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Updated 12-15-21

Luna, Richard

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 3:50 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: 'Hayward Blake'; 'Michael Kilian'
Subject: Redistricting Maps

Redistricting Commission
c/o Richard Luna,

I am a former president of the Glenview Neighborhood Association and have provided input on past redistricting processes. Ideally, the Glenview District would be in one council district (as it has been in the past) as we are a community of common interest. The pros and cons of having school board boundaries aligned with council districts should be discussed as there are differing considerations.

I reviewed current school board and council district maps posted on line. For purposes of community input, is it possible for staff prepare a map with the school board and council district overlayed so we can compare the current boundaries? The map needs to be clear enough to see street names. A simple overlayed map would provide a baseline for citizens to easily consider any proposed changes.

Regards,

Michael Gabriel
[redacted]

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From: Myan Duong <mduong@vacceb.org>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting Community Input
Attachments: Public Testimony Oakland Redistricting.pdf; Vietnamese Redistricting Signatures (133).pdf; Chinese Redistricting Signatures (557).pdf

9/3/21

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From: Asian Americans in City of Oakland's District 2

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Do not fragment the Asian American population into multiple districts as there has been a history of disempowerment of Asians in the City of Oakland by doing this and we want to avoid this at all cost. Keep District 2 as currently configured by keeping Chinatown, Eastlake and "China Hill" (Cleveland) together in this one district as this has been our voting bloc for decades.

Thank you,

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2.	2021年8月25	Fang Xiu	[redacted]	
3.	2021年8月25	CHU PUI NUNG		
4.	8月25	PIONG CHAK		
5.	8月25	XI M CHEN		
6.	8-25-2021	Zhao Pan Li		
7.	8-25-2021	Fang zhen Chen		
8.	8-25-21	Kwan Wai Yin		
9.	8-25-21	Xinglian Luo		
10.	8-26-21	RICHARD CHEN		

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4.	8/18	Mary Lo		
5.	8/18	ZHI JIAN YANG		
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7.	8/18	LINGLI MAO		
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2.	9/8/21	Phi Thi Nguyen	[redacted]
3.	8/9/21	Dang Le	
4.	8/9	Phi Nguyen	
5.	8/9	Mary Lieu	
6.	8/9	TAM LE	
7.	8/9	Anh Tuyet Doan	
8.	8/9	Tu Thi Tuyet Minh	
9.		May Ho	
10.	8/9	Lan Nguyen	
11.	8/9	THANH NGUYEN	

12.	8/9	HIEN NGUYEN	[redacted]
13.	8/9	HOA BICH DU	
14.	8-9-2021	Jennifer Huynh	
15.	8-9-21	NGUYEN TRAN	
16.	8/9	John TRAN	
17.	8/9	PHAO VO	
18.	8/9	QUAN VO	
19.	8/9	Kiều Trương	
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22.	8/9	THERESA Nguyen	
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21.	8/9	ROBERT TRAN LIEU DUONG
22.	8/9	Liên HuongVõ Ba
23.	8/9	Donald Huynh
24.	8/9	Võ Thanh Nam
25.	8/9	Thanh Dzung

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5.	8/9/21	Vinh Le	
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17.	8/24	Cam Lam Thi Trang	
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8.	8/24	MONG THU PHAM	
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Luna, Richard

From: Glenview Neighborhood Association/Beat 16Y <glenviewna@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 3:23 PM
To: Luna, Richard; Redistricting@acgov.org; GNA Board
Subject: Attn: Redistricting Commission
Attachments: Redistricting Letter.docx

Good afternoon, Please see the attached letter from the Glenview Neighborhood Association on potential redistricting plans. This language is also copied below.

Dear Redistricting Commission,
As the Board of the Glenview Neighborhood Association, we write to you today on the topic of the upcoming redistricting process. We wanted to ask you to identify the Glenview neighborhood as a community of interest in your redistricting process and we strongly urge you to keep our neighborhood together. We define the Glenview neighborhood of Oakland as the area contained in the map below.

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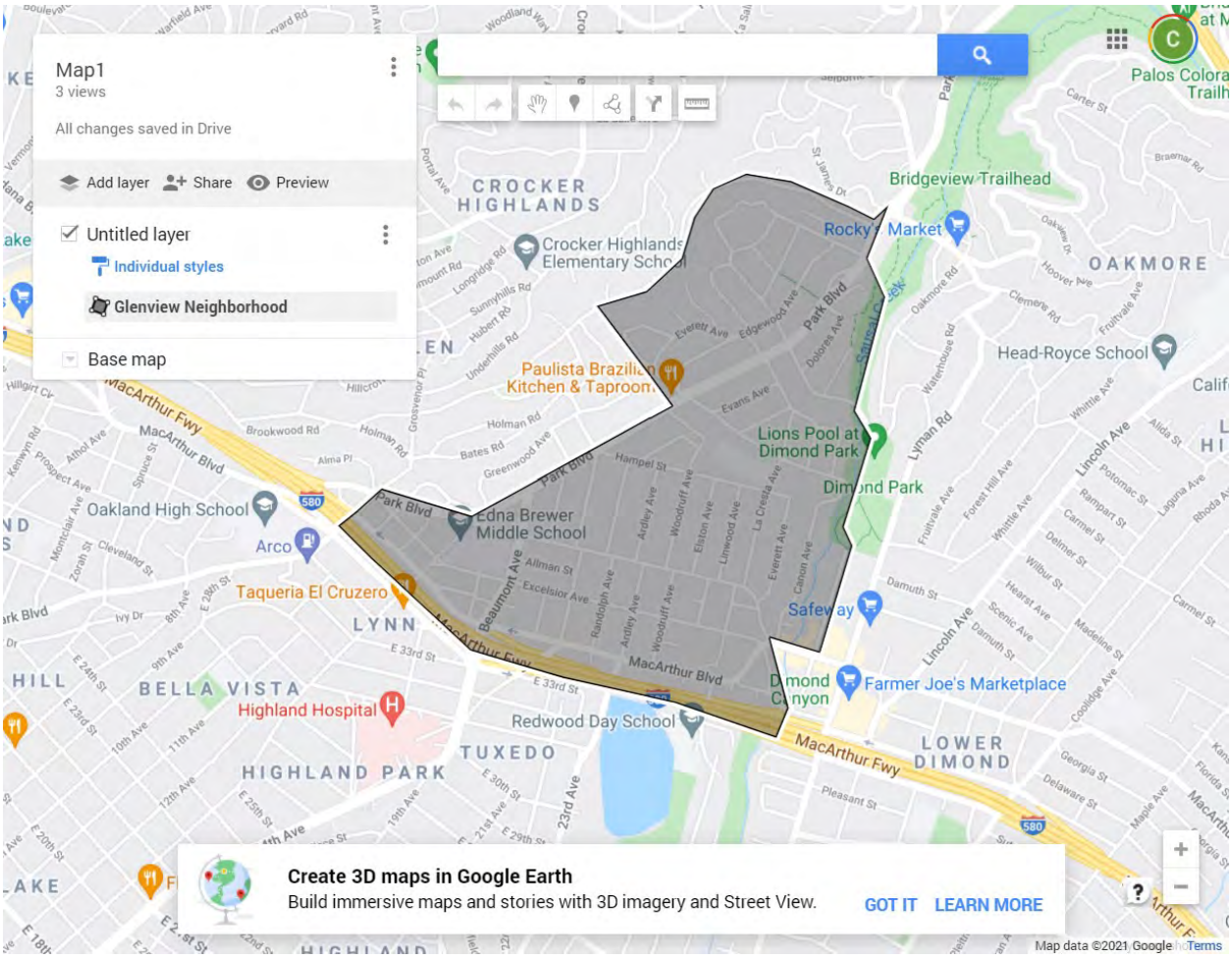
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Rocky's Market
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Edna Brewer Middle School
Oakland High School
Arco
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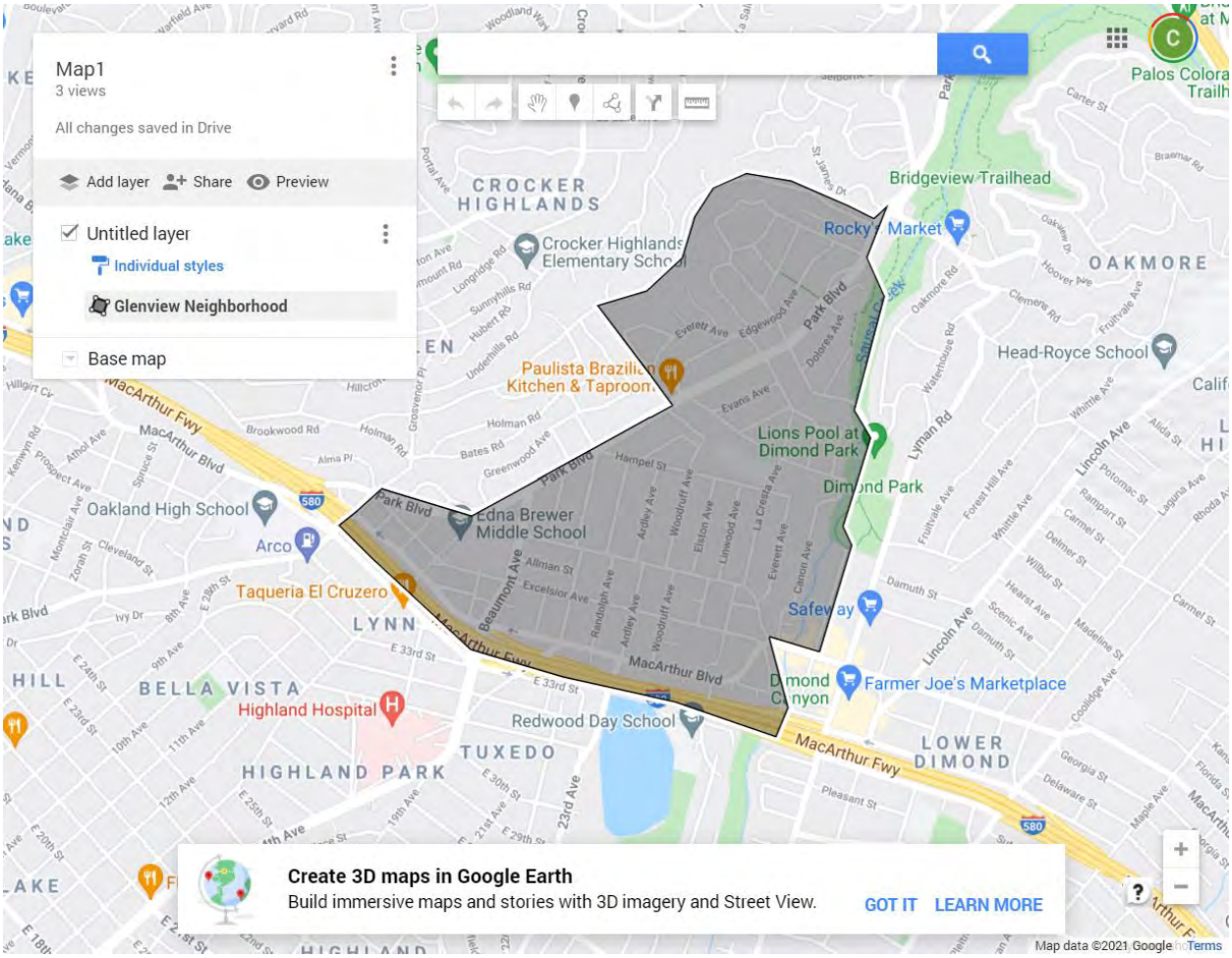

Luna, Richard

From: Mary Vail [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 3:20 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: glenviewna@googlegroups.com; Gallo, Noel; Israel, Debra; Lupoff, Kenneth
Subject: My comment to Reapportionment Commission tonight, Agenda Item #9

I am a 36 year Oakland resident and homeowner, living in the Glenview district on Park Blvd., our neighborhood's main street

I serve on the Board of Directors of the Glenview Neighborhood Association (GNA) and commend to your attention the comment submitted by the GNA earlier today, relative to our neighborhood's #1 concern, the proposal before you to split our neighborhood, roughly in half, using Park Blvd. as the dividing point, as to City Council and OUSD Districts.

I support the GNA's position. I am also sharing some additional arguments that display the community of interest within the Glenview and the burdensome consequences that would flow from splitting our neighborhood for purposes of Council and OUSD Board representation.

I. **History**: Having personally experienced multiple re-apportionment cycles, never before has the deciding body or parties considered dividing our neighborhood between multiple City Council/OUSD districts. There has been robust debate about moving the Glenview from one District to another, intact, even one cycle where the Glenview became a trading chit, orphan neighborhood or political football (keep in District 4 or move to District 5!), but never before has anyone proposed that cutting the neighborhood in half, between districts was a good or viable solution. The Glenview is a medium sized neighborhood, but not so large as to compel serious consideration of a division to meet larger City or County representational objectives.

II. **Harmful representational impacts on Glenview school families and our Park Blvd.-based businsses:**

School families:

Both Glenview elementary and Edna Brewer, whose students come from both the Glenview and other Oakland nighborhoods, are important constituencies and partners in the neighborhood and in the GNA. At least some school families will be in the position, under your current maps of living in one Council/OUSD District and their children going to school in a different district.-----And in speaking on common interest issues, will have to develop relationships with multiple sets of public officials.

Park Blvd. merchants:

Our neighborhood businesses, both before and since the onset of the Pandemic, have common concerns over parking, conducing business indoors and outside, crime patterns and particularly the serious safety threat posed for both the businesses and their customers by non-sop speeding and reckless driving on Park Blvd. They would be challenged by having separate City Council reps,

depending on which side of Park Blvd. their businesses is located. And the merchants concerns have zero to do with which side of Park Blvd. their business is physically located on.

I will be listening to your meeting tonight. I will be particularly interested in hearing why you are considering dividing the Glenview and which other Oakland neighborhoods will be aided and served by geographically splitting the Glenview in half.

Mary Vail

Luna, Richard

From: Josh Frank [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 6:39 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Re: Oakland Redistricting Commission Update - 2020 US Census Data by District

Hi Richard, I would like to advocate for the Glenview neighborhood to be redistricted with the Oakmore and Crocker Highlands neighborhoods (16Y, 16X, and part of 22Y). This is the Oakland Foothills community. It shares common characteristics in terms of socioeconomic factors, roads, schools, etc... This refers to the area east of Lakeshore and west of Lincoln, north of highway 580 and south of highway 13.

