P.H. #21

From:

Lory Mason

Sent:

Sunday, June 19, 2022 3:34 PM

To: Subject: Public Comments RE Agenda item 21

"Public Hearing # 3 Review of Initial Draft Districting Maps for the District-Based Elections under CA Voting Rights Act".

As I have mentioned publicly, I do not support District-Based elections for city-wide elections. It diminishes choices for the city Residents. What if I am at a loss as to who to vote for? For example, what if there is only one candidate running for my (so-called) district and I don't vote? Or the choices are very limited and I don't vote because of major belief differences? That's one less vote in the process, and as an American citizen--I want my vote accounted for. Plus you are limiting who these candidates can approach in the community, or what if the issues that the winner wants to focus on--- is he limited only to his neighborhood? Do city council members ignore the rest of the districts? Is he discouraged from caring about other sections of the city?. It does not make sense. The district-based elections were concocted by Sacramento social engineers to change the state----in its own image.

The CVRA forces cities to make this transition through lawsuits, and purportedly increases minority representation and supposedly is a cost-saving measure as well as increasing minority representation. Does that assumption work in minority-majority cities like Huntington Park? Boyle Heights? Bell? Have these cities improved voting patterns? Has life actually improved for the residents?---Or for their designed districts? I believe that changing an election process via lawsuit, or for that matter, intimidation at large is not the mode to improve representation. The above-mentioned cities are notorious for wide-spread corruption.

The backers and attorneys who preach this political change are quick to use ephemeral lingo to attract people to this change. The pertinent issues of interest to these newly-formed districts, be it geographic or cultural, for example, 2 issues that should be city-wide focused on: Homelessness and neighborhood pride. The latter includes eye-sore problems like garbage cans left out on the front face all the time, or cars parked on the front lawns, that can also include playground equipment, trampolines, or even parties/events as well.

I would like to see Ontario as an aspiring city, for other cities to emulate, Ontario should be a place for individuals and families to move in and readily become active members of the community. The city should not fall into becoming balkanized and nor be collectivist-minded---like the state wants it to be. Another important issue that no one brings up is school-choice, parents should be the designers of their kid's future. Then, Ontario would self-revitalize. Regards,

Ms. Masonis

ONTARIO CITY COUNCIL MEETING June 21, 2022

To be included in Public Comments

Agenda Item #21 TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF DRAFT MAP 10

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.

My name is Raymond Smith and I have lived in Ontario for over 35 years. I am happy to see the move to District Elections for City Council offices. I believe my neighborhood will receive better representation than it has in the past.

I live in the Creekside neighborhood (this being my community of interest) and have enjoyed getting to know my neighbors from Milliken all the way over to Archibald south of the 60 Freeway mainly due to my 4 children having played sports in our area leagues. We also share experiences as members of the Mountain View School District which generally encompasses the same area. Many of us commiserated in the common dilemma of leaving the area early in the morning for work and returning to the community a few hours before dark.

As a result we all did our best to rush home 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 "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. Map 10 is particularly appealing to me since it was created by a coalition of interested parties dedicated to fairness. These include LULAC, CCAEJ, NAACP as well as interested community members such as myself.

Thank you,

Raymond Smith

Ontario 91761

P.H. #21

From: Sent: Melissa May <melissa.m@ccaej.org> Tuesday, June 21, 2022 2:59 PM

To:

Public Comments

Subject:

