

PUBLIC HEARING #2 TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON TRANSITIONING TO DISTRICT-BASED ELECTIONS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT

President Ontario [REDACTED]

Tue 5/10/2022 1:09 PM

To: Districts <Districts@ontarioca.gov>; Public Comments <PublicComments@ontarioca.gov>

 2 attachments (67 KB)

Raymond Smith District1.pdf; Anothony Noriega.pdf;

Included are public comments for the May 10th, 2022, City Council Special Meeting regarding Agenda Item 1:

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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING-REGARDING DISTRICTING
May 10, 2022

To be included in Public Comments

To the Mayor and members of the City Council, greetings. I'm sorry I can't join you in person tonight but I would like my comments to be part of the public record.

I have lived in Ontario for over 35 years and retired approximately 7 years ago. I am an observer of your actions and wish that you were more responsive to the citizens especially as it pertains to issues of health. I believe moving to District Elections will help the Council toward this end.

I live in the Creekside neighborhood and have enjoyed getting to know my neighbors from Hamner all the way over to Archibald south of the 60 Freeway mainly due to my 4 children having played sports in our mutual leagues. We also share experiences as members of the Mountain View School District which has mainly the same borders. Many of us shared in the common dilemma of leaving the area early in the morning for work and returning to the community after dark.

As a result we all did our best to rush home many nights to coach or watch each others children from grammar school age through High School. I would like this community to now share a common city representative who would participate in our local community and in those growing to the South in the Ontario Ranch area. Already several schools in the Mountain View School District have been added or will be in this expanding area and we welcome them into our expanding neighborhood. I believe it would be easy and sensible to keep this community in one District especially since to the North we are bounded by Industrial Development and the Airport. I urge you to keep this area in mind as you approve the Final District Map.

Thank you,

Raymond Smith


FILE NAME: ONTARIO REDISTRICTING OF CITY COUNCIL version 2.0

The changing demographics in Ontario raises critical questions in the minority community, especially in electoral politics. Are minorities fairly represented on the city council? Does the minority community have an equal voice and an equal opportunity to elect representatives who consider their needs and interests? To the dismay of the minority community, the answer is no. However, thanks to the lawsuit in which Chris Robles prevailed against the city of Ontario, that is about to change. The establishment of council districts, if done following the law, may in fact impact future elections and finally bring a sense of equity to the electoral process in Ontario.

It is disturbing that the minority community makes up some 81% of the community, with Hispanics representing approximately 70% or more. Nevertheless, based on current at-large city elections, the current council is not reflective of the demographics of the city. It is not surprising that a number of current council members have served on the council for 24 years or more. The creation of the districts will provide opportunities for the minority community to compete and to be elected to the council.

Some current council members have served what seems like a lifetime on the council:

Mayor Paul Leon over 24 years

Mayor Pro-temp Alan D. Wapner over 27 years

Councilmember Jim Bowman over 26 years

Based on past and current practices of the city of Ontario and the city council, they have consistently ignored critical inputs, concerns and issues presented by the community. Time and time again, the community has had to sue the city to reverse the council decisions, costing the city hundreds of thousands in taxpayers money.

The fact that the city of Ontario had to be sued by Chris Robles to establish council districts, reflects the city council is opposed to

creating and establishing fair and equitable district lines. Even as the city is overseeing the establishment of council districts, it continues to ignore the law, as evident that Robles' attorney recently had to issued a notice to the city: "...the City of Ontario is in violation of the settlement agreement.

Therefore, we implore on the city of Ontario to ensure that the drawing up of the districts lines does not violate the law, is not marred by self-interest, past practices and ignores the community maps, that preserve the "Community of Interest".

Anthony Noriega

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Ontario Districting May 10th, 2022.

Melissa May

91762

LULAC

Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance

IE United Redistricting Alliance

Ontario 4 Agriculture

Good Evening, my name is Melissa May. I have been a resident of Ontario for 28 years. My community is south of Riverside Drive, west of Hamner, north of Merrill, east of Euclid. This area was once part of the agricultural preserve and unincorporated before the 2000's. Some of the land is currently zoned as agricultural with many dairy farms currently in operation along with hundreds of acres of open space. Newer home developments surround the "Donut Hole" which include Ontario Ranch, New Haven, Grand Park, Park Place and Shade Tree.