Am I able to leave these recommendations directly with you?

Thank you,
Josh

On Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 12:11 PM Luna, Richard <RLuna@oaklandca.gov> wrote:

> **Dear Community Partners,**
>
> **The Redistricting Commission's consultants have produced their first report on changes to Oakland's population by District following the release of the 2020 U.S. Census data. The following report has been shared with the Commissioners and is also available on their website: www.oaklandca.gov/redistricting.**
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> **Additionally, the Commission has received a number of new submissions through its online survey and City staff is still assisting in capturing that information. If you submitted questions recently we thank you for your patience as we gather all of your input and follow up appropriately.**
>
> **Richard J. Luna**
>
> *Deputy City Administrator*
>
> rluna@oaklandca.gov
>
> (510) 238-4756

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Josh Frank
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2021 8:06 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: Robin McDonnell; [redacted] Stuart Flashman
Subject: Rockridge Neighborhood Community of Interest

To the Redistricting Commissioners,
att'n Richard Luna:

My name is Leonora Sea, and I am the Chair of the Rockridge Community Planning Council Board of Directors (RCPC). The Rockridge Neighborhood should be designated a Community of Interest, and RCPC a Community Based Partner Organization, for the following reasons:

1. **Community Name**: Rockridge

2. **Characteristics**: Walkable, transit rich (Rockridge BART, AC Transit), CN-1 local retail, historically interesting houses, apartments, and commercial buildings, long history of community involvement (Rockridge Community Planning Council, established in the 1970s and incorporated in 1985 - a neighborhood non-profit with a board of directors elected by the community), The Rockridge News (newspaper delivered to the doorsteps of 5,500 homes in Rockridge, in circulation since 1986).

3. **Geographic footprint**: Northeast Oakland, sharing a border with Berkeley on the north, to Telegraph Avenue on the west, 51 st Street on the south, and the more western of either Highway 13 or Broadway Terrace, and Broadway south of intersection with Broadway Terrace. Residents shop locally on College Avenue, recreate at Lake Temescal, Frog Park, Colby Park, and the BART and DMV parking lots (skateboarding, children cycling, etc.). Residents work from home, commute via BART, bicycle, bus, and automobile to employment in the East Bay, San Francisco, and Silicon Valley.

4. **Relationship to city government**: Rockridge, represented by the local non-profit Rockridge Community Planning Council, has a decades-long history of working cooperatively with the city on planning, transportation, the Rockridge branch library (including voting for a local parcel tax to pay for it), parks, and schools.

5. **Why should Rockridge be preserved in a single district**? Rockridge has functioned as a single geographical unit for 100 years, with common issues (housing, transportation), institutions (schools), our shopping district (College Avenue), and opportunities (parks, Library). Our common understanding has allowed us to successfully tackle various issues. Splitting Rockridge between two Council districts would introduce artificial boundaries and impact the community's ability to work towards future common goals, especially in the areas of housing and transportation. The Rockridge Community Planning Council represents the entire Rockridge neighborhood, and with some elected board members living in one district and some in another, would encounter enormous difficulties effectively operating with the City. We have a long history of working collaboratively with whomever our City Councilmember is on many issues (informational issues, emergencies, major developments).

Having multiple representatives would make this complicated and ineffective. If Rockridge residents were split into different districts, there would be vast confusion over which councilmember represents which people. When neighborhoods are divided, elected officials often deflect responsibility or responsiveness to the representative where the exact incident occurred. However, our issues are neighborhood-wide and effective government should ensure that a cohesive community is cohesively represented.

The Rockridge Neighborhood is very much a Community of Interest, and the Rockridge Community Planning Council, a long-established neighborhood non-profit representing Rockridge, absolutely should be a Community Based Partner organization in the redistricting process.

Leonora Sea
Chair, RCPC Board of Directors

Casey Farmer
Secretary, RCPC Board of Directors

Robin McDonnell
Vice-chair, RCPC Board of Directors

Ken Rich
Treasurer, RCPC Board of Directors

Stuart Flashman
Land Use Committee Chair, RCPC Board of Directors

Luna, Richard

From: Patrick Messac [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2021 6:01 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: [#OU] Segregation and Redistricting Proposals

Dear Redistricting Commission,

Residential segregation is the "race neutral" underpinning for virtually all discriminatory policies (e.g., environmental, educational, nutritional, financial). Residents in historically redlined communities - once siloed - oftentimes bear the brunt of policies that advantage wealthier, Whiter residents. Here in Oakland, the discriminatory policies built upon the legacy of residential segregation, are clear for all to see, even for our students.

This segregation is not - as some would argue - solely the result of personal choice or private discriminantion. As Richard Rothstein explains in The Color of Law, "African Americans were unconstitutionally denied the means and the right to integration in middle-class neighborhoods, and because this denial was state-sponsored, the nation has an obligation to remedy it.

Redistricting represents a once in a decade opportunity to remedy some aspects of residential segregation. Unfortunately, none of the Commission's proposed maps reimagine district lines that both (1) preserve the representation of Black voting blocks, AND (2) make meaningful inroads to more integrated communities.

While Commission cannot address the East Bay's troubling history of interdistrict segregation (e.g., Piedmont)

	OAKLAND	PIEDMONT CITY
Enrollment	49,760	2,692
Total revenue per pupil	$12,721	$17,725
Percent nonwhite	90%	40%
Poverty rate	18%	2%

Source: EdBuild report: "Dismissed"; National Center for Education Statstics
Credit: Alyson Hurt/NPR

(source), it can take steps to remedy intradistrict segregation. Two recent studies - one by Meredith Richards and another by Tomas Monarrez - find that Oakland draws its district lines in a way that perpetuates the underlying residential segregation, not remedy it.

(source).

Cities across the Bay, like Berkely, are working to redraw their district boundaries to create more integrated communities (source). Is Oakland?

The current map concentrates Black voters in a few districts - closely resembling a gerrymandering technique called "packing." How does the Commission combat this form of disenfranchisement?

We don't have another decade to wait.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patrick Messac

Note: The views expressed in this letter are mine and made in my capacity as a proud resident of Oakland.

Luna, Richard

From: Brooke Levin [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 1:08 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: Leonora Sea; casey farmer; Annette Rahbek Floystrup; editor@rockridge.org; Theresa Nelson; Barbara Anderson; Don Kinkead; Stuart Flashman; John Bliss
Subject: Boundaries | RCPC

Richard,

Please share this community of interest information on the Rockridge Neighborhood with the Redistricting Commission. It appears all four maps under discussion breakup the long established neighborhood district known as Rockridge. The Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC) was incorporated as a 501C3 in 1985 and has published a monthly newsletter and has regular meetings on topics related to the community. It is a organization that has strong advocacy and has created projects for the community such as the Rockridge Library Melo-Roos District , Community Build of Frog Park, zoning that requires retail on the ground floor in the commercial district and many other important actions that build community.

I urge the Commission to continue to have RCPC within one Council/School District, and not divided into two or more districts.

The boundaries are below.

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With gratitude,
Brooke A Levin
Former Chair RCPC 1990-1
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Theresa Nelson [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 2:07 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: Brooke Levin; Leonora Sea
Subject: Redistricting concerns

Dear Mr. Luna:

I was deeply concerned to see that the proposed redistricting maps split the long-established Rockridge community. The Rockridge Community Planning Council, established in the mid-1980s, carried on the earlier community boundaries established in the early 20th century, respecting the need to keep main commercial corridors intact and residential areas being only split at major arterials. These new maps do not respect the integrity of this neighborhood.

Maps C and D splits Rockridge along College Avenue, a main commercial street, as well as Claremont Avenue, which is mostly commercial, and it is ridiculous for one side of these streets to be in one district and another in a different one. This also splits the traditional Rockridge boundaries in half, putting lower Rockridge (and Temescal) in the same district as most of West Oakland and part of Uptown and north downtown, which makes no sense.

Maps A and B, while keeping together most of Rockridge, splits part of Upper Rockridge in a tiny sliver off the highway13-24 interchanges. Given that extensive planning was done in this area after the 1991 firestorm, it does not make sense to have these areas split for planning and fire protection purposes. Also, this splits Grand Avenue into two districts, again a problem for a major commercial street which is allied to Lakeshore Avenue.

Rockridge is certainly a "Community of Interest" by any estimation, and the integrity of this neighborhood should be respected in drawing these district boundaries.

Regards,

Theresa Nelson (she/her)
[redacted] Oakland

Luna, Richard

From: Sietse Goffard <sietseg@advancingjustice-alc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 10:04 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: Julia Marks; Liz Suk; Hannah Kieschnick; Helen Hutchison
Subject: Letter to Oakland Redistricting Commission
Attachments: Letter to Oakland Redistricting Commission.pdf; Redistricting Outreach Best Practices.pdf

Good morning,

The Asian Law Caucus, Oakland Rising, the ACLU Foundation of Northern California, and the League of Women Voters of Oakland would like to jointly submit this letter to the Oakland Redistricting Commission ahead of tonight's meeting. It relates to Agenda Item No. 8 about the Commission's meeting schedule. We would appreciate it if you could share these documents with the rest of the Commission.

Many thanks,
Sietse Goffard

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Sietse Goffard
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October 13, 2021

City of Oakland
Redistricting Commission
Via Electronic Mail

Re: Agenda Item No. 8, 10/13/2021 City of Oakland Redistricting Commission Meeting

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your service to the people of Oakland and for your thoughtful efforts to create a fair and accessible local redistricting process. We write on behalf of Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus, the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Northern California, Oakland Rising, and the League of Women Voters of Oakland to request that you add two more public hearings to your meeting schedule for the public to provide input on draft maps.

We urge you, as the first independent redistricting commission to draw district boundaries in Oakland, to go above and beyond the legal minimum for public hearing opportunities. California state law requires four public input meetings at a minimum in the redistricting process, even for the smallest of cities. Based on the Commission's website, it is our understanding that there will only be two more public input opportunities before maps are finalized, with meetings scheduled on October 13 and November 10. The Commission previously held two hearings to gather Community of Interest (COI) input from the public, meaning that Oakland will just meet the legal threshold for public input hearings.

However, it is a best practice to go beyond the legal minimum, especially for a jurisdiction as large and diverse as Oakland, California's eighth most populous city. Most other similarly-sized jurisdictions exceed the legal minimum. For example, the San Jose Redistricting Commission has already held 11 public hearings this fall, conducted both in-person and via Zoom, in addition to its regularly scheduled weekly meetings. Sunnyvale—a city one-third the size of Oakland—has scheduled five public hearings. In 2012, San Francisco held an incredible 30 community meetings when redrawing its Board of Supervisors lines. We urge Oakland's Redistricting Commission to follow suit and go above and beyond what is legally required, especially since this is a once-in-a-decade process with long-term implications on political representation in the city.

Providing opportunities for input is important, both for the public's faith in the process and for the Commission's ability to listen to community voices. We have been in touch with numerous Oakland-based civic groups that want to participate in public hearings but have expressed a

need for extra time to get their communities engaged. We have found that some organizations are slower to engage right now, with the pandemic limiting in-person interactions and making it harder to raise awareness about the local redistricting process. Based on the feedback we have heard, we also anticipate that many people will become most interested in the process after maps are initially proposed.

Therefore, we respectfully ask that the Commission increase the number of opportunities for community members to share input and give testimony over the next two months. Moreover, scheduling hearings at a variety of times—including outside of work hours and on different days of the week—can help improve access and increase turnout at the commission's hearings. Scheduling in-person hearings in different parts of a jurisdiction can also make them more accessible. To read more about best practices for outreach and community engagement, please see the attached document from the ACLU.

In closing, we would like to express our collective appreciation for your service on the Commission. You all have an important role to play in ensuring a fair democracy in Oakland, and we share your commitment to inclusion and civic engagement. We hope you will take our comments into consideration, and we look forward to seeing you at the Commission's upcoming public hearings.

Sincerely,

Sietse Goffard
Senior Coordinator, Voting Rights Program
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus

Viola Gonzalez
President
League of Women Voters of Oakland

Hannah Kieschnick
Staff Attorney, Democracy & Civic Engagement Program
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Northern California

liz suk
Executive Director
Oakland Rising

Engaging Your Constituents in the LOCAL REDISTRICTING PROCESS

This year, your jurisdiction will begin the process of redrawing district lines ahead of the 2022 elections. State law mandates that counties and cities conduct robust public education and outreach. The following are best practices to help facilitate the community engagement process.

ENCOURAGING CONSTITUENT PARTICIPATION IN THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS*

Your jurisdiction is tasked with encouraging residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities, to participate in the redistricting process.[i] To do this, you must conduct public outreach to local media, good government, civil rights, civic engagement, and community groups or organizations that are active in your jurisdiction, including those serving different language communities, the disability community, and other historically underrepresented communities.[ii]

USE TARGETED RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES

- Partner with organizations that were involved with the 2020 Census count in your community, faith-based networks, and community organizations that work with different language communities.
- Reach out to other agencies and departments within your local government and ask them to share information with residents they come in contact with.
- Reach out to other jurisdictions redistricting in your geographical area to help educate and notify residents about getting involved.
- Use ethnic media to promote participating in the redistricting process within different language communities.
- Don't forget about youth! Reach out to high school leadership programs and youth-serving organizations to encourage them to get involved.
- Conduct outreach at virtual and in-person cultural events, community centers, schools, and places of worship.

CONSIDER DEDICATING A POINT PERSON FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Consider dedicating one or more staff members or consultants to be point people for outreach. The public should be able to contact them if they have questions about the redistricting process or have outreach and community education suggestions.

CREATING AND MAINTAINING A REDISTRICTING WEBPAGE*

Your jurisdiction must create a dedicated redistricting webpage.[iii] The webpage must include an explanation of the redistricting process in all required languages.[iv] It must also include or link to procedures for the public to testify during a hearing or submit written testimony in all required languages; a calendar of all public hearings and workshop dates and locations; the notice and agenda for each public hearing and workshop; a recording or written summary of each public hearing or workshop; draft maps; and the final adopted map. This webpage will be a critical source of information for your constituents.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF RESOURCES CREATED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

- The Secretary of State created templates explaining the redistricting process and made them available in ten languages. You can find the templates here.