Ontario Public Comments in Support of Draft Map 10

1. Good evening, my name is Melissa May. I am a member of Brown and Black redistricting Alliance and IE United and a resident of Ontario for 29 years. I have lived in the neighborhood of the newly proposed district map of District 4 (yellow) section of the proposed map provided) for 4 years. Alongside caring residents, my neighborhood and I have been working together with the Inland Equity Partnership and Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAEJ), and with technical mapping assistance from Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF). The result of our work has culminated into a community map that we believe is a fair and transparent districting map specifically for my district - district 4. Historically, these districts have experienced the most disenfranchisement, hence, our focus is to have these districts redrawn to center racial and economic justice. After reviewing information pertaining to Submitted Draft Map 10, I would like to say that I am in favor of Draft Map 10 and I encourage you all to support Draft Map 10 for the following reasons: For District 4 (yellow), people in this community are part of a Minority-Majority district, compliant with the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In this proposed District 4, we have major community assets outlined that include components of the (Mountain View School District), local parks (Westwind Park), and major utility or city services. Additionally, I would like to point out that families in our community are Asian-American, Latino, African-American, Caucasian and have a common income level of \$100,000+ with many of these families having at least one person living in their household holding a Bachelor's degree or higher. Our community is located next to the agricultural preserve and have been working hard to preserve farmland because it is an asset to our children when it comes to their growth and development, learning cultural values and gaining hands-on science education.

Thank you for your time. I strongly support Draft Map 10. I urge that you support Draft Map 10 that follows compliance with the Voting Rights Act and that, we believe, is a more equitable and fair map consideration for the residents living in District 4.

Sincerely,

Melissa May

P.H. #21

Ontario Districting Public Hearing #3
Ontario City Hall
June 21st, 2022

To whom it might concern:

Good evening, my name is Martha Lopez. I am a member of Greater Ontario Democratic Club and a resident of Ontario for 28 years. I am with the Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance. I have lived in the neighborhood of the newly proposed district map of District 1 (the purple section of the proposed map for over 28 years. Alongside caring residents, my Greater Ontario Democratic Club and I have been working together with the Inland Equity Partnership and Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAEJ), and with technical mapping assistance from Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF). The result of our work has culminated into a community map that we believe is a fair and transparent districting map specifically for my district 1. Historically, these districts have experienced the most disenfranchisement, hence, our focus is to have these districts redrawn to center racial and economic justice.

After reviewing information pertaining to Submitted Draft Map 10, I would like to say that I am in favor of Draft Map 10 and I encourage you all to support Draft Map 10 for the following reasons: In District 1, colored purple, the people that live in my community are mainly populated by a Hispanic Citizen Voting Age Population of minoritized populations (including Black, Hispanic, Asian, and Native Americans). For District 1, colored purple, people in this community are part of a Minority-Majority district, compliant with the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In this proposed District 1, we have major community assets outlined that include components of the Ontario-Montclair School District, Chaffey High School District, our local Anthony Munoz Park, and major utility of our St George Catholic Church.

Additionally, I would like to point out that:

Many families in our community speak Spanish as they are from Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras y Nicaragua. The common income level of the community, common educational level is to my knowledge High School only.

Our community has been working together in Safety Routes for our families that walk and go to schools around. Every year we get together and participated in the National Walk and Bike National Event in October.

Thank you for your time, my name is Martha Lopez, I strongly support Draft Map 10. I urge you that you support Draft Map 10 that follows compliance with the Voting Rights Act and that, we believe, is a more equitable and fair map consideration for the residents living in District 1. Thank you.

Martha Lopez

CA 91762

P.H. #21

From:

Stephen May

Sent:

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 3:15 PM

To:

Public Comments

Subject:

Ontario Districting Public Comment

Good evening, my name is Stephen May. I am a resident of Ontario for 30 years. I have lived in the neighborhood of the newly proposed district map of District 4 (yellow) section of the proposed map provided) for 4 years. Alongside caring residents, my neighborhood and I have been working together with the Inland Equity Partnership and Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAEJ), and with technical mapping assistance from Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF). The result of our work has culminated into a community map that we believe is a fair and transparent districting map specifically for my district - district 4. Historically, these districts have experienced the most disenfranchisement, hence, our focus is to have these districts redrawn to center racial and economic justice. After reviewing information pertaining to Submitted Draft Map 10, I would like to say that I am in favor of Draft Map 10 and I encourage you all to support Draft Map 10 for the following reasons: For District 4 (yellow), people in this community are part of a Minority-Majority district, compliant with the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In this proposed District 4, we have major community assets outlined that include components of the (Mountain View School District), local parks (Westwind Park), and major utility or city services. Additionally, I would like to point out that families in our community are Asian-American, Latino, African-American, Caucasian and have a common income level of \$100,000+ with many of these families having at least one person living in their household holding a Bachelor's degree or higher. Our community is located next to the agricultural preserve and have been working hard to preserve farmland because it is an asset to our children when it comes to their growth and development, learning cultural values and gaining hands-on science education.