Ontario for Agriculture recently created a ballot committee which unites residents in the fight to preserve open spaces, agricultural land/regenerative farming, closed loop low density and medium density homes, with a central goal of creating wildlife preserves. Within the community there is a popular shopping common area at the Stater Bros. Grocery Store along with Rodeo X Food Hall. Families send their children to school in the Mountain View School District. This includes 4 elementary schools, 1 middle school and 1 high school. The school district is one of the smallest school districts in the area and is one of two K-8 school districts that serves the City of Ontario.

The South Ontario area is made up of new families, living on one income (making more than \$100,000.00/year) with many mothers staying home to take care of their newborns or young children. Many residents in South Ontario are transient, moving from out of state or moving from Los Angeles, Orange or San Diego County. Common ancestry is more than 50% Asian Heritage - the largest percentage of Asian-Americans live in the newer developments of South Ontario and more than 50% of residents living in this area have completed some level of higher education.

Ontario can be broken up into a North West District, North East District, South Central District and a South Ontario District. Each district is unique and composed of various histories and demographics that are different from one another. The NorthWest Ontario District is composed of mostly historical neighborhoods and homes, as well as the downtown area. North East Ontario District is composed of ranch style homes developed in the 1950's, as well as the Ontario Airport. South Central Ontario is composed of mostly neighborhoods developed in the 1960's, 1970's and 1980's such as Creekside, Archibald Ranch, and Parco/St. Andrews neighborhood.

When drawing new districts, I would like the Council to keep my community of interest together so that we can keep working to address the issues that face us. Thank you.

Ontario Districting May 10th, 2022

Maxine Bowden

[REDACTED]

91762

Ontario for Agriculture

We live off [REDACTED] We have lived in Ontario for over 25 years. Our son played baseball in this community. I taught school at Sultana and De Anza. I shopped in this area when there was a local grocery store. We still go to CVS and eat locally-Taco Hut and other locations off Archibald and Riverside Drive. Our neighborhood is mixed -Mexican, Black, white, Filipino. We love it very much.

I would like the Council to keep my community of interest together so that we can keep working to address the issues that my community faces.

Ontario Districting May 10th, 2022

David Bowden

[REDACTED]

91761

Ontario for agriculture

My community is located between the boundaries of Riverside Drive, Grove Avenue, Euclid and South of the 60 freeway. I have lived in this area for 30 years. My son played in Ontario central little league. We shopped at the local shopping center until the Albertsons went out of business. CVS is our pharmacy. Our neighborhood is a mixture of Mexican, White, Black, and Asian Pacific Islander.

We are a working class neighborhood impacted by the lack of a nearby grocery store and food services. When drawing new districts, I would like the Council to keep my community of Interest together so that we can keep working to address the issues that face us.

Ontario Districting May 10th, 2022

Angela Miramontes



Ontario, 91764

My community would entail 4th St going East to the 15 fwy (Ontario Mills), South to Mission, West on Mission to Sultana and North back to 4th St. My community has been highly impacted by local development. I remember when the Ontario Mills was being built to rival the Montclair Plaza. And also when Vineyard and 4th was demoed to build warehouses and car dealerships. This area has seen a lot of commercial development.

We all are multilingual in my area. English and Spanish. The homes in my area are owned by an older generation but we are multigenerational due to poor paying jobs, lower educational attainment, and expensive housing. Other communities seem to be nicer in certain areas. South Ontario will be getting a 3 mile park, they have new housing developments, new schools. The western area of Ontario, around Euclid, have always been considered the nice homes, well-established Anglo communities. And then there's this pocket of really poor residents around the mission and mountain that most closely resembles my area. We share the most amount of vagrants and unhoused citizens between the two of us, we are both predominantly latino and Spanish speaking, with underpaid jobs, and an inability to gain enough wealth to stay in the areas in which we grew up.