ENSURE THAT TRANSLATED MATERIALS ARE EASY TO FIND

- Arrange your webpage so that translated materials are easy to find.

- Instead of listing available languages in English, list them in their respective language. For example, instead of listing "Spanish" list "Español."

CREATE AND TRANSLATE ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

- Create and translate additional materials, including the procedures for testifying during a public hearing and submitting written testimony.

CREATE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MATERIALS WITH AN EYE TOWARDS TRANSLATION

- Use plain English when creating materials so that they can be more easily translated.

CONSIDER PROVIDING TRANSLATION IN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES

- Translate materials in additional languages, such as those covered by the state elections code, to better reach your constituents.

CREATING AN INCLUSIVE PUBLIC HEARING & PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS*

Before adopting a final map, your jurisdiction must hold at least four public hearings to receive input regarding line drawing.[v] *This includes at least one hearing before and at least two hearings after drawing your first draft map.*[vi] *The fourth required hearing and additional hearings can be held before or after the draft map is drawn.*[vii] *Your jurisdiction must make available to the public either a recording or written summary of each public comment and council deliberation made at each public hearing or workshop.*[viii]

PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT

- Your jurisdiction should strive to offer more than four hearings, advertise them widely, and make the hearings as accessible as possible.
- Hold hearings in different geographic areas and at different times to improve accessibility for all constituents.
- Make all public hearings and workshops, including in-person hearings and workshops, available over a video platform.
- Consider providing additional days than what is required for constituents to evaluate draft maps and provide feedback.
- Provide a public mapping tool to make the process more accessible.

BUILD TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY INTO THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS

- Following each round of community input and feedback, consider posting all submitted testimony on your webpage, and if received in enough time, include the submitted public comment(s) in the agenda packet for the hearing.

COORDINATE WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN YOUR REGION

- Coordinate with other jurisdictions in your region about redistricting-related hearing and workshop dates to minimize conflicts.
- Avoid scheduling hearings that conflict with the California Citizens Redistricting Commission hearings in your region.

ENSURE LANGUAGE AND DISABILITY ACCESS

- Consider providing live interpretation and translation in all required languages regardless of whether an advance request was made.
- Include American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and closed captioning for individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

[i] Cal. Elec. Code § 21508(a) (counties); *id.* § 21608(a) (general law cities); *id.* § 21628(a) (charter cities).
[ii] Cal. Elec. Code § 21508(a)(1)-(2) (counties); *id.* § 21608(a)(1)-(2) (general law cities); *id.* § 21628(a)(1)-(2) (charter cities).
[iii] Cal. Elec. Code § 21508(g) (counties); *id.* § 21608(g) (general law cities); *id.* § 21628(g) (charter cities).
[iv] Cal. Elec. Code § 21508(g)-(h) (counties) (Required languages include "any language in which ballots are required to be provided in the county pursuant to Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act…"); *id.* § 21608(g)-(h) (general law cities); *id.* § 21628(g)-(h) (charter cities). Note, the Secretary of State's Office will be releasing a list of required languages by city here.
[v] Cal. Elec. Code § 21507.1(a) (counties); *id.* § 21607.1(a) (general law cities); *id.* § 21627.1(a) (charter cities).
[vi] Cal. Elec. Code § 21507.1(a)(1)-(2) (counties); *id.* § 21607.1(a)(1)-(2) (general law cities); *id.* § 21627.1(a)(1)-(2) (charter cities).
[vii] *See generally* Cal. Elec. Code § 21507.1(a) (counties); *id.* § 21607.1(a) (general law cities); *id.* § 21627.1(a) (charter cities).
[viii] Cal. Elec. Code § 21508(f) (counties); *id.* § 21608(f) (general law cities); *id.* § 21628(f) (charter cities).

** For a complete set of legal requirements, please review the relevant code section.*

Luna, Richard

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 1:32 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Proposed redistricting

Dear Mr. Luna,

The proposed redistricting maps "C" and "D" would split my neighborhood, Rockridge, in two. This is completely unacceptable. C or D, if implemented, would divide the areas covered by our neighborhood organization, the Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC) , and by the business organization, the Rockridge District Association (RDA). That is crazy! Outside of downtown, Rockridge provides more sales taxes to the City of Oakland than any other area. Are you trying to disenfranchise this neighborhood AND kill the goose that lays the golden eggs in one fell swoop? Maps C and D should be immediately removed from consideration.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Gabel
[redacted]
Oakland, CA 94618

[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 2:47 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: Ashley Pandya; [redacted] Floystrup, Annette; John Gussman; [redacted] Kirk Peterson; Robin McDonnell; Ronnie Spitzer; Stuart Flashman
Subject: Rockridge Community Planning Council comments on the Redistricting Draft Maps
Attachments: rcpc_boundaries_map_view_revised.jpeg

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of thousands of Rockridge residents, we respectfully request that your Commission not divide our neighborhood, as it is a cohesive community of interest.

As noted in our COI input below, there are dozens of reasons why Rockridge is a Community of Interest and thus, per the FAIR MAPS Act criteria of minimizing the division of COI's, Rockridge should not be divided in your adopted maps.

We ask that Rockridge be configured as generally shown in Maps A and B. We have attached the boundaries of the Rockridge Community Planning Council which we define as an important part of our neighborhood's geography.

While much of Upper Rockridge is not within RCPC's boundaries, one of the FAIR MAPS Act criteria is that "boundaries shall be easily identifiable and understandable." Upper Rockridge residents are well connected to us via transportation, recreation, schools, and the College Avenue shopping district. Highway 13 would be the clearest dividing line for residents seeking to know which District they live in, for the purposes of "effective government*." For clarity, including the 1 block south of Lake Temescal and Lake Temescal itself within the same District may better align with the legal criteria. (This small change should not impact your population totals much.)

Signed,
Leonora Sea
Chair, RCPC Board of Directors

Casey Farmer
Secretary, RCPC Board of Directors

Robin McDonnell
Vice-chair, RCPC Board of Directors

Ken Rich
Treasurer, RCPC Board of Directors

Stuart Flashman
Land Use Committee Chair, RCPC Board of Directors

Annette Floystrup, David Garcia, Ashley Pandya, Kirk Peterson, Ronnie Spitzer

*Per the definition of a Community of Interest in the FAIR MAPS Act

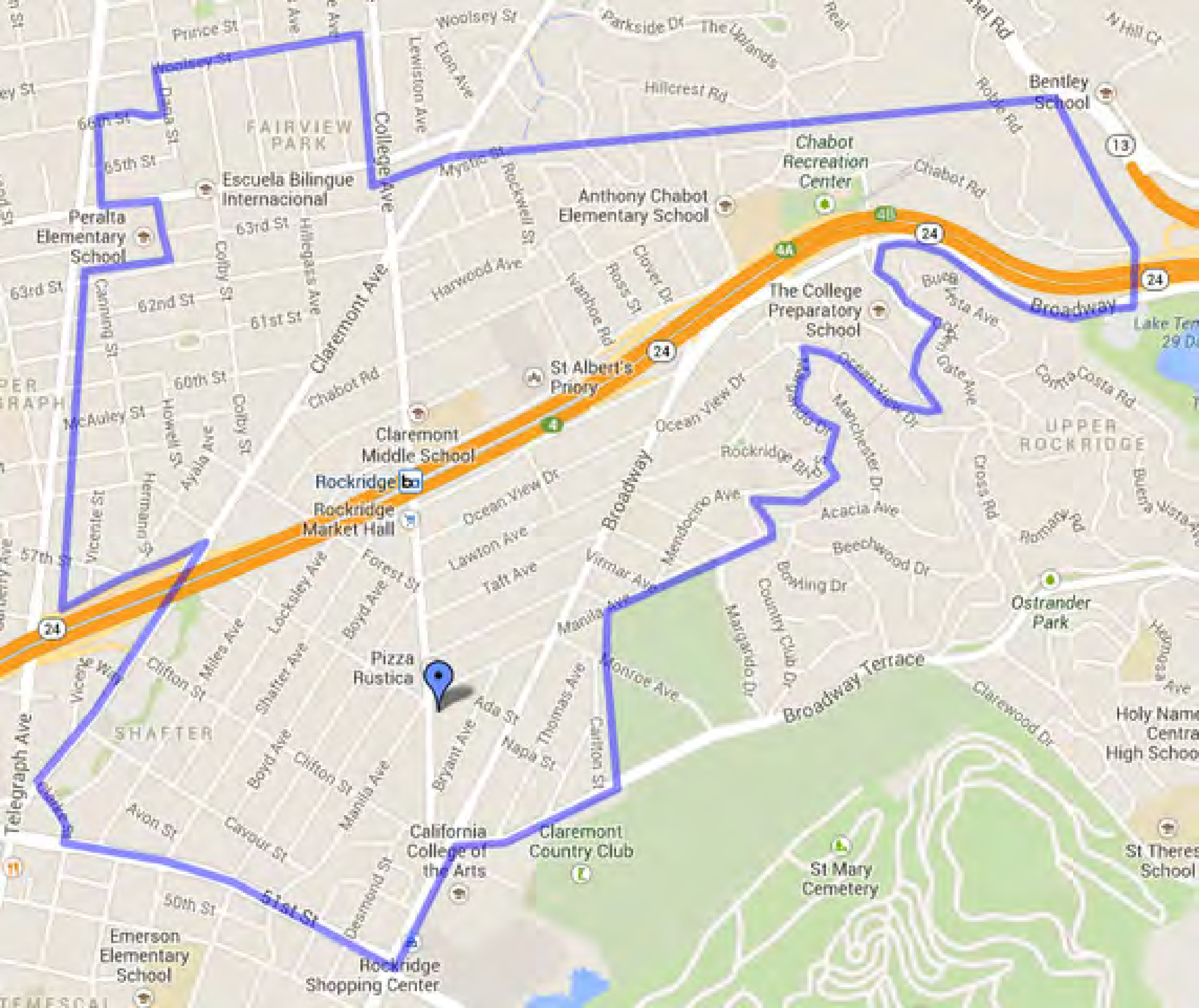
1. Community Name: Rockridge

2. Characteristics: Walkable, transit rich (Rockridge BART, AC Transit), CN-1 local retail, historically cohesive interesting (craftsman style) houses, apartments, and commercial buildings, long history of community involvement (Rockridge Community Planning Council, established in the 1970s and incorporated in 1985 - a neighborhood non-profit with a board of directors elected by the community), The Rockridge News (newspaper delivered to the doorsteps of 5,500 homes in Rockridge, in circulation since 1986).

3. Geographic footprint: Northeast Oakland, sharing a border with Berkeley on the north, to Telegraph Avenue on the west, 51 st Street on the south, and the more western of either Highway 13 or Broadway Terrace, and Broadway south of intersection with Broadway Terrace. Residents shop locally on College Avenue, recreate at Lake Temescal, Frog Park, Colby Park, and the BART and DMV parking lots (skateboarding, children cycling, etc.). Residents work from home, commute via BART, bicycle, bus, and automobile to employment in the East Bay, San Francisco, and Silicon Valley.

4. Relationship to city government: Rockridge, represented by the local non-profit Rockridge Community Planning Council, has a decades-long history of working cooperatively with the city on planning, transportation, the Rockridge branch library (including voting for a local parcel tax to pay for it), parks, and schools.

5. Why should Rockridge be preserved in a single district? Rockridge has functioned as a single geographical unit for over 100 years, with common issues (housing, transportation), institutions (schools, library, crime prevention council), our shopping district (College Avenue), and opportunities (parks, Library). Our common understanding has allowed us to successfully tackle various issues. Splitting Rockridge between two Council districts would introduce artificial boundaries and impact the community's ability to work towards future common goals, especially in the areas of housing and transportation. The Rockridge Community Planning Council tries to represents the entire Rockridge neighborhood, and with some elected board members living in one district and some in another, would encounter enormous difficulties effectively cooperating with the City. We have a long history of working collaboratively with whomever our City Councilmember is on many issues (informational issues, emergencies, major developments). Having multiple representatives would make this complicated and ineffective. If Rockridge residents were split into different districts, there would be vast confusion over which councilmember represents which people. When neighborhoods are divided, elected officials often deflect responsibility or responsiveness to the representative where the exact incident occurred. However, our issues are neighborhood-wide and effective government should ensure that a cohesive community is cohesively represented.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Claremont Country Club
St Mary Cemetery
St Theresa School
50th St
51st St
Emerson Elementary School
Rockridge Shopping Center
TEMESCAL

Luna, Richard

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 4:04 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Public comment on redistricting

Dear Mr Luna,

My name is Margie Lewis and I am an Oakland resident. I want to comment on maps C and D but especially D.
I the past there was a diversity in neighborhoods represented by the districts. By not using these metrics you change the diversity factor. Especially in map D it looks like the entire district is just the hills. I am saying no to a new plan that does not include diversity. This will hurt the city. No to maps C and D but especially D.

Thank you,

Margie lewis

Luna, Richard

From: Sheryl Walton [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 4:10 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting Comment for 10/13/21

Sheryl Walton. I live in District 7
Item #9.
I am totally oppose to the redistricting maps that move so far from the existing boundaries. I feel we do nothing need a separate district just for the Oakland hills. Thank you.

Sheryl Walton

Luna, Richard

From: Susan Piper [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 6:43 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Concern about the new maps

I live in Hiller Highlands, currently located in District 1. As an active advocate for wildfire prevention, I recognize that our neighborhood has much in common with Montclair (D4) and the hills of D6 and D7.

But I fear we will lose an important value-- that of dialogue among residents with differing points of view. Under the current Council Districts, D1 covers the hills, foothills and flats of North Oakland. The other maps would segregate the hills from other neighborhoods, with the result that we'd have 1 big district that is mostly the hills. That only reinforces the issues we have with "hills vs. flats".

I don't think that is helpful, especially since our City is changing demographically and economically. It only reinforces an us vs. them mentality at a time when we need to pull together in a civil dialogue.
I would prefer to see districts be more diverse-- so I wonder if using communities of interest is really the way to go.

Sue Piper

Luna, Richard

From: r cooke [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 7:38 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Oct 13 Redistricting Meeting

Good evening,
I spoke at the meeting on Oct 13. I referenced District 3 and indicated the population changes in the district on the margin are most similar to the demo of Districts 2 and 1 that abut D3. I indicated that those neighborhoods (specificallly area north of the south side of W Grand and east of Telegraph Ave) should be in A and B. I am writing now to confirm that I was speaking about the areas not the draft maps A and B.