Thank you for your time. I strongly support Draft Map 10. I urge that you support Draft Map 10 that follows compliance with the Voting Rights Act and that, we believe, is a more equitable and fair map consideration for the residents living in District 4.

Sincerely,

Stephen May

Ontario, CA 91762

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Public Comment from Stephany Barbosa



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91764

Phone Number (optional)

Name of Organization N/A

Subject on which the person wishes to speak?
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Briefly describe what you would like to say

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers, Please take Draft Map 5 into consideration as the selected map for the City of Ontario. As far as the deviation goes, it is under the acceptable norm with 3.46%. Despite statistics, the reason as to why this map is the best is because it aligns perfectly with the main arteries of the City, as well as keeps with the Ontario Plan and focuses on communities of interest. Personally, I live nearest to the downtown area. This map perfectly includes all areas specified in the downtown plan. Map 5 will keep the most affected community, when it comes to downtown events and projects, together. This would allow our district the opportunity to provide input when it comes to the downtown; safety, parking, street closures, and more. The main arteries of this city include Euclid, W. State St turns to Mission, South Haven, S. Archibald. and S Grove Ave. Notice that these main veins to the City are encompassed by 3 various districts. As heavily trafficked areas, they must include as many communities of interest as possible. I urge this council to take this Draft Map 5 into consideration. Thank you for your time.

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Public Comment from Erma Gardner



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Erma Gardner

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City

Ontario

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Subject on which the person wishes to speak?
For

Briefly describe what you would like to say

Good evening, my name is Erma Gardner. I am a member of Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance and IE United and a resident of Ontario for 41 years. I have lived in the neighborhood of the newly proposed district map of District 1 (purple) section of the proposed map provided) for 30+ years. Alongside caring residents, my neighborhood and I have been working together with the Inland Equity Partnership and Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAEJ), and with technical mapping assistance from Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF). The result of our work has culminated into a community map that we believe is a fair and transparent districting map specifically for my district - district 1. Historically, these districts have experienced the most disenfranchisement, hence, our focus is to have these districts redrawn to center racial and economic justice. After reviewing information pertaining to Submitted Draft Map 10, I would like to say that I am in favor of Draft Map 10 and I encourage you all to support Draft Map 10 for the following reasons: For District 1 (purple), people in this community are part of a Minority-Majority district, compliant with the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In this proposed District 1, we have major community assets outlined that include components of the (Ontario Montclair School District), local parks (San Antonio Park), and major utility or city services. Additionally, I would like to point out that families in our community are Latino, African-American, Caucasian and have a common income level of \$50,000+ with many of these families having at least one person living in their household holding a high school degree or higher. Our community is located next to Euclid Avenue and enjoy gathering as a community during the yearly 4th of July parade. We are concerned regarding the redevelopment of Downtown Ontario and would like our Community of Interest to stay together when creating the new districts. Thank you for your time. I strongly support Draft Map 10. I urge that you support Draft Map 10

that follows compliance with the Voting Rights Act and that, we believe, is a more equitable and fair map consideration for the residents living in District 1. Sincerely, Erma Gardner

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Public Comment from Sue Chappell



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Sue Chappell

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Subject on which the person wishes to speak? For

