes no sense to wrap District 2 around D1 and D3 to the South. Lastly, in 2012 the meeting to determine the map to be presented to Council was televised for public consumption. Today's meeting is not. Why? Thank you for your consideration that will affect Escondido for the next ten years.

Submitted on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 - 1:21pm

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Council Meeting Date 02/23/22

Item # 3

Subject Redistricting

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Joanne Tenney

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I have been involved with the redistricting from the beginning and feel map 2E is the best one. Thank you for all your hard work and for listening to the people.

Submitted on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 - 3:08pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

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Council Meeting Date February 23, 2022

Item # 3

Subject Final recommendation on redistricting map

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Laura Ellen Hunter

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Dear Commissioners,

First, thank you for an amazing process which has successfully addressed this challenging task. The five options before you, in my view, are all significantly improved over current conditions and any of them would be acceptable and supportable.

Having re-read the Consent Decree, I was struck again that a major goal should be to respect and empower voting rights particularly of Escondido's Latinx residents. Our city is over 50% BIPOC with Latinx residents constituting the largest community demographic in the city. Because of this and wanting to ensure the most Latinx residents are included in Districts that will support voting strength in these communities, I recommend that the Commission take into strong consideration those maps which ensure the highest percentages of Latino residents in Districts 1 and 3 which are Map 1D and the Preliminary Map.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Laura Hunter

Submitted on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 - 4:54pm

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Council Meeting Date 02/23/2022

Item # 1

Subject redistricting plan

Position No Position

First and Last Name Barry Click

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I prefer that the commission choose the Preliminary Redistricting Plan. I think that approach is less disruptive to the sensibilities of Escondido residents. It would provide a sense of continuity and avoid giving a sense of political maneuvering on the part of commissioners during these sensitive times.

Submitted on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 - 5:23pm

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Council Meeting Date 2/23/22

Item # 3

Subject Please approve map 1C

Position No Position

First and Last Name Marisa Allen

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Hello commissioners,

I encourage you to choose Map 1C as the final map to send to city council for approval. It is an appropriate compromise to comments received at public hearings, and most accurately represents our Latinx communities here in Escondido. The map that largely focuses on an east/west divide will allow traditionally underrepresented communities to have the resources to work toward solving the housing, environmental, and economic challenges they face.

Please adopt Map 1C. Thank you.

Submitted on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 - 9:00pm

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Council Meeting Date 2/23/2022

Item # 1

Subject Redistricting

Position No Position

First and Last Name Elyse Regan

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments I vote for 2e