Regards,
Ralph

Luna, Richard

From: Sheryl Walton [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 4:11 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting Comment

Good Afternoon,

Sheryl Walton, D7
Redistricting Committee 10/13/21 Item #9

I'm totally opposed to the Redistricting maps that move lines far from the existing boundaries. We do not need a district map just for the Oakland hills.

Thank you.
Sheryl Walton

Luna, Richard

From: Tom Dapice [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 4:56 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Re: Update - Oakland Redistricting Commission Meeting & Draft Maps

Thanks, Richard. Please provide my input to the Commission that I strongly oppose maps C and D which awkwardly divide West Oakland and other districts. These boundaries would disenfranchise neighborhoods with similar interests (e.g. West Oakland has to deal with pollution that is not in other districts).

Tom Dapice
D3 resident

Sent from my iPhone

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> **Richard J. Luna**
> *Deputy City Administrator*
> rluna@oaklandca.gov

(510) 238-4756

Luna, Richard

From: Mailisha Chesney [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 8:14 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Re: Update - Oakland Redistricting Commission Meeting & Draft Maps

- Thank you, Richard. I am one of the co-chairs of our NCPC group 21XY and tonight we heard from someone who attended your meeting last night. I just looked at the various draft proposals and I really liked the way version D is lad out. How do I "vote" for that one? Or is that not how this works...? I can listen to the recording you sent - of last night's meeting - if that lays out the process for me. But if you have time to let me know that I'd appreciate it. Thx!

~Mailisha

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Richard J. Luna

Deputy City Administrator

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Luna, Richard

From: Marion Mills [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 10:27 AM
To: Luna, Richard; Sheng Thao; Marion Mills
Subject: map D for redistricting

Please forward my comments to the Oakland City Council. " I am against Map D. It divides the business district in half. I am in favour of one unified Dimond District. Marion Mills, Dimond

Luna, Richard

From: Owen Goetze [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Public Comment for Redistricting Map

Hi Mr. Richard Luna,

Thank you and your staff for all your hard work on developing these proposals for the Oakland City Council and Board of Elections districts. I'd like to submit a comment in favor of Map Draft Plan D. I live in the Bushrod neighborhood and find myself more associated with Temescal, Longfellow, and the bulk of West Oakland rather than with Rockridge, the Claremont Hills, and Piedmont Ave. Although those are lovely places as well I think their City Council interests are fundamentally different than mine and think they should instead be grouped with the hills as proposed in Plan D.

Thank you again and have a great weekend,
Owen Goetze
Bushrod Resident

Luna, Richard

From: Susan Piper [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:12 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: Kalb, Dan; Thao, Sheng; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Treva; Taylor, Loren; Gallo, Noel; Fortunato Bas, Nikki; Reiskin, Edward; mayorsoffice@oaklandca.com
Subject: Oakland Firesafe Council's concerns with current Redistricting maps
Attachments: Letter to Redistricting Commission.pdf

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Please see the attached letter from the Oakland Firesafe Council.

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Sue Piper
Chair
Oakland Firesafe Council
www.oaklandfiresafecouncil.org
www.oaklandcpandr.org
[redacted]

October 26, 2021

Dear Redistricting Commission Members,

The Oakland Firesafe Council, representing residents in the very high and high fire severity zone of Oakland and the East Bay Hills, is extremely concerned with the current direction of the Commission in its effort to balance communities of interest and demographics in the redrawing of Council and School District boundaries.

We don't believe that placing most of the "hills" neighborhoods into one massive district well serves our City. Oakland is a vibrant city with as many opinions as races, ethnicities and communities of interest. What makes Oakland livable and dynamic are the many opportunities for cross fertilization of ideas and opinions. Isolating one group from another, as would happen with Maps B, C and D, runs counter to that which makes Oakland Oakland. It would further exacerbate the "hills" vs "flats" dynamic that hat already pits residents against each other instead of recognizing what we have in common. Limited resources and competing priorities make everyone feel shortchanged in influence and services. We need elected officials who listen to and represent the full range of Oakland's population so they create policies that benefit the whole city.

competing priorities.

The competition of priorities is precisely why we feel building into our districts the many opportunities for discourse and dialogue strengthens Oakland. It encourages people with opposing views to communicate rather than pontificate, which is what would happen if communities of interest were redistributed into one district.

We urge the Redistricting Commission to work with Map A, which uses the current East-West distribution of neighborhoods adjusted for the change in demographics as indicated by the 2020 Census.

Sincerely,

Sue Piper
Chair
Oakland Firesafe Council

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Luna, Richard

From: Jeffery Kahn [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:41 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: Alice Friedemann; Jeff Lawrence; Robin Slovak; Katie Daire; Philip Rich; Barbara Morrissette; Margaret Dollbaum; Charlie Dollbaum; Allen Fischer; Sue Fischer; Michael Barnett; Jill Tracy; Barbara Tittle
Subject: Gerrymandering a la Texas

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Dear Oakland Redistricting Commission members,

I lead the Rockridge Terrace Neighborhood Association, a neighborhood of
350 Oakland families west of Lake Temescal. We are very concerned about the proposed redistricting maps and are convinced that the direction you are going will lead to creating ever greater divisions among the citizens of Oakland.

We don't believe that placing most of the "hills" neighborhoods into one massive district is in the best interest of our City. Isolating one group from another, as would happen with Maps B, C and D, runs counter to that which makes Oakland Oakland. It would further exacerbate the "hills" vs "flats" dynamic that already pits residents against each other instead of recognizing what we have in common. Limited resources and competing priorities make everyone feel shortchanged in influence and services. We need elected officials who listen to and represent the full range of Oakland's population so they create policies that benefit the whole city. competing priorities.

We urge the Redistricting Commission to work with Map A, which uses the current East- West distribution of neighborhoods adjusted for the change in demographics as indicated by the 2020 Census.

Respectfully,

Jeffery Kahn / Rockridge Terrace Neighborhood Association

Luna, Richard

From: Jodie Smith [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 4:50 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Public comment, Item #5, Redistricting Cmsn 10/27/21

Good afternoon. I think it's important to keep all of Lake Merritt together in one district, as the communities around the lake form a single community of interest. Plan D does a good job of keeping Lake Merritt together in District B and is, overall, the strongest plan.

Plan B does a decent job of keeping Lake Merritt together in District B, with one key exception: the Uptown neighborhood. Breaking Uptown away from Downtown, Lakeside, and Lake Merritt would split the community of interest that exists between these three neighborhoods. If Plan B is pursued, Uptown should be added to District B.

Thank you for your efforts,
Jodie Smith
Oakland City Council District 3

Luna, Richard

From: Mary Ellen Navas [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 5:42 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Public Comments on Redistricting Maps
Attachments: PastedGraphic-2.pdf

Good Afternoon Richard Luna,

As a member of the Lakeside Neighborhood, I am delighted with the draft plan D that unites the neighborhood around the entire Lake Merritt shore into District B. This is the strongest plan from my perspective. The communities around Lake Merritt form a CoI that needs to have a unified voice regarding safety and public works. Draft Plan D also keeps the neighborhoods of Uptown, Downtown and Adams Point with Lakeside. I consider these my neighbors and the places I walk, shop, recreate and socialize. If for balancing purposes you need to take a little away from District A to add it to B, I would suggestion Civic Center or Northgate as natural parts of District B.
Having studied the maps and criteria to provide comments I realize how complex a challenge this is for the commission. Thank you for the work you are doing.

Mary Ellen Navas
[redacted]

Oakland City Council District 3

Luna, Richard

From: robbie@piedmontpines.org
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:20 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: Piedmont_pines_board@googlegroups.com
Subject: Public Comment for 10/27 Redistricting Commission meeting
Attachments: Redistricting Testimony 10272021 v2_Submitted.ERN.pdf

Agenda item 5: Redistricting Testimony
Full name: Stan Weisner, President Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association (Stan will also comment via Zoom)

Attached is the approved motion from the Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association

Testimony from the Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association (PPNA) at the October 27, 2021 Redistricting Commission Meeting Regarding Redistricting Map Proposals Under Consideration

The Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association (PPNA) is a voluntary association of property owners and renters in the Montclair district of Oakland. The Association works to research, organize and act as a unified voice for its 1400 households. A boundary map of PPNA can be viewed here. All homes in our boundaries are in the very high and high fire severity zone of Oakland.

PPNA position on Oakland redistricting:

1. PPNA endorses the central motivation of Measure DD, which is designed to create more sunshine around the redistricting process and allow for citizen interests to be paramount.
2. PPNA requests the Commission reinstate Map A for deeper consideration. PPNA believes that maintaining the Oakland hills as four Council districts (Map A) will continue to maximize socioeconomic diversity within each district and afford broader recognition and understanding of the many dynamics in play across all of Oakland.
3. Maintaining four districts across the Oakland hills (Map A) sensitizes those residents to all issues facing the City directly, through their respective Council member, who must balance the needs of a diverse constituency. Segmenting purely by communities of interest does the opposite: it would isolate rather than unite ideas, opinions and ultimately policies.
4. PPNA has found that the current general configuration of districts stretching east to west beneficially involves Oakland hills residents in all issues facing Oakland while also permitting a broader exposure to those issues with which we have heightened concern, e.g., wildfire prevention.
5. PPNA would strongly oppose any map that creates council districts that (perhaps inadvertently) cut through our boundaries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stan Weisner, President
Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association

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Luna, Richard

From: Jon Kaufman [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 12:50 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Districts Must Unite Oakland

Dear members of the Oakland Redistricting Commission,

Our city faces a myriad of problems and the members of the City Council must work together to address them. To be successful, the council members must be able to work with eachother and find solutions agreeable to all or at least to a majority.

Therefore, the council districts must be designed to reflect the diversity of the city rather than represent only a narrow viewpoint. That way the members will be able to work effectively together.

For this reason, Map A is by far the preferred choice. As a resident of the Oakland hills and as president of the Claremont Canyon Conservancy whose 500 members reside in the hills, our district must include residents of other neighborhoods and not just other hills residents. We want to and must work together to address the issues our city faces. Please make diversity rather than more narrow interests a goal of redistricting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jon Kaufman, President
Claremont Canyon Conservancy

Luna, Richard

From: Nancy [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:00 PM
To: Taylor, Loren
Cc: Kalb, Dan; Thao, Sheng; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Treva; Gallo, Noel; Fortunato Bas, Nikki; Reiskin, Edward; mayorsoffice@oaklandca.com; 'Susan Piper'; Luna, Richard; 'Steve Mendelson'
Subject: RE: Oakland Firesafe Council's concerns with current Redistricting maps

Dear Loren and Addressees,

As much as I respect Sue Piper, I do not agree with the position the Oakland Firesafe Council has taken with regard to redistricting.

For too long in our area of 25Y, resources and attention has more often than not been concentrated or re-directed to the "flats". I do not encourage divisiveness but, honestly, the needs in the hills *are* different than in the flats. Redistricting to Maps B, C or D do not mean we do not care about the flats just as we care about all of Oakland. However, the mere idea the flats do not need to be concerned about firestorms is a prime example.

Assuming redistricting would also bring about change in OPD Areas, it should be noted currently our CRO and OPD response is often not available because OPD attention is also redirected and concentrated in the flats. It makes sense to have a council representative and OPD Areas able to represent an equal area more aligned with similar concerns vs continuing the current competition.

Certainly I do not agree that Maps B, C and D do not include a population with a myriad of opinions as well as races and ethnicities. While Map A might benefit the "Montclair" point of view, if, as Ms. Piper suggests, the current districting promotes a "hills" vs "flats" dynamic, then why should the continuance be preferable?

The "flats" deserve full-time attention as do the "hills". Finally redistricting will address this.

Sincerely,
Nancy Safford
[redacted]

From: Susan Piper [mailto[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:12 PM
To: rluna@oaklandca.gov
Cc: Kalb, Dan; Thao, Sheng; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Treva; Taylor, Loren; Gallo, Noel; nfortunatobas@oaklandca.gov; Reiskin, Edward; mayorsoffice@oaklandca.com
Subject: Oakland Firesafe Council's concerns with current Redistricting maps

Please see the attached letter from the Oakland Firesafe Council.

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Sue Piper
Chair
Oakland Firesafe Council
www.oaklandfiresafecouncil.org
www.oaklandcpandr.org
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Elise Bernstein [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 3:58 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Oakland Redistricting

Greetings,
I find it difficult to understand the 4 Redistricting Maps presented.
1. It seems that one map creates a D4 that covers the Oakland Hills, which has a distinctly white-majority and higher income population of homeowners, and it does not include any portion of the flatlands, which has a majority BIPOC and lower income population of renters.
That map should not be considered seriously,
It is a fact that most Oakland Mayors have come from D4.
And it is true that areas with those D4 demographics traditionally have greater influence and political power. They more successfully organize and influence political decisions.
But that flies in the face of Oakland's goals of promoting equity throughout the city.

2. Question: Should each district contain a major economic development resource (ie. Lake Merritt, Oakland Coliseum, Jack London, Oakland Zoo, Business Improvement District, Oakland Airport, Chabot Space & Science Center, etc.)
Answer: Yes, providing each District a major economic development resource would seem to be equitable.

3. Question: Should Councilmember have electoral accountability to many different constituencies in Oakland (e.g., hills and flatlands) or a more homogeneous group of Oaklanders (e.g., only hills or only flatlands)?
Answer. Yes. Each council member should have to appeal to voters in many different constituencies and thereby require them to appeal to these different groups by promoting equitable decisions.

4. Question: Do you prefer each district reflect a diverse or single economic demographic?
Answer: Each district must reflect diverse economic demographics.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elise R Bernstein
[redacted] D6

Luna, Richard

From: Penny Righthand [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2021 10:24 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Comment on comments

Richard
I was just reading over the public comments on the attachment you sent re: redistricting. In my opinion, someone has done a terrible job of either summarizing or transcribing. Many of the comments are unintelligible.
While I can't speak to what anyone else intended to say, I would like to clarify the intent of my comment.
I believe it is near to impossible for one council member to represent communities whose needs are as different as West Oakland and Adams Point/Lake Merritt, so we all lose. And yet having a different council member fighting to improve each of those communities will benefit both, and, in fact, the whole city.
I think your map D does the best job of bringing together COIs and keeping our districts demographically diversified.
I hope this is clearer.
Thanks for all your efforts.
Penny

Luna, Richard

From: shayne del cohen [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 8:21 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting

[EXTERNAL] This email originated outside of the City of Oakland. Please do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and expect the message.