Ontario Districting May 10th, 2022

Erma Gardner

[REDACTED]

Ontario 91762

Good Evening, I have been a resident of Ontario for 28 years. My community is within the boundaries: North of Holt, South of 6th Street, East of Bon View and West of Sultana - located near Downtown Ontario. Our community is mostly composed of older people who have lived in their historical homes for generations. We can walk to the 4th of July Parade every year, because it is one block from where we live. Iron Skillet is another popular place neighbors on my street like to walk to and frequent. Saint George is the Catholic Church my family has been attending since my children were younger - receiving all their sacraments from this church. We would like for the Downtown area to be renovated, but that has taken more than 20 years to accomplish - we fear it may never happen at this rate.

English is the common language spoken in our neighborhood. We were the first Mexican-Americans to move on to this street - with Spanish being spoken amongst our own family. More Latinos have moved on to our street and have multiple generations living in these homes because they are expensive and unaffordable for anyone considered to be middle class.

Everything East of Sultana is a different neighborhood with issues that are not alike in many ways. In our neighborhood we deal with burglaries, and drug abuse problems, but East of Sultana, their neighborhood deals with high rates of homelessness and issues with food security, unaffordable housing and lack of opportunities/access to high paying jobs. Neighborhoods South of Holt deal with similar issues like Sultana.

When drawing new districts, I would like the Council to keep my community of interest together so that we can keep working to address the issues that face us. Thank you.

Ontario Districting May 10th, 2022

Claudia Prats

[REDACTED]
Ontario, CA 91764

Ontario For Agriculture

I have been a resident of Ontario for about 7 years now. Moving here in the beginning was nice, the large farmlands down south of Ontario and the rural areas. I have not been involved in many community achievements until this year. Becoming aware of the issues with the warehouse development and expansion of these industrial buildings saddens me. I enjoyed the activities the city had with the parades, summer festivities, family owned shops that spread through downtown Ontario. With the growing number of warehouses, that has damaged/impacted the business of small mom and pop shops. Forcing them to close their doors due to a decline of customers. But now I drive down Grove Ave and see the newest warehouses that magically started to appear over time and the continuing expansion all throughout Eucalyptus Ave, it's a horrible view to see what once was a great drive of seeing the farmlands, stopping to see Amy's Farm and other businesses slowly being bought out with competing investors eager to remove the beautiful farmlands of the IE and just flip over to air polluting warehouses.

Although I have not been resident for that long. What I have noticed within Ontario is that we do have a good community but can succeed if there was more awareness of the social issues in this city. The community would be more beneficial to have more open places for families to gather together and to be given resources in regards to family engagement classes outside of a classroom setting but instead outside where they can learn basic gardening skills, DIY regenerative courses, etc. With the ability to incorporate these types of goals it brings families to bond and learn together to shape the next generation. Having certain groups that have helped spread awareness like Ontario For Agriculture, CCAEJ, LULAC I see the change and hope for more groups to continue spreading awareness and grow the community. The social demographic here in Ontario are mainly dominated by the brown and black community. In my neighborhood, predominantly you see the Hispanic/Latinx community around here. What I see around the areas where I currently live is a low to middle class community. If we were to see the demographic in the educational level you could say a large amount of my neighbors are no high school to high school graduates. If you research online or go onto greatschools.org just in the area where I live which is off Virginia Ave. and G St. the rating for their elementary schools are rated from 1-10, 10 being the highest, in my neighborhood the highest you will see is a 5 out of 10. It is insane that there are so many schools here in the OMSD district that their educational levels would be so low. But this is very common within the brown and black communities. The idea where education is not as important as creating and expanding warehouse jobs instead of providing more educational resources to see our community rise and grow to become successful and educated.

Having to compare and distinguish similar and different communities to Ontario is quite difficult. I feel that in some point Pomona and Montclair at some point had so much potential to have open spaces and alternative mapping ideas but the industry of warehouses and commercial buildings little by little began to

dominate through the city. Other cities within the Inland Empire like San Bernardino, Fontana, Colton, Upland are in the same situation with not having success with stopping the increase of warehouses through decades, and that's because people from these communities are willing to not fight against their council members because they fear that their voices won't make a difference. These cities do not have the resources and strong community leaders to help them learn that with creating more so called "jobs" from these warehouses, in the long run it will only lead to more traffic, poor air quality, more sickness.

