

ONTARIO CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 05, 2022

To be included in Public Comments

Agenda Item #17

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF DRAFT MAP 10

To the Mayor and members of the City Council, greetings. 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 have previously expressed my support for Draft Map #10 (Council Meeting of 6.21.22) and in reviewing the latest submittals I see nothing to change my mind. I note that the first 10 maps were quite similar in their attempt to set up rectangular configurations as best as possible without odd shapes and cutouts. The only oddity about map 10 is that it shows District 3 stretching into the Airport. There is virtually no population in that area and it was felt that the Airport might be better served with two Council Persons since it is such a large commercial engine for the city.

It is interesting to see in the new maps #11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 what strikes me as an illogical attempt to break up the old town core in the NW quadrant of the city into 2 districts. I am not in favor of this and respectfully request that the area roughly bounded by Mission Ave, Campus Avenue, the 10 Freeway and the city's western border be kept together as suggested by most of the earlier citizen submittals. That way District 1 roughly corresponds with the school district boundaries, a completely natural community of interest.

Thank you,

Raymond Smith

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