Please note that I am not in favor of an all hills district.
This is reminiscent of the redrawing of high school boundaries in the 60's……all to the detriment of of public education in Oakland.
The current plan does not take into effect established commercial patterns nor the districting of essential city services.
The "Commission" appears not to understand-or know-Oakland.
The "public hearing" process has been flawed.
At this point, retaining current boundaries with appropriate adjustment for the impact of transit villages would seem to be the most fair for meeting election deadlines and not appearing to gerrymander for political purposes. There is nothing precluding the "Commission" from continuing a professional study/public process for consideration over the next year.
Shayne Del Cohen
Lifetime Oaklander

Luna, Richard

From: Hannah Wolf [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 4:31 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Public comment for district meeting

[EXTERNAL] This email originated outside of the City of Oakland. Please do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and expect the message.

Dear Richard,

My comment is for Item 7:

My name is Hannah Wolf and I'm a 24-year-old constituent who was raised in and lives with family in Oakland. As someone who lives in Upper Rockridge, I am concerned about the city's proposal to create an all-hills district. Oakland is the 14th-most segregated city of its size, as evidenced by neighborhoods like mine where residents are largely white and wealthy. Creating an all-hills district would create more socio-economic and racial segregation than there already is in Oakland, concentrating wealth in an already wealthy area rather than distributing it more evenly to working and middle-class neighbors. I cannot help but imagine schools and small businesses in the flatlands suffering from wealth concentration in an all-hills district.

Thank you.
Hannah Wolf

Sent from my iPhone

Luna, Richard

From: Mary Sullivan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 5:01 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistributing

To the Redistricting Commission

I am in support of this statement from Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association regarding maintaining Map A keeping the Oakland Hills area being kept in 4 districts rather than area of interest:

Last week, PPNA filed this testimony:

1. *PPNA endorses the central motivation of Measure DD, which is designed to create more sunshine around the redistricting process and allow for citizen interests to be paramount.*
2. *PPNA requests the Commission reinstate Map A for deeper consideration. PPNA believes that maintaining the Oakland hills as four Council districts (Map A) will continue to maximize socioeconomic diversity within each district and afford broader recognition and understanding of the many dynamics in play across all of Oakland.*
3. *Maintaining four districts across the Oakland hills (Map A) sensitizes those residents to all issues facing the City directly, through their respective Council member, who must balance the needs of a diverse constituency. Segmenting purely by communities of interest does the opposite: it would isolate rather than unite ideas, opinions and ultimately policies.*
4. *PPNA has found that the current general configuration of districts stretching east to west beneficially involves Oakland hills residents in all issues facing Oakland while also permitting a broader exposure to those issues with which we have heightened concern, e.g., wildfire prevention.*
5. *PPNA would strongly oppose any map that creates council districts that (perhaps inadvertently) cut through our boundaries.*

Signed

Mary Sullivan
[redacted]
94611

Luna, Richard

From: Ezra Kong [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 5:42 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Public Comment! Agenda item 7

Hi Richard,

I have a public comment for agenda item 7.

I'm Ezra Kong and I live in District 5, currently a renter.

As someone who lives in the Oakland flatlands, I am writing to express my strong opposition to an all-hills district which I believe would privilege the more upper class, white residents of Oakland in voting power. An all hills district would harm voter power towards the lower income and more diverse flatlands. As many districts as possible should have a portion of the flatlands to ensure our voices are heard and not diluted.

Thank you,
Ezra

Luna, Richard

From: S. Gee [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 5:59 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Fwd: Redistricting comment

Richard:

Public Comment from Casey Farmer via text at 11/1/21 meeting to Commissioner Gee

" Hi there! I just heard your question to the redistricting commission.

No, cities cannot move toward at large districts. Many cities (ex locally in Fremont, Dublin, and Livermore) have been sued for having at-large districts because they limit the opportunities of people of color to get elected and to be adequately represented. ".

From Casey Farmer

Mr.Farmer offered the following link:

https://www.naacpldf.org/wp-content/uploads/At-Large-Voting-Frequently-Asked-Questions-1.pdf

Thanks for including as part of public comments.
Commissioner Gee

Luna, Richard

From: Aileen Frankel [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 6:26 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Please have one council district encircle Lake Merritt

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Richard,
Pardon the delay, I just saw the directions about the November 1, 2021 meeting on City Council redistricting.

Because the issues of preservation of the landscaped area, ecology, and environment for residents and visitors, is so important, please have the border area of Lake Merritt all in ONE Oakland City Council District.

Thank you,

Aileen Frankel
[redacted]
Oakland, CA 94618

Luna, Richard

From: Kathleen Hirooka [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 11:17 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: District 4
Subject: Comment on Redistricting proposals: RECONSIDERATION OF MAP A WITH MODIFICATIONS

Dear Commissioners:
I live in District 4 and I am very concerned about the majority of new proposals (Maps B, C and D) for district boundaries with regard to my own and other Hills areas. **Isolating the regions above Hwy 13/580 would not serve our interests or that of the interests of the city as a whole.** While I am not opposed to some modifications in district lines due to changing census figures, I believe that taking a closer look at **Map A** with modifications would be the best option.

There currently exists a great cross-fertilization of different interests, ethnic and socio-economic groups as those districts are now configured. Having this diversity means that the people who reside there must work with one another and better understand each others' concerns.

Isolating the Hill areas into one massive district will exacerbate attitudes of "hills" versus "flatlands" that already exist to some extent. Furthermore, I know my husband and myself actually feel that we have more in common with adjacent neighborhoods below Hwy. 13 in our district than with more distant hill areas in the wide and narrow expanse that is being proposed for Maps B, C and D.

I strongly urge you to reconsider Map A with modifications and to NOT isolate the Hills into its own narrow district. Thank you.

Sincerely.
Kathleen Hirooka
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 12:23 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: gsirbulaw@aol.com
Subject: Comment on Proposed Redistricting Maps

Dear Commission Chair and Members:

I live in the hill area of District 4 and urge that the Commission adopt Map A. District 4 needs to continue to have the City's council members and OUSD board members represent a cross-section of Oakland voters: This consideration outweighs that of community of interest: A more diverse population of voters in a district preserves a stronger dialogue and sense of community. Maps B, C, and D would substantially place the hills residents into one district and would place their interests against those of the rest of the City. The result would be division and tension rather than cross-interest problem solving that produces joint solutions, healing and unity.

Gary Sirbu
[redacted]
Oakland

Luna, Richard

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 11:06 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: 'Board'
Subject: Redistricting Maps for Oakland Council and School Board -2021
Attachments: re-distrciting 10-2021 (CSJ EDITS).docx

Dear Mr. Luna,

The North Hills Community Association has drafted the attached letter expressing concerns and support for the redistricting effort now underway as a result of the 2020 census.
We would appreciate your sharing this letter with the Commission and any other interested party. We look forward to continuing to monitor the efforts of the Commission and trust that they will take into account our concerns as we represent nearly 10,000 (3,500 homes) residents of the City of Oakland in the North Oakland Hills.

Thank you for your consideration and efforts on behalf of the City

Steve Hanson
Chair NHCA

THANKS
Steven E. Hanson
[redacted]

North Hills Community Association

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November 1, 2021

rluna@oaklandca.gov
Richard J. Luna
Deputy City Administer
City of Oakland
Redistricting Commission
1 Frank H Ogawa Plaza
Oakland, CA 94612

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

Testimony from the North Hills Community Association (NHCA) to the Redistricting Commission Regarding Redistricting Map Proposals

The NHCA serves approximately 10,000 people living in Oakland's North Hills communities, in an area roughly contiguous with Oakland Police beat 13Y. (See the NHCA map.) Our organization formed in 1993 in the wake of the October 1991 Tunnel Fire. That blaze, as you may know, destroyed about 3,500 homes and killed 25 people. The NHCA's purpose in its early days was to support homeowners seeking to rebuild in their dealings with insurers and City agencies. Today, the NHCA focuses on broader issues of general concern; for example, public safety, wildfire prevention, community engagement and issue advocacy. And now, Oakland's redistricting effort.

Need for Redistricting

We understand the importance of this effort, and of making sure that as Oakland's population grows and changes, its citizens are represented fairly and equally by elected members of the city council and school board. We understand the need to adjust City legislative boundaries so as to reflect population and demographic changes over time. We support a process that is fully transparent and solicits public participation.

NHCA's Views Regarding Map Options Currently in Discussion:

The NHCA is most supportive of the Map A option, which makes mostly minor revisions to existing council districts in response to subtle population changes across the City. We could also support Maps B and C, but with less enthusiasm, as they appear to segregate some hills areas from the rest of the city. However, we find the district boundaries as shown in Map D unacceptable and contrary to what we believe is the spirit and purpose of redistricting.

Map D effectively segregates all hills communities into a single council district. While hills areas do share certain issues and concerns, for example, emergency access, infrastructure maintenance, vegetation management, and ever-present wildfire hazards, we oppose creating a hills-only district simply because of those shared characteristics. Isolating the hills from the rest of the city seems to us divisive and unhelpful, especially if the goal is to bring the city together, reinforce a sense of community, and share economic risks and opportunities.

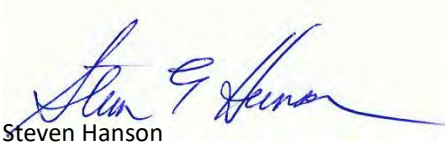
We will continue to monitor the work of the Redistricting Commission and, as allowed and necessary, provide more input. Our thought is that the existing council districts serve us well, though they may need minor adjustments based on changes of population. Each district should reflect approximately equal populations relative to size and demographics. The ideal map would avoid radical changes to districts and council seats, particularly if there is no compelling argument for change.

In Summary:

Each and every one of us makes decisions about where to live based on our own personal needs, values and interests. Some people like to live close to work. Others prefer living in an established, mature city in the center of the Bay Area. Some like to take advantage of environmentally sensitive public transit, businesses and services established over many years. Most of us live here in Oakland because we have a strong sense of community and value the diversity and educational and cultural opportunities that living here affords.

As you contemplate options for new council districts, we encourage you to think of options that will bring people together in support of the entire Oakland community. Please don't segregate hills communities to be apart and separate from our flatland neighbors. That would be a disservice to us, to the City and to people living in all Oakland communities.

Sincerely,



Steven Hanson
Chair

cc: North Hills Community Association Board

Luna, Richard

From: Craig Downing [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:09 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: District 4
Subject: REDISTRICTING

Thank you for publishing these. As a resident of current council district 4, I am very much in support of Map Proposal B or A, in that order. (I'm unclear why there is the weird little dangly bit hanging out of Map Proposal A centered around 35th south west of 580, but that seems inconsequential to my primary interests.).

For my community C and D would be very disruptive to the things that are most relevant to our community, from a traffic pattern,s hills fire safety, and our highway corridor perspective.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,.

Craig Downing
[redacted]
Oakland, CA

Luna, Richard

From: Helen Smiler [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 11:41 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Redistricting Plan for Rockridge

Dear Richard Luna,

We have already shared some of our thoughts on the Redistricting Commission's webform but just read the letter written by the Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC) stating its preference for Maps A and B which are close to the current council boundaries for District 1. We strongly agree with the points made in the RCPC letter to the commission, particularly the points about Rockridge being a cohesive neighborhood and about the importance of being able to work with a single council person on community issues.

We are 45 year residents of Rockridge, living just west of College Avenue, around the corner from the Market Hall. We no longer have a child in school but when we did, she attended Chabot Elementary and Claremont Middle Schools, and had friends living on both sides of College Avenue. Map D would have had us living in one council and school board district but sending a child to school in another. That makes no sense and would only cause confusion if we had issues or concerns to share and again at election time when we would have had to vote for a school board member who did not represent the schools our child attended.

We also patronize businesses on College Avenue both north and south of the BART/Highway 24 overpass. If the construction of that overpass did not divide the community, why do it with the artificial boundaries of Map D?

Thank you for your consideration,
Helen Smiler and Marlene Johnson
[redacted]
Oakland, 94618

Luna, Richard

From: Doug Berman [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 1:36 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Redistricting comment

Hello Mr. Luna,

I was disappointed to read today that one of the potential city redistricting maps divides my community. A proposed map would separate portions of the Rockridge neighborhood into two districts. One of things we've liked about living here is that neighbors seems to view ourselves as a single community, caring as much about College Ave. retail as the micro neighborhoods that support and benefit from College Ave. From community meetings to social events, there is a sense that we are one community, and what affects one area, affects all others. I would be very happy if the redistricting committee allowed us to continue to see ourselves that way, and be represented as one community.

I know these are complicated issues with many constituencies and needs to balance, and I thank you for considering my point of view.

Best regards,

Doug Berman
[redacted]
Oakland

Luna, Richard

From: Tom Cuff [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 1:44 PM
To: Luna, Richard; Rockridge Info
Subject: Redistricting of Rockridge neighborhood

Dear Commissioners,
I am writing to ask that you keep the Rockridge neighborhood together and redistrict more like "Map B". "Map D" puts many neighbors in a different district which splits our common interests on many issues.
Thank you for your consideration.
Thomas Cuff, [redacted] 94618

Luna, Richard

From: Mike Bradley [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 2:06 PM
To: 'glenfriends'
Cc: Gallo, Noel; Luna, Richard
Subject: RE: [glenfriends] [montclair-neighbors] Oakland Redistricting

I agree that an all-hills district is a bad idea. I worry that the A & B maps separate the districts by income as much as anything else. That could set up nasty competitions with racial/ethnic dimensions. I would rather each councilmember represent as broad a cross-section of the city as possible.

+ Mike Bradley

From: glenfriends@groups.io <glenfriends@groups.io> **On Behalf Of** Michael Kilian via groups.io
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 8:56 AM
To: glenfriends <glenfriends@groups.io>
Subject: [glenfriends] [montclair-neighbors] Oakland Redistricting

Hi All,

The perspective below has some import to The Glenview.

Michael Kilian
Greenwood Ave.