Re: Ontario Districts

Martha Aragon [REDACTED]

Tue 5/10/2022 4:51 PM

To: Districts <Districts@ontarioca.gov>

 1 attachments (79 KB)

Districting LP.pdf;

On Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 03:39:44 PM PDT, Martha Aragon [REDACTED] wrote:

Testimony/Talking Points

Topic: City of Ontario Districting

Location: Ontario City Hall

Date: May 10th, 2022

Time: 6:30pm

Good evening, my name is Martha Aragon. I am a parent and community member. I am here to provide input on [the Process](#) and provide my testimony regarding communities of interest. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify today.

Testimony:

- I have lived in the City of Ontario for 31 years.
- Our neighborhood is South Ontario between Holt Blvd to our North to Riverside Avenue to our south and between Grove Avenue to our east and Mountain Avenue to the West and along the South Euclid corridor.
- Many families in our community are American, Hispanic, Mexican American, Native American and Salvadorean, with a common income level of \$29,000 per worker or \$67,000 per household, and a common high school and/or 2 or more years of college education.
- Our community has held many events to provide food, clothing and personal support for victims of catastrophe and financial hardships. We have worked together to bring community organizations to empower our neighbors so our voices can be heard among our local government and to include our input on investments in city infrastructure and development, and organizing annual festivals and parades.
- Our community shares many schools, churches, a mosque, parks, and 3 community centers. There are a variety of mom and pop shops, large and small shopping centers and industrial businesses.

When drawing new districts, I would like the Commission to keep my community of interest together so that we can keep working to address the issues that face us. We are different from neighboring communities, because of our mostly Spanish speaking Americans. Thank you.

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Testimony/Talking Points

Topic: City of Ontario Districting

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Here's what to say:

1. Introduction:

Good evening, my name is _____. I am a (parent, student, teacher, and community member). I am here to provide input on [the Districting Process](#) and [provide my testimony regarding communities of interest](#). Thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify today.

2. Testimony:

- I have lived in the City of Ontario for ____ years.
- Our neighborhood is _____ (be specific in identifying your community, including north/south and east/west streets boundaries; any distinctive features such as street names, rivers, freeways, a mountain range etc) _____.
- Many families in our community are _____ (describe the common language spoken by your community, common ancestry (Caucasian, African-American, Pacific Islander, Asian, Mexican, Salvadoran, Puerto Rican etc.), common income level of the community, common educational level) _____.
- Our community has _____ (describe how your community has worked together to achieve a common goal: which can include investments in redevelopment, organizing an annual festival or parade) _____.
- Our community shares _____ (describe common activities that your community participates in: which can include, a soccer league, a shared religious congregation, a common shopping area) _____.

- 3. Closing:** When drawing new districts, I would like the Commission to keep my community of interest together so that we can keep working to address the issues that face us. We are different from neighboring communities, because _____. Thank you.

Topic: City of Ontario Districting

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Good evening, my name is Austin Aragon, I am a student and community member. I am writing this letter so that I may provide input on the district process and provide testimony regarding communities of interest. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify today.

I have lived in Ontario for 23 years, essentially having been raised here from birth. Our neighborhood is South Ontario with Holt Blvd to our north, Riverside Dr to our south, Mountain Ave to our West, and Grove Ave to our east all along the South Euclid corridor with the 60 freeway cutting through as well. Many families and in our community are Spanish speakers with ancestry from Mexico and other various Central American countries such as El Salvador, Costa Rica, etc, and other mixed hispanic heritage with average incomes being about 67,000 per household and 29,000 average for individuals. Our community has held many events to provide food, clothing and personal support for victims of catastrophe, and those facing financial hardship. We have worked together to try and provide a platform for those that have not been given a chance to communicate with local government through community organization so that they be involved with the city and it's investments on city infrastructure and development while coordinating with and partaking in celebrations and parades or organizing festivals. Our community shares several elementary schools, middle schools and high schools, several arts programs, and 3 shopping centers along with several parks and community centers.

When drawing new districts, I would like to keep the community in mind in order to better help unify us. We would like for the city to work to keep our interests in helping these communities prosper. This community is unique has a large spanish speaking hispanic community and they deserve to have their needs met by the local powers. Thank you.