Briefly describe what you would like to say

Good evening, my name is Sue Chappell. I am a member of Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance and IE United and a resident of Ontario for 67 years. I have lived in the neighborhood of the newly proposed district map of District 1 (purple) section of the proposed map provided) for 60+ years. Alongside caring residents, my neighborhood and I have been working together with the Inland Equity Partnership and Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAEJ), and with technical mapping assistance from Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF). The result of our work has culminated into a community map that we believe is a fair and transparent districting map specifically for my district - district 1. Historically, these districts have experienced the most disenfranchisement, hence, our focus is to have these districts redrawn to center racial and economic justice. After reviewing information pertaining to Submitted Draft Map 10, I would like to say that I am in favor of Draft Map 10 and I encourage you all to support Draft Map 10 for the following reasons: For District 1 (purple), people in this community are part of a Minority-Majority district, compliant with the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In this proposed District 1, we have major community assets outlined that include components of the (Ontario Montclair School District), local parks (San Antonio Park), and major utility or city services. Additionally, I would like to point out that families in our community are Latino, African-American, Caucasian and have a common income level of \$50,000+ with many of these families having at least one person living in their household holding a high school degree or higher. Our community is located next to Euclid Avenue and enjoy gathering as a community during the yearly 4th of July parade. We are concerned regarding the redevelopment of Downtown Ontario and would like our Community of Interest to stay together when creating the new districts. Thank you for your time. I strongly support Draft Map 10. I urge that you support Draft Map 10

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City

Ontario

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CA

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Name of Organization M.A.L.O.

Subject on which the person wishes to speak? For

Briefly describe what you would like to say

Good evening, my name is Lolofi Soakai. I am a member of Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance and IE United and a resident of Ontario for 42 years. I have lived in the neighborhood of the newly proposed district map of District 2 (blue) section of the proposed map provided) for 40+ years. Alongside caring residents, my neighborhood and I have been working together with the Inland Equity Partnership and Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAEJ), and with technical mapping assistance from Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF). The result of our work has culminated into a community map that we believe is a fair and transparent districting map specifically for my district - district 2. Historically, these districts have experienced the most disenfranchisement, hence, our focus is to have these districts redrawn to center racial and economic justice. After reviewing information pertaining to Submitted Draft Map 10, I would like to say that I am in favor of Draft Map 10 and I encourage you all to support Draft Map 10 for the following reasons: For District 2 (blue), people in this community are part of a Minority-Majority district, compliant with the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In this proposed District 2, we have major community assets outlined that include components of the (Ontario Montclair School District), local parks (John Galvin), and major utility or city services. Additionally, I would like to point out that families in our community are Latino, African-American, Caucasian and have a common income level of \$50,000+ with many of these families having at least one person living in their household holding a high school degree or higher. Our community is located next to 4th Street and the 10 fwy and have many issues we as a community are concerned about which include: homelessness, trash on the streets.

constant construction that creates traffic congestion on the 4th street onramp to the 10 fwy and high crime rates that affect our families and our homes. Thank you for your time. I strongly support Draft Map 10. I urge that you support Draft Map 10 that follows compliance with the Voting Rights Act and that, we believe, is a more equitable and fair map consideration for the residents living in District 2. Sincerely, Lolofi Soakai

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From:

Temis Laguna <temis.laguna@latinolatinaroundtable.org>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 3:51 PM

To: Subject: Public Comments
Ontario Redistricting

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Council and Staff:

On behalf of The Latino and Latina Roundtable, member of the Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of many CBO's, community groups and community members, we stand in solidarity and in full support with the map proposal Ontario residents and members have submitted to the City of Ontario for consideration which is labeled as Draft Map 10. Additionally, Draft Map 10, is compliant and meets all criteria required by law. This community map has four strong majority minority districts with over 50% of Latino CVAP which makes it a Voting Rights Act (VRA) compliant map.