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Macy Cornell** [redacted]
Date: Fri, Nov 5, 2021 at 8:45 AM
Subject: [montclair-neighbors] Oakland Redistricting
To: <main@montclair-neighbors.groups.io>

Hello all,
I wanted to provide you with some information regarding the Redistricting that scheduled to happen here in Oakland by Dec. 31st, 2021. We discussed this in our MNC meeting last night and have decided as a Steering Committee to send a "formal" statement to the Oakland Redistricting Commission that we believe Map A (no change to the current districting boundaries) is the best choice for the 13Z area. We share this stance with the Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association and the Oakland Firesafe Council. Here's why:

Montclair Neighborhood Council, representing residents in the very high and high fire severity zone of Oakland and the East Bay Hills, is extremely concerned with the current direction of the Commission in its effort to balance communities of interest and demographics in the redrawing of Council and School District boundaries.

We don't believe that placing most of the "hills" neighborhoods into one massive district serves our City. Oakland is a vibrant city with as many opinions as races, ethnicities and communities of interest. What makes Oakland livable and dynamic are the many opportunities for cross fertilization of ideas and opinions. **Isolating one group from another, as would happen with Maps B, C and D, runs counter to that which makes Oakland Oakland. It would further exacerbate the "hills" vs "flats" dynamic** that already pits residents against each other instead of recognizing what we have in common. Limited resources and competing priorities make everyone feel shortchanged in influence and services. We need elected officials who listen to and represent the full range of Oakland's population so they create policies that benefit the whole city.

Competing Priorities

The competition of priorities is precisely why we feel building into our districts the many opportunities for discourse and dialogue strengthens Oakland. It encourages people with opposing views to communicate rather than pontificate, which is what would happen if communities of interest were redistributed into one district.

We urge the Redistricting Commission to work with Map A, which uses the current East-West distribution of neighborhoods adjusted for the change in demographics as indicated by the 2020 Census.

Here is more information for you to make your own choice. We urge you to **make your voices heard in the following ways:**

- Learn more at oaklandca.gov/redistricting
- Fill out this form with your input
- Speak at, or provide written testimony for, an upcoming Commission meeting or workshop. The schedule and details are here
    - Monday, November 1, 2021
    - Wednesday, November 10, 2021
    - Monday, November 15, 2021
    - Wednesday, December 1, 2021
    - Monday, December 6, 2021
    - Wednesday, December 8, 2021
- File your opinion with an email to the Commissioners. Feel free to crib from the above testimonies or voice your own opinion: rluna@oaklandca.gov

- Suggest your own map here

We hope you will take some time to address this very important issue.

Best regards,
Macy

Macy M. Cornell

MNC Chairperson

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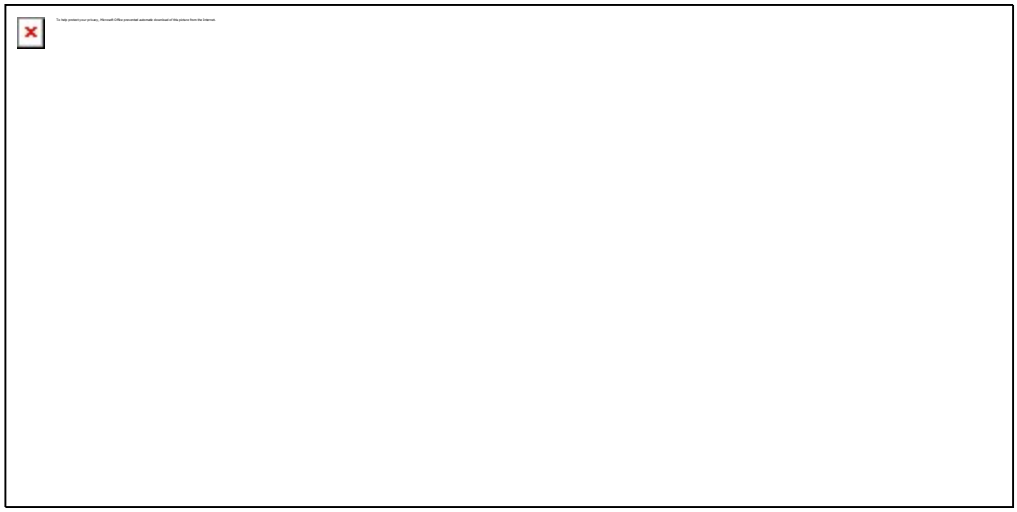

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Luna, Richard

From: [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 2:18 PM
To: Mike Bradley; glenfriends
Cc: Gallo, Noel; Luna, Richard
Subject: Re: [glenfriends] [montclair-neighbors] Oakland Redistricting

And Glenview has far more community of interest with nearby lower Dimond/ parts of Dimond & Glenview along Park Blvd. (sadly) on the Sideshow issue, as reported/posted on Glenfriends today about last night's hours-long sideshows along Macarthur, from Laguna, up past Sts. near Dimond Safeway, Fruitvale and up to the Altenheim.

mary

On 11/06/2021 2:06 PM Mike Bradley [redacted] wrote:

I agree that an all-hills district is a bad idea. I worry that the A & B maps separate the districts by income as much as anything else. That could set up nasty competitions with racial/ethnic dimensions. I would rather each councilmember represent as broad a cross-section of the city as possible.

+ Mike Bradley

From: glenfriends@groups.io <glenfriends@groups.io> **On Behalf Of** Michael Kilian via groups.io
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 8:56 AM
To: glenfriends <glenfriends@groups.io>
Subject: [glenfriends] [montclair-neighbors] Oakland Redistricting

Hi All,

The perspective below has some import to The Glenview.

Michael Kilian

Greenwood Ave.

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From: **Macy Cornell** [redacted]
Date: Fri, Nov 5, 2021 at 8:45 AM
Subject: [montclair-neighbors] Oakland Redistricting
To: <main@montclair-neighbors.groups.io>

Hello all,
I wanted to provide you with some information regarding the Redistricting that scheduled to happen here in Oakland by Dec. 31st, 2021. We discussed this in our MNC meeting last night and have decided as a Steering Committee to send a "formal" statement to the Oakland Redistricting Commission that we believe Map A (no change to the current districting boundaries) is the best choice for the 13Z area. We share this stance with the Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association and the Oakland Firesafe Council. Here's why:

Montclair Neighborhood Council, representing residents in the very high and high fire severity zone of Oakland and the East Bay Hills, is extremely concerned with the current direction of the Commission in its effort to balance communities of interest and demographics in the redrawing of Council and School District boundaries.

We don't believe that placing most of the "hills" neighborhoods into one massive district serves our City. Oakland is a vibrant city with as many opinions as races, ethnicities and communities of interest. What makes Oakland livable and dynamic are the many opportunities for cross fertilization of ideas and opinions. **Isolating one group from another, as would happen with Maps B, C and D, runs counter to that which makes Oakland Oakland. It would further exacerbate the "hills" vs "flats" dynamic** that already pits residents against each other instead of recognizing what we have in common. Limited resources and competing priorities make everyone feel shortchanged in influence and services. We need elected officials who listen to and represent the full range of Oakland's population so they create policies that benefit the whole city.

Competing Priorities

The competition of priorities is precisely why we feel building into our districts the many opportunities for discourse and dialogue strengthens Oakland. It encourages people with opposing views to communicate rather than pontificate, which is what would happen if communities of interest were redistributed into one district.

We urge the Redistricting Commission to work with Map A, which uses the current East-West distribution of neighborhoods adjusted for the change in demographics as indicated by the 2020 Census.

Here is more information for you to make your own choice. We urge you to **make your voices heard in the following ways:**

- Learn more at oaklandca.gov/redistricting
- Fill out this form with your input
- Speak at, or provide written testimony for, an upcoming Commission meeting or workshop. The schedule and details are here
  - Monday, November 1, 2021
  - Wednesday, November 10, 2021
  - Monday, November 15, 2021
  - Wednesday, December 1, 2021
  - Monday, December 6, 2021
  - Wednesday, December 8, 2021
- File your opinion with an email to the Commissioners. Feel free to crib from the above testimonies or voice your own opinion: rluna@oaklandca.gov

- Suggest your own map here

We hope you will take some time to address this very important issue.

Best regards,
Macy

Macy M. Cornell

MNC Chairperson

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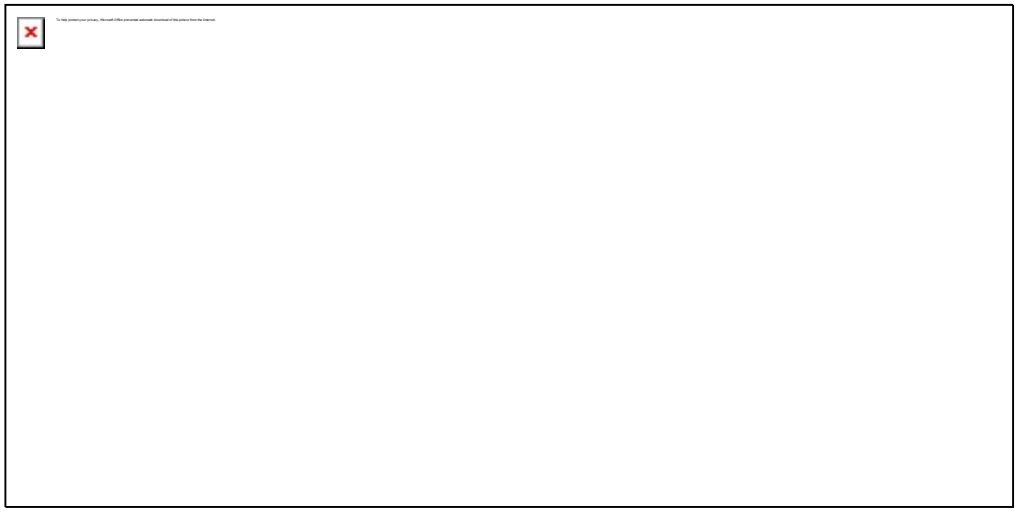

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Luna, Richard

From: Patrick Zak [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 2:30 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Redistricting

I am a 30 year resident of Oakland and current Rockridge resident. I live on Birch Court, just above College Ave and previously lived on Hudson Avenue, just below College Ave.

I have reviewed a couple of proposed maps and very much feel that Map D would unnecessarily divide Rockridge. I believe my neighborhood shares much more in common with areas around College, including above and below it than the hills area. Please do not divide Rockridge as it is a very cohesive neighborhood.

Thank you,

Patrick Zak
[redacted] Oakland, CA 94618

Luna, Richard

From: mnthomas1946 [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 2:55 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.oorg
Subject: Rockridge Councilmember Districts

Hello Mr. Luna,
I am writing in support of Map B and against Map D.
We live on Rockridge Blvd and are currently part of the Rockridge District as defined by the RCPC. For the 24 years we've lived here we have been part of the Rockridge community. As a community we have funded our own public library and have many community events. To preserve this community we need Map B so that we share the same council member.

Thank You
Martin thomas

Luna, Richard

From: Elizabeth Byrne [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 2:57 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Redistricting Maps: Keep Rockridge Whole

Dear Deputy City Administrator Richard Luna,

I'm writing to urge the Oakland Redistricting Commission to keep Rockridge in one whole district as it has been for many years.

Rockridge perfectly fits Oakland's City Charter's definition of a Community of Interest, meeting the criteria of the Fair Maps Act for not being divided. We are a cohesive community and have functioned as a single geographical unit for more than 100 years. Our common community goals have allowed us to develop and maintain one of Oakland's most successful and profitable neighborhood business and shopping districts, as well as one of the city's most livable areas.

Please keep us whole.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Douthitt Byrne
[redacted]
Oakland CA 94618
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Karen Ivy [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 3:39 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org; Mike Ubell
Subject: About the proposed district maps

Mr. Luna,
I'd like to comment on the proposed city council redistricting of north Oakland. As I understand it, there are 2 potential maps:

Map B – in which district A goes between essentially Emeryville (at Vallejo St.) in the west and highway 13 in the east, bounded on the north by the Berkeley border and on the south by Piedmont and by the MacArthur Freeway. This is close to the current council district including Rockridge, which includes Temescal on the west and most of upper Rockridge (Oakland police beat 13X) on the east.

Map D – in which the northern part of district A starts at Vallejo St. and comes east, but only to College Avenue (and not always that far), and stops at College and Broadway. This district splits Rockridge into 2 different city council districts – district A (which continues from Berkeley south to the Nimitz and includes Temescal and Koreatown) includes "west Rockridge," and district D (also Montclair, Piedmont, and much of "the hills" south of them) includes "east Rockridge," which is the part I live in.

Rockridge has been a community long enough that the Greater Rockridge Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), of which I am the secretary, includes Oakland police beats 12Y (Telegraph Avenue to Broadway) and 13X (Broadway to Highway 13). Map D would split the Rockridge neighborhood in half and might actually require rearranging multiple NCPC boundaries. The NCPC frequently entertains our city council member or his staff at our meetings, and if we were in 2 different city council districts, we'd have to double those arrangements, and the meetings might only be of interest to half our residents. I agree with the Rockridge Community Planning Council that this would dilute our voice, fragment our community, and reduce the effectiveness of our government. I urge you strongly to implement map B and not split Rockridge in half. Here are the RCPC's opinions, which which I concur:

- Our neighborhood meets the definition of a COI perfectly, as defined by Oakland's own City Charter. In the Charter it states that the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local COI shall be respected in a manner that minimizes their division to the extent possible.
- Rockridge issues are neighborhood-wide. Effective government should ensure that a cohesive community is cohesively represented.
- Rockridge has functioned as a single geographical unit for more than 100 years, and our common understanding has allowed us to successfully tackle many issues.
- Splitting Rockridge between two council districts would introduce artificial boundaries and impact the community's ability to work effectively towards future common goals.

I appreciate your attention to my input.

Karen Ivy
secretary@rockridgencpc.com
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Secretary, Greater Rockridge NCPC, beats 12Y and 13X

Luna, Richard

From: Richard Cowan [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 4:13 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: District Mapping

[EXTERNAL] This email originated outside of the City of Oakland. Please do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and expect the message.

To whom it may concern,

My name is Richard Cowan and I support Map A because it is the only one that does not divide our D4 neighborhoods such as Redwood Heights and the Dimond. Using Route 580 as a dividing line is an artificial construct that does not take into consideration community cohesion. I also oppose an all-hills district because I believe that each City Councilmember should represent all manner of residents from both the hills and the flats.

