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Subject: Public Communication
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 1:39:17 PM
Attachments: [SD IRC Redistricting Comments 1_11_21.pdf](#)
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Hello Commissioners,

Please see the below correspondence received from the public after the 12/14/21 meeting:

Please see the attached comments from the League of Women Voters San Diego and North County San Diego regarding the San Diego County Redistricting process.

Thank you,

Karen Sutton

President

League of Women Voters North County San Diego

www.lwvncsd.org

[SEE ATTACHMENT: SD IRC Redistricting Comments 1_11_21.pdf]

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Dear IRC,

I am a member of the Iraqi/Middle Eastern community. Our family goes to school, church and work in El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, Mount Helix, and even parts of Spring Valley, which are all in East County, and have historically been in Supervisorial District 2 as they share similar traditions and core values. We all share similar characteristics and concerns as a community, and drawing the boundary through our community will hurt what we have built here over the past half-century or so. We have found a settlement here and we've built it to be like a second home. Please don't break up our community and make it even more challenging to adapt to a new life in the midst of an already difficult global situation where community unity is a backbone of support. We are already a minority and the proposed lines unjustly separate us between Districts 2 and 4, which will hinder us from assembling, practicing our traditions, not to mention diluting our voices and minimizing our representation. Please don't separate El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, Mount Helix, and Spring Valley as this will separate and hurt our community.

I would appreciate it if you could please provide me with your feedback and/or input on this matter

at my email address listed above. Thank you for your efforts & time.

PHONE MESSAGE -

Date: 12/21/21

Time: 11:32am

Name: Nancy Burhans

Message: Would like more information on the new Redistricting maps and has questions regarding her new District. **Please call back at your earliest convenience.**

Update: County Staff has spoken with Nancy Burhans over the phone. She was unhappy that redistricting happened so Staff explained the process a little and she vented her concerns over the phone. She appreciated the call back.

First_Name :

For Elidia Dostal

Last_Name :

CSDIRCP

We are expressing our concern that Elidia C. Dostal has been conducting herself in a pattern and practice that is unbecoming of a public servant or a Yale graduate, exhibiting disinterested and languid behavior that verges on arrogance during IRC meetings.

Here are just a few examples of Commissioner Dostal's lackadaisical behavior from 11/19/2021, 12/2/2021, and 12/3/2021:

- Rubbing eyes and face constantly directly into the camera
- Leaving the room and no longer listening to the public
- Changing clothes during the meeting to don a distracting giant hoodie, no less

These types of behaviors exhibit someone who has zero interest in an extremely important matter that directly affects her fellow public. Dostal needs to remember that this is about Redistricting the County of San Diego for the first time via public input and the public deserves someone who will listen to their questions, concerns, and general input. If the meetings are causing excessive lethargy, then perhaps Dostal is not the right person for this public service.

Absent an apology to the other Commissioners and to the public for the unprofessional behavior, we believe Elidia C. Dostal should not be on this Board.

-Coalition for San Diego IRC Professionalism

PHONE MESSAGE -

Date: 12/16/21

Time: 2:57pm

Name: Eileen Coblens

Message: Caller needs assistance/ has questions regarding the "view your district map" link on the IRC website. **Please call back at your earliest convenience.**

Update: County Staff has spoken with Eileen Coblens and helped her out. She just wanted to know what her new district was and if itw as the same as the old one. It was.

To whoever is responsible for this fiasco:

Rancho Bernardo is part of the City of San Diego, they are responsible for all our services, roads street lights, water, sewage, who will give us these services?

How can we be disconnected from the City and placed in a rural community

Which does not fulfill our needs as part of the City.

This is a politically done redistricting to place a liberal community in the hands of people who look upon our city as a place to earn money and go home to their rural way of life.

This is totally unfair to us.

Shirley Cooper resident since 1991

Based on the final map published by the IRC our community has been removed from District 2 and will be split between two districts (1 & 4).

We are interested in knowing when our new Supervisorial district changes will go into effect.

Our group wants to reach out to our new Supervisors to help them understand the needs of our community. Especially, in light of the fact that both district 1 and 4 representatives currently represent mostly incorporated areas. These two Supervisors will now also represent our unincorporated area, which relies fully on the County for planning and land use as well as police protection, road maintenance, etc.

Thank You,

Jim Custeau

Chair, Spring Valley Community Planning Group



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I have great concern with regards to Commissioner Surban's ongoing attitude, inability to appropriately communicate, and purposefully communicating his frustrations in an inappropriate manner. Asking the same questions again and again has been a great waste of the Commission and public's time. His actions are that of a child, what a disgrace to this process. Please ensure the entire Commission and Surban are provided my feedback. I believe many of the Commission and the public would agree with me.

Thank you,

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January 11, 2022

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The League of Women Voters of San Diego County commends the diligent work of San Diego County's Independent Redistricting Commission in completing the Final Map and Report. We also appreciate the invitation to add to the IRC's *Lessons Learned* review on January 12, 2022 and offer these observations and comments.

1. **Problem:** The Chaldean community reported they were not aware of potential redistricting impacts to their community, learning of proposed boundary changes just three weeks before the final map deadline.

Possible Solution: To target outreach for potential communities of interest or "protected classes" (Voting Rights Act, Section 2 includes Race, Color, and Membership in a Language-minority group) and increase the potential for reaching these communities of interest, consider utilizing American Community Survey (ACS) data in advance of the decennial census data.

2. **Problem:** Some remote monitors observed that they were required to provide their names and/or emails to participate remotely. According to the California Government [Code 54953.3](#), "A member of the public shall not be required as a condition to attendance . . .to register his or her name."

Possible Solution: Ensure any remote log-in process makes self-identification optional. In addition, consider self-identification for eComments also optional.

3. **Problem:** Commissioners received over 4,000 COI communications including half in the final two weeks leading up to adoption of the Final Map on December 14. This rapid increase in testimony challenged the staff and demographers to classify comments for consideration by the Commission.

Possible Solutions: To aid commissioners in classifying and weighing public comment, consider a more structured intake form and testimony guideline for the public along with enhanced methods of aggregating inputs. The California Redistricting Commission's database of over 30,000 comments was a good example of current technology applied to visibility of public input. It was timely and easily sortable by commissioners and the public.

In a 2013 University of California-Irvine [Law paper](#), "Community of Interest Methodology," Karin MacDonald and Bruce Cain describe the role of Community of Interest testimony, problems of classification of testimonies, and the potential for "selectivity bias."

A December 7th [Election Law Blog](#) from the University of California-Irvine described a [Novel Way of Measuring Communities of Interest](#). The Center for New Data (CND) has created COI maps derived from a dataset of billions of anonymous cellular device geolocation pings, acquired through partnerships with private vendors, representing approximately 10% of the U.S. population during any given month (approximately thirty-five million unique devices).

Technology will undoubtedly change dramatically before the 2030-31 redistricting cycle. Prioritizing data accessibility will enable the Commission's decision-making and transparency.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our comments.

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