The Fair and Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities and Political Subdivisions Act (FAIR MAPS Act), requires the city to comply with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA), and, to the extent practicable, keep communities of interest together. Draft Map 10 keeps communities of interest together, based on shopping centers, commuting routes, schools, and natural boundaries. District 1, the purple area, keeps North Ontario together including the North-West which shares the same schools and shopping centers located North of Mission Avenue, South of the I-10 Fwy, West of Berlin and East of Benson. Additionally District 1, The North-West Ontario District, is composed of mostly historical neighborhoods and homes, as well as the downtown area which community members have expressed a high interest in keeping together. District 2 keeps the North-East side of Ontario together, which includes neighborhoods South of 8th Street and 4th Street, East of Berlyn, West of Etiwanda and North of the 60 fwy. District 2, the blue district, keeps communities that attend the same churches, schools and shopping centers together, and ensures that the Ontario Airport, Top Golf, Ontario Mills, The Toyota Arena and Guasti Regional Park are also kept together in this Community of Interest. District 3, the red area, encompasses the South-West of Ontario which boundaries include South of Mission, North of the 60 fwy, East of Benson and West of Vineyard. Residents of Ontario expressed deep interest in including the Ontario International Airport in District 3, as well as keeping the Kaiser Hospital in this district as well to ensure fair representation with regards to their concerns of addressing healthcare in our city. District 4 encompasses the South-East of Ontario which is close to the unincorporated area of Ontario and includes some rural areas, again sharing the same schools and shopping centers including the Ontario Ranch Community and the Rodeo X Shopping Center. District 2 and 3 are similar in population demographics based on income and homeownership status, many residents in this area are mostly renters and are essential workers, these two districts have strong Latino VRA districts. District 4 includes all of South Ontario, and has the strongest CVAP for the Asian community in Ontario and includes those who have been impacted by the influx of warehousing, and other industries which result in numerous indirect sources of pollution such as diesel emissions which are affecting the health of the community and those nearby. District 4 shares the same schools, commuting routes such as 15 and 60 freeway access.

We strongly urge this council to support Draft map 10 for the many reasons mentioned above. The residents of Ontario, social justice groups, and community advocates, urges this city council to adopt Draft Map 10, to comply with the law, based on population, Voting Rights Act, Fair Maps Act, contiguity, and Community of Interest testimonies.

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Special Projects Coordinator
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P.H. #21

From:

Lina Mira < Imira@latinolatinaroundtable.org >

Sent:

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 3:53 PM

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Subject:

Ontario Redistricting Process - Support of Draft Map 10

Hello Members of the Ontario City Council,

My name is Lina Mira and I am the Executive Director of the Latino and Latina Roundtable and a member of the Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of community based organizations, community members, and community groups working together for the wellbeing of our Ontario families.

As an organization that works closely with the community, we have seen the demographic shifts in Ontario and especially the emergence of the warehouses. We believe that draft map 10 will provide the community the representation that it needs and keeps communities together. The Latino and Latina Roundtable has members who live in Ontario, as well as members who shop in Ontario, and also utilize the airport and enjoy shows in the Arena. It is important to keep our communities of interest together and not divide them. Please adopt Draft Map 10. It is the map that keeps our communities together and in compliance with the law based on population, Voting Rights Act, and Fair Maps Act.

Respectfully,

Lina Mira

From:

Betsy Starbuck

Sent:

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 4:00 PM

To:

Public Comments

Subject:

Redistricting

Dear Mayor Leon, Honorable Council Members, and Tireless Staff Members,

I am writing on behalf of the League of Women Voters of the San Bernardino Area. As you may know, we are a nonpartisan, nonprofit group who supports the informed and active participation of citizens in all levels of government.

We have worked actively in the past year on redistricting matters in the whole of San Bernardino County. Our goals are to ensure the implementation of the FAIR Maps Act, the Voting Rights Act, to keep communities of interest together, and to promote voting districts where people of color have a majority impact.

With these goals in mind, we urge your support of Map 10.

Thank you for your consideration,

Betsy Starbuck, President LWV of the San Bernardino Area



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