As a resident of Redwood Heights for over 30 years, a former Council Aide, and the former President of the Redwood Heights Neighborhood Association (now named the Redwood Heights Association), I implore you not to fragment our long standing communities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sent from my iPhone
Richard Cowan

Luna, Richard

From: Janice Yager [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 4:53 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Redistricting Map B is Most Appropriate for Rockridge

Dear Mr. Luna,

Redistricting Map B is most appropriate for the Rockridge District. Rockridge meets the definition of a Community of Interest (COI) perfectly, as defined by Oakland's own City Charter. The Charter states that the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local COI shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division to the extent possible. Effective government needs to ensure that a cohesive community is represented as a whole. I heartily support final adoption of Map B as the appropriate redistricting scheme for the Rockridge neighborhood.

Sincerely,

J. W. Yager
District 1

Luna, Richard

From: Carol Bieri [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 5:28 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Proposed Oakland City Council redistricting maps

For the 38 years I have lived in Rockridge, it has been vital to have the neighborhood represented by one City Councilperson. We are a strong neighborhood precisely because of this fair representation. I **strongly** oppose any map that divides Rockridge, as does your map D.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Bieri
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Christine Acker [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:53 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: info@rockridge.org

[EXTERNAL] This email originated outside of the City of Oakland. Please do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and expect the message.

I am writing to protest the carving up of Rockridge in one of the proposed redistricting plans. There is no reason to cut the area into two parts with two council districts--we have functioned well for some
100 years, and have the geographic integrity defined by Oakland's City Charter. I endorse most emphatically Map B for the upcoming redistricting plans for Oakland.

Yours,

Christine Acker

[redacted]

94618

Luna, Richard

From: Carolyn Mahoney [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 12:34 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Redistricting in Rockridge

Deputy City Administrator Luna,

I am writing to you with comments on Rockridge redistricting. I have lived in Upper Rockridge for 25 years.
I am referencing the two maps that were recently published in The "Rockridge News".

I wish to state my strong objection to "Map D". Not only does it split the Rockridge neighborhood geographically, it splits local community interests. My first thought I had when Reviewing Map D is that the people responsible did not understand Rockridge and North Oakland or they would have not proposed a geographic boundary that does not represent the neighborhood interests.

I can support" Map B" as more fairly representative of the issues of the Rockridge neighborhoods.

SIncerely,
Carolyn Mahoney
[redacted]
Oakland, CA 94618

Luna, Richard

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 12:38 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Objection to Map D

Hello,
I live on the east side of Broadway and therefore would be separated from the heart of the Rockridge district according to Map D.
I shop in Rockridge, not Montclair, I use the Rockridge Library, I support the Rockridge Community Planning Council, and feel very much part of the community that has been identified as Rockridge for more than 100 years. Rockridge has a very distinct community of interest that should be preserved.
Thank you for your consideration.
Myrna Walton
[redacted]
Oakland, CA 94618

Luna, Richard

From: Kevin Flynn [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: District 1 Division

What are your carving up District 1? Why am I only hearing about this from RCPC and not from the City Council? I really object to this unwanted action without notification and the possibility of losing my elected representative and reducing the voice of RCPC.

Kevin Flynn
[redacted]
Oakland 94618

Luna, Richard

From: Lara Coffin [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 6:08 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Please Keep Rockridge Whole in One District

Dear Mr. Luna,

I am a Rockridge resident and am very concerned with the idea of our community being split by two council districts. Oakland's city charter states that the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood shall be respected and I would like to ask that this be honored. Rockridge has been a neighborhood for over 100 years and this will really split our community. I love how Rockridge comes together to tackle many issues and splitting us up will severely impact our ability to work towards common goals.

Thank you for your consideration,
Lara Coffin
([redacted] Oakland, CA 94618
parent of an OUSD 5th and 7th grader)

Luna, Richard

From: Tim Little [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 6:26 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Don't tear up Rockridge in redistricting

Dear Administrator Luna,

I have learned that there is consideration of splitting up Rockridge between two city council districts. Such a split would not be justified by either community need nor law. Rockridge has been a single geographical unit for more than 100 years, and this has led Rockridge to develop and maintain a strong and cohesive neighborhood identity and neighborhood infrastructure. Splitting Rockridge in half will undercut our neighborhood's ability to work together to meet the challenges of crime, housing, affordability and traffic. And, since Rockridge is a strong existing Community of Interest as defined by Oakland's City Charter, the FAIR MAP Act's criteria of minimizing the division of Communities of Interest requires that Rockridge remain whole in the final council district maps.

I urge you reject Proposed Map D, which would arbitrarily split Rockridge in half, and adopt Map B, which come much closer to maintaining Rockridge's neighborhood integrity.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments,
Thomas Little
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Richard Hawkins [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:18 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Proposed District 1 Maps

Mr. Luna,
As a 34-year resident of Rockridge, I urge the Redistricting Commission to keep my neighborhood intact when drawing the new city council district maps. Rockridge has a very strong neighborhood sensibility, represented by organizations such as The Rockridge Community Planning Council and College Avenue Merchants Association, and manifested in the monthly Rockridge News newsletter and website, an annual street faire, and a historic fundraising effort to build a new neighborhood branch library. Proposed Map D would spilt this neighborhood between two districts, not just separating neighbors, but also merchants across the street from each other on sections of College Avenue and Broadway in violation of the redistricting goal of keeping communities of interest intact.

Proposed Map B, on the other hand, keeps all of Oakland's northernmost neighborhoods together, using natural boundaries such as Highways 13 and 580, and the city borders with Berkeley, Emeryville, and Piedmont. Of the two proposed maps, Map B makes much more sense.

Thank you for passing my input along to the Redistricting Commission.

Richard Hawkins
[redacted]
Oakland

Luna, Richard

From: Jody London [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:27 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistributing Maps

Dear Mr. Luna,
I would appreciate it if you could share my comment with the Redistricting Commission.
Thank you.

Dear Oakland Redistricting Commission:
Thank you to each of you for the work you are doing on behalf of our city. These are difficult decisions and I know you are balancing many priorities.

I am writing to share my experience as a member of the Oakland School Board representing District 1 from 2009 - 2020. As an elected official, I felt a great responsibility to represent those neighborhoods that had been historically underserved by our education system and other government services. Each time I ran for office, I had the opportunity to canvass all of District 1. During the 12 years I was on the School Board, I had the opportunity to work with school communities from the Emeryville/Berkeley border up to Skyline Boulevard. When I hosted public meetings, I paid great attention to making sure that members of our community had an opportunity to visit schools in every part of District 1, particularly the western parts of the District.

I understand that the Redistricting Commission has narrowed the pool of options to Plan B and Plan D. While I see great value in requiring elected officials to be responsible to a broad range of communities in our diverse city, including communities on either side of Highway 13, I understand that the Commision is working to better empower communities that have historically felt underrepresented and creating a district that is comprised of neighborhoods east of Highway 13 might facilitate this.

In choosing between Plan B and Plan D, **I encourage you to adopt Plan B**. In my experience, the neighborhoods between College Avenue and Highway 13 are more aligned as a community of interest with the other neighborhoods in North Oakland than the neighborhoods east of Highway 13. Highway 13 truly is a dividing line in terms of where residents shop, how they travel, which schools their children attend, which libraries they use, and so on.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,
Jody London
Oakland School Board, 2009-2020
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Christian Peeples [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:59 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: Valerie Winemiller; Janani Ramachandran
Subject: Redistricting Comments Re. Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood

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Dear Members of the Oakland Redistricting Commission:Oakland

Please keep the Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood together and keep it with other "streetcar suburb" neighborhoods. Map "A" works well. Maps "C" and "D" do not.

The Piedmont Ave neighborhood goes from Broadway Street on the North to Oakland Avenue on the South and from MacArthur Boulevard on the East to the Mountain View cemetery on the West.

I have lived in the Piedmont Avenue neighborhood at 4037 Howe Street for 46 years. I have been a member of, and acti ve in, the residential neighborhood group, -
- PANIL (Piedmont Ave Neighborhood Improvement League) and very active in Oakland politics for all that time. I serve d on the last two Charter revision Commissions and was on the initial Oakland Ethics Commission. I served as the first a dministrative assistant to the honorable Mary Moore, council member for District 2 (the Piedmont Ave neighborhood w as then part of District 2 until the 1990 redistricting) and was extremely active in the 1980, 1990 end 2000 Oakland redis trictings. I was the lead Board member on the 2000 and 2010 AC Transit redistrictings, working extensively with IGS at U C Berkeley. I have participated in every statewide redistricting since 1970.

The Piedmont Avenue neighborhood has a very strong identity. It has had a residential group (PANIL) since 1974 which i s active in development, traffic, crime and other issues. (It serves as the NCPC for it's beat, 9X.) It has a merchants' grou p, PAMA (the Piedmont Avenue Merchants Association) for even longer than PANIL. PANIL and PAMA often cooperate o n issues and projects.

The Piedmont Ave neighborhood was constructed as an "streetcar suburb" to accept refugees from the 1906 earthquak e. It has that in common with many of the neighborhoods in Oakland "Midlands". They are all built around a series of s treetcar streets many them centers of commercial districts. In the immediate vicinity of Piedmont Ave there was a stree tcar on Broadway, on College Avenue, on Piedmont Avenue, on Grand Avenue, on Lakeshore Avenue, etc. Oakland Ave had a cable car. Those neighborhoods had some multiple residential development on the "streetcar" street and perhap s the adjacent street, then single family homes until you approached the next "streetcar" street where the pattern repea ted. As such those neighborhoods, even today, have a very high "walk score" and "transit score." For a full discussion of this development pattern, see the book "AC 15" by a geography professor at UC Berkeley (I can't put my hands on my c opy, or I would give you the author's name.)

In contrast, although Montclair had vacation cabins very early on, the full development of the hills occurred after World

War II. As a result, all those neighborhoods from Montclair all the way down to Golf Links are highly car dependent with limited transit and limited ability to walk. Many of them do not even have sidewalks.

In addition, districts in Oakland traditionally (at least prior to the 1980 redistricting) were hills to the Bay districts. Each of them included a high school and thus both the districts and the high schools were economically and racially integrate d. Every district had to be attentive to the concerns of people who dwelt in the flats.

As I said at the beginning, please keep the Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood together and keep it with other "streetcar suburb" neighborhoods. The Piedmont Avenue neighborhood in the past has been associated with "streetcar" neighbor hoods to the North, e.g. College Avenue or "streetcar" neighborhoods to the South, e.g. Rose Garden and Grand Avenue . Either of those works. Thus, Map "A" works well. Maps "C" and "D" do not.

Thank you for your work and for your attention to my comments.

-- Chris Peeples --
(c) [redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Janice Hearns [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:44 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Redistricting

Keep Rockridge whole and in one district. This is an area that has developed a great sense of community, communication and civic action. To break it up would be a huge disservice to all the citizens and voters in the Rockridge neighborhood. Two council districts would not serve the citizens well.

Thanks

Jance Kane Hearns
Lawton Avenue Oakland

Luna, Richard

From: Steph hotmail [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:46 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Please leave Rockridge intact. Map B is the best

Importance: High

I have learned the city plans to adjust the existing boundaries of the North Oakland Rockridge district.

A resident of Rockridge for over 40 years , I have seen some changes, but the feeling of a special community that we have in Rockridge is why people are drawn to this community.

I recently attended a soccer game in Brentwood and Oakley and realised how special Rockridge really is.
Their's: wide open spaces, hidden tract homes, strip malls, lots of big trucks and SUVS.
Rockridge, compared, feels so different. A place where you see your neighbors on your street and at the local businesses just a few blocks away.

PLEASE DO NOT BREAK UP THE ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY/ BUSINESS DISTRICT. We share a common social and economic interest that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.

Of the two proposals, Map B is the least disruptive.

We have a gem of a community. Please leave it intact.

Regards,
Stephanie Bianco
[redacted]
Oakland, CA 94618
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Thomas Bacon [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:50 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: proposal to divide Rockridge

As a long time resident of Rockridge since 1965 I deeply regret the proposal to break this historical community up. I don't understand why? When things are going well, why destroy it? The only thing I can think of is, to whom might it be of advantage? And the answer to that is disheartening because all I can think of is, some people want to seeking power at the taxpayers expense. Certainly it can't be because our community doesn't work well, as it works quite well, It can't be because we aren't happy in our community the way it is, because we are. So please explain the justification for this proposal and if the community doesn't agree please respect their opinion.

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Luna, Richard

From: Sandra Davidson [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Rockridge redistricting

I favor Map B as shown in the November Rockridge News publication. The suggested boundary changes reflect changes in population since the 2010 census and the Rockridge Area stays substantial intact.

Thank you,
Sandra Davidson
A Rockridge Resident of 50 years

Luna, Richard

From: Christian Peeples [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: Valerie Winemiller; Janani Ramachandran
Subject: Corrected Redistricting Comments Re. Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood

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Mr. Luna:

I discovered some errors in my original submission. Please replace it with the following.

Thank you.

-- Chris Peeples --
[redacted]

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tcar on Broadway, on College Avenue, on Piedmont Avenue, on Grand Avenue, on Lakeshore Avenue, etc. Oakland Ave had a cable car. Those neighborhoods had some multiple residential development on the "streetcar" street and perhaps the adjacent street, then single family homes until you approached the next "streetcar" street where the pattern repeated. As such those neighborhoods, even today, have a very high "walk score" and "transit score." For a full discussion of this development pattern, see the book "AC 15" by a geography professor at UC Berkeley (I can't put my hands on my copy, or I would give you the author's name.)

In contrast, although Montclair had vacation cabins very early on, the full development of the hills occurred after World War II. As a result, all those neighborhoods from Montclair all the way down to Golf Links are highly car dependent with limited transit and limited ability to walk. Many of them do not even have sidewalks.

In addition, districts in Oakland traditionally (at least prior to the 1980 redistricting) were hills to the Bay districts. Each of them included a high school and thus both the districts and the high schools were economically and racially integrated. Every district had to be attentive to the concerns of people who dwelt in the flats.

As I said at the beginning, please keep the Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood together and keep it with other "streetcar suburb" neighborhoods. The Piedmont Avenue neighborhood in the past has been associated with "streetcar" neighborhoods to the North, e.g. College Avenue or "streetcar" neighborhoods to the South, e.g. Rose Garden and Grand Avenue. Either of those works. Thus, Map "A" works well. Maps "C" and "D" do not.

Thank you for your work and for your attention to my comments.