Public Comments submitted by Anthony Noriega on 10 may 2022 Regarding Council District maps

Anthony Noriega [REDACTED]

Tue 5/10/2022 4:38 PM

To: Districts <Districts@ontarioca.gov>

My name is Anthony Noriega, I am the Inland Empire District Director for the League of United Latin American Citizens. (LULAC). I appreciate the opportunity to address you this evening regarding the creation of council districts. The changing Ontario demographics as reflected in the 2020 census has raised critical questions in the latino and minority communities, especially regarding the city council electoral process.

Question: Are minorities fairly represented on the city council? Answer: No. Question: Does the minority community have an equal voice and an equal opportunity to elect representatives who consider their needs and interests? Answer No: It is disappointing, that the city council has chosen to do nothing to correct this injustice until it was sued.

However, thanks to Chris Robles, that is about to change. The establishment of council districts, if done following the law, may if fact, impact future elections and finally bring a sense of equity and justice to the electoral process in Ontario. It's been a long time coming.

It is disturbing that the minority community makes up 81% of the community, with Hispanics representing 70% or more. Nevertheless, based on current at-large city elections, the current council is not reflective of the demographics of the city. The creation of the council districts provides once and for all opportunities for the minority community to compete and to be elected to the council to effectively represent members of their council district.

I have reviewed draft council maps 1, 2 and 3 submitted by Chris Robles. My assessment is that all three maps are legally acceptable and balance the voting age population in each map, with the difference between maps being the population deviation among the maps. I favor map 1 as it contains the smallest % in deviation of negative 0.13% than the other two maps.

However, I am concerned that based on past, practices and decisions made by the city council, that they will ignore the critical inputs, concerns and issues presented in these proceedings by the minority communities. Time and time again, the community has had to sue the city to reverse the council decisions, costing the city hundreds of thousands in taxpayers money.

Therefore, we implore on you to ensure that the districts lines established do not violate the law, are not marred by self-interest or ignores the community maps, that preserve the "Communities of Interest".

10 May 2022

Anthony Noriega, Director District 5 LULAC de Inland Empire

Ontario District

Martha Aragon [REDACTED]

Tue 5/10/2022 4:16 PM

To: Districts <Districts@ontarioca.gov>

Testimony/Talking Points

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Location: Ontario City Hall

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Ontario Districting May 10th, 2022

Lolofi o Soakai [REDACTED]

Tue 5/10/2022 3:56 PM

To: Districts <Districts@ontarioca.gov>

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Ontario, 91764

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Ontario Districts

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Lolofi Soakai

Founder/Executive Director

M.A.L.O.

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Ontario Districts

Martha Aragon [REDACTED]

Tue 5/10/2022 3:39 PM

To: Districts <Districts@ontarioca.gov>

Testimony/Talking Points

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Public Comment - Districts

Stephen May [REDACTED]

Tue 5/10/2022 1:22 PM

To: Districts <Districts@ontarioca.gov>

Good evening,

My name is Stephen May. I am a parent and community member. I am here to provide input on the Districting Process and provide my testimony regarding communities of interest. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to submit via email.

I have lived in the City of Ontario for 22 years.

Our neighborhood is Ontario Ranch. Many families in our community are young and affluent families. Our community shares the RodeoX shopping center. I feel that the communities of Creekside and Archibald Ranch are also very similar and should be combined with Ontario Ranch into one district.

When drawing new districts, I would like the Commission to keep my community of interest together so that we can keep working to address the issues that face us. We are different from neighboring communities, because of location and demographics.

Thank you.

Stephen May
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Raiza Vasconcelos

From: Melissa May [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 12:57 PM
To: Ray Smith
Cc: Districts
Subject: Re: Public comment on Districting for City Council meeting of May 10, 2022

Will do, thanks.

On Tue, May 10, 2022, 12:41 PM <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Please insert my comments into the record of this evening's meeting.

Raymond Smith
[REDACTED]

Raiza Vasconcelos

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 12:41 PM
To: Districts
Subject: Public comment on Districting for City Council meeting of May 10, 2022
Attachments: District1.pdf

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Raymond Smith
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