-- Chris Peeples --
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Marilyn Citron [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:43 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Rockridge- 1 district

I've been a Rockridge resident for over 25 years and am concerned and object to splitting my neighborhood into 2 districts.

Why are your carving up District 1? Rockridge is a community of interest (COI) and should remain whole. Additionally, why hasn't there been any notification of this plan?

This appears to be an unwanted action; splitting Rockridge into 2 districts introduces artificial boundaries and will negatively impact this community.

Please advise.

Luna, Richard

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 3:04 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Mr. Luna,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed redistricting of the Rockridge neighborhood. I have lived in this neighborhood since 1968. This neighborhood is a vibrant coherent community. We have been able to work together as a coherent community to achieve many goals for the good of all our residents. Splitting the community would have a negative impact on the ability of the neighborhood to function in this way.

This is a historical moment where the value of a coherent communities is being recognized all over the U.S.. We are trying to encourage more coherence rather than less. Why not recognize the value of what has been established in Rockridge for 100 years!

This is late breaking news for us as residents! We didn't even know this was happening and that so much is at stake. Please keep our neighborhood boundaries intact!

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Karen

Karen R. Brown, LMHC
[redacted]

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Luna, Richard

From: hilary fox [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:26 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Concerns regarding proposed redistricting of Rockridge neighborhood

Dear Mr. Luna,

I understand that the Redistricting Commission is currently considering two alternative maps for the Rockridge area, one of which retains Rockridge as a single intact district, the other of which would split it down the middle along College Avenue - with businesses and residents on different sides of the street divided into two entirely separate districts. As a Rockridge resident who resides a few blocks east of College Avenue, I am writing to object strongly to the second proposal ("Map D").

The social and economic interests of my family and our neighbors are much more closely aligned with the concerns of the other families who reside near College Avenue than they are with the residents up in the hills east of us. We care very much about decisions that affect our College Avenue businesses and the area adjacent to the Rockridge Bart station. We traverse these areas almost every day, we walk, bike and drive through these streets, and we shop in these stores. Only infrequently do we venture up into the hilly residential areas east of us. Housing and transportation decisions made that affect the College Avenue corridor will have a direct, significant impact on us, as we live only two blocks away from College Ave.

I strongly urge you to ensure that the Rockridge district remain intact; I can see no rational justification for destroying what has been a thriving, tightly knit community for so many decades.

Thank you,

Hilary Fox
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Thomas McGuire [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:06 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Rockridge Re-redistricting

Hi Mr. Luna:

I am concerned about the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood.

I know you know the controversies; I want to weigh in as an Oakland resident. Please retain the district as it is.

Tom.
voter, Ocean View Avenue

Luna, Richard

From: Diana Lee Sonne [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 12:20 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: Rockridge Info
Subject: Proposed Redistricting of the Rockridge Neighborhood

Dear Mr. Luna,
I am writing regarding the proposed changes to the Rockridge neighborhood currently being considered by the Redistricting Commission. I am extremely concerned about the Map D option. This option will essentially break my neighborhood in half - I do not understand how dividing the College Avenue retail district into two will benefit or improve the district. It will further deteriorate an already struggling retail area, and take away from the cohesiveness of my neighborhood. I also do not think placing the part of Rockridge where I live (between College and Broadway) with all of the Oakland Hills makes any sense. The very reason we moved to this part of Rockridge is to be in a walkable neighborhood, not in the hills. The more urban nature of my neighborhood creates needs and priorities that are different than that of the hills.

Please consider passing the Map B option, or one that is more in line with that option.

Thank you,
Diana Sonne
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Jean Follette [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 12:44 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting Map, Comments for 11/10 meeting
Attachments: Redistricting letter.pdf

Attached are my comments on the proposed redistricting maps B and D.

Deputy City Administrator
Richard Luna

Email: rluna@oaklandca.gov
cc: info@rockridge.org

Subject: Redistricting Commission meeting on November 10, 2021, Consideration of Maps B and D

We have reviewed the proposed council district maps currently under consideration for Oakland's 2021 redistricting process. Our comments are primarily directed towards the Rockridge Area and the downtown area near Lake Merritt. In general, we support Map B over Map D.

Comments on MAP D

Consistent representation over time is important in governance. Map D will split both the Rockridge community (between Areas A and D) and the Downtown Commercial area in half (between Areas B and C), effectively dividing representation of the residents and commercial interests.

Rockridge issues associated with Map D. It reduces the effectiveness of addressing issues associated with the Rockridge area when you are (in)effectively represented by 2 council members:

1. Effectiveness of the RCPC (Rockridge Community Planning Council) is reduced and requires much more work to be represented at the planning and council levels.
2. Representation on discussions regarding commercial development at 51st and Broadway becomes more difficult and communication is splintered
3. Representation on discussions regarding the development of the BART station becomes more difficult and communication is splintered
4. Representation on discussions regarding increased housing density along Telegraph Avenue becomes more difficult and communication is splintered

Map D will do a similar thing with the Downtown. It splits Downtown into a north and south orientation rather than unifying it.

1. Why split the commercial areas in half, between Area A and C. 14th street becomes a divisive line rather than a unifying central spine thru downtown that connects with Broadway. You have basically created another new barrier.
2. Chinatown is split off from the rest of the commercial areas

By splitting these areas, you have made it necessary to deal with at least 2 Council members for many issues. It increases the work and reduces the focus of the Council members when they have to listen to people not in the district and raises the question of constituents as to whether they are being adequately listened to and or represented at all.

Comments on MAP B

Changes to consider to make the map a bit more reasonable.

We understand that lines have to be moved and we assume that you did your best to balance populations within the constraints of having 5 Districts. That being said, we recommend the least

number of changes along with the recommendations noted below and Map B seems to be the better of the two under consideration.

1. Adopt a version of Map B but change the eastern boundary of Area to Highway 13. Why would you cut off the few residents who live west of Lake Temescal from Map B? They have absolutely no connection with Montclair. Physically to get to Area D (their new Council District) they have to drive through Area A (their old district). You have only selected one side of the road. The number of residents in this area are probably rounding error in your calculations. There are only about 100 homes along Contra Costa Rd. and Buena Vista on the one side of the road that you have moved to Area D.
2. The Downtown Area seemed much better in the existing configuration. Any changes to Map B that would get it closer to existing would seem an improvement.
3. A general comment on the Map B as a whole is that we don't know why you do not include both sides of a street in an area when the street is ID'd as the dividing line. It would seem that in many cases, you would have better representation if you included the addresses on both sides. This does make the physical drawing of the map "messy" but it would make areas more cohesive. For example, along Broadway for Areas B and C or along Grand between Areas A and B.

Respectively Submitted,

Jean Follette\ [redacted]
Adam Olivieri

[redacted]
Oakland 94618

We are also, Oakland business owners:

EOA, Inc.
1410 Jackson Street
Oakland, 94612

Luna, Richard

From: Emily Hou [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 12:54 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org; Raymond Jacobson
Subject: Resident thoughts regarding redistricting map D

Hi Richard,

I am writing as a resident of the Rockridge district. My partner (Raymond, who is cc'd) and I recently moved into [redacted] We love the neighborhood and have become fast friends with our surrounding neighbors. We were so excited to be a part of a community that seems so tightly knit. The new proposed map D is very concerning to us, especially to our block, because it separates us from our neighbors across the street. We have been on the borders of districts before when we lived in San Francisco, and it was so tough to get either district to pay attention to our concerns, because the borders were always a "gray area" that no one seemed to care about.

We moved to be in the middle of the Rockridge district, in huge part because we loved the neighborhood and the district it was in, only to have this change turned on us once more. The border drawn to separate Rockridge into two really does not make a lot of sense to us. We walk to College Ave almost every day to grab coffee or a fresh loaf of bread, and want to be involved with decisions that concern this commercial strip. We are very much a part of this community as those on the Eastern side of College Ave. Please do not adopt this map and keep Rockridge intact!

Best,
Emily

Luna, Richard

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 1:04 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: DO NOT TEAR ROCKRIDGE APART

Dear Deputy City Administrator Luna:

Do not tear Rockridge apart.
We are an established unified neighborhood -- a Community of Interest.
Your Map D ignores our geographic integrity and creates detrimental and artificial boundaries.
I urge you to remove Map D from your Redistricting considerations.

Yours Truly,

Ann Postag
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: AMP Office [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Keep Rockridge Together

This email is sent on behalf of the below signed who does not have internet access

Mr Luna,

Map B is the way to go -- it keeps our longtime residential and retail neighborhood together so we can continue to work together on cohesive neighborhood-wide issues.

Sincerely,

Ina Meyrowitz
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Maryly Snow [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:17 PM
To: info@rockridge.org; Luna, Richard; Leonora Sea
Subject: Rockridge redistricting plans
Attachments: PastedGraphic-2.tiff

Dear Rockridge News, Leonora Sea, and Richard Luna,

I read with interest the front page article by Leonora Sea entitled "Redistricting-What's At Stake?" in the November 2021 Rockridge News.

As a native Oaklander, a former map librarian, a retired career visual materials librarian, and a visual artist, I studied the rough and incomplete map drawing on page 1. My initial thought was that Option D was unworkable, and that Option B (the current option) was optimal.

HOWEVER, later in the day, driving along quietly so I could contemplate what the Redistricting Commission might have had in mind when they drew up the various options, I was struck by this realization (it could be right on, or right off the mark! I don't know yet):

What if every district in Oakland were to be restructured so that a more well-off neighborhood would be combined with a less well-off neighborhood? That way, the well-off neighborhood would have resources that the less-well-off-neighborhood would need, and could use! What if the Redistricting Committee thought "Let's try our best to offset the negative impacts of redlining, and other exclusionary practices!"

Those sentiments would not only get my vote for option D, but would prompt me to email ALL my neighbors, both those where I reside in Rockridge, and those in the neighborhood where I still maintain my art studio and lived for 20 years, in West Oakland.

I haven't seen the city-wide map yet, don't know what my old neighborhood might be called (Hoover-Dunlap? Hoover-Roosevelt? Ghost Town/Dog Town? Upper tree land?)

Before I look any further, my opinions are formed by my own thinking, I'd be in favor of Option D.

I trust Louise Rothman-Riemer, and am about to read the article in the October Rockridge News entitled "The Relevance of Redistricting."

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Maryly Snow
District 1, Chabot Road

www.snowstudios.com

Luna, Richard

From: Stella Ma [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:43 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Proposed Redistricting of Rockridge

Dear Mr. Luna,

I am writing with regards to the proposed changes to the Rockridge neighborhood currently being considered by the Redistricting Commission.

I have been a long time Rockridge resident of close to 20 years and prior to that, my parents operated a business on College Ave for many years. I have enjoyed the cohesiveness of the overall Rockridge neighborhood where we can mix residential with local businesses, I would love to see us preserve this cohesiveness. To this end,I would like to urge you to strongly consider the Map B option, and not the Map D option.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Stella Ma
Lawton Ave Resident

Luna, Richard

From: Sally Park Rubin [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 11:03 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: About Redistricting

I live in Montclair, have since 1980. Personally, I think an all-hills district will be horrible for equity and for uplifting the voices of communities of color in Oakland.

Sally Rubin
District 4
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Margaret Garms [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 12:22 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Redistricting maps - Rockridge

Dear Mr. Luna,

I have been a resident of the Rockridge area (Boyd Avenue) for 24 years. My son, Lt. Joe Turner, has been with the OPD for 14 years.

I object to the proposed "Map D" because it cuts off our immediate neighborhood from the rest of Rockridge -- absurdly dividing the neighborhood right along College Avenue, which is the center, not the edge, of our neighborhood. "Map B" makes much more sense in terms of our neighborhood's integrity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Margaret Garms
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Giovanni Hernandez [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 11:03 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: RE: Oakland Redistricting (Proposed Maps)
Attachments: Letter Oppossing An All-Hills District .pdf

Good Afternoon Deputy City Administrator Luna,

My name is Giovanni Hernandez, I am the Former Chair of the City of Oakland Youth Advisory Commission (OYAC). I, along with other youth organizers from across the City of Oakland are submitting a letter in which we oppose the creation of an all hills district.

We would like to submit our letter for the record/ public comment, said letter is attached to this email. We want to thank you and the commission for the work being done in the redistricting process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
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GIOVANNI HERNANDEZ
Organizer. Advocate. Visionary.
Founder & Executive Director | ED Across America
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November 2021

City of Oakland - Redistricting Commission
Richard Luna, Deputy City Administrator

Oakland City Hall
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: City of Oakland Redistricting

Dear Members of the Oakland Redistricting Commission,

We write to you today, urging the Commission to adopt new district boundaries that are reflective of Oakland's diversity, especially our most marginalized communities.

We are opposed to an all-hills district and believe that as many districts as possible should have a mix of hills and flatlands having an all-hills district could potentially harm much needed economic development, reduce the voice the voices of tenants by creating a district of primary homeowners, would further disrupt school districts and worsen educational equity. Additionally, it will weaken the power of flatland communities, which have historically lacked investment. Right now, almost all council members are forced to listen to our voices because we are part of every council district. We ask that the Commission take into consideration the voices of Oakland's most marginalized communities.

We want to thank the Redistricting Commission for the extensive work being done to draft and adopt new district boundaries that promote equity and effectively represent the diversity of Oakland, especially our communities in the flatlands.

Sincerely,

Giovanni Hernandez
Fmr. Chair & Commissioner Oakland Youth Advisory Commission (District 7)

Jessica Ramos
Fmr. Oakland Unified School District Student Director (District 4)

Roxana Perez Lima
Fmr. Co-Chair & Commissioner Oakland Youth Advisory Commission (District 7)

Yarency Lizbeth Avelar
Fmr. Commissioner Oakland Youth Advisory Commission (District 7)

Losaline Kakala Moa
Fmr. Commissioner Oakland Youth Advisory Commission (At-Large/ District 7)

Luna, Richard

From: Sally Park Rubin [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 2:26 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Dimond redistricting (second note)

Hi Mr. Luna,

This is my second note to you today. It has come to my attention that new maps were posted just today around noon. Why? Is it typical to bait and switch like this at the eleventh hour? It was my understanding that the intention of the committee was to keep the Dimond District together, as was clearly declared on your materials.

I reviewed your new maps and I don't understand why, in ALL but one map, you are still dividing the communities in the Dimond. The area south of 580, currently in D4—referred to variously as Lower Dimond, Laurel, and Bartlett (which is new to me)—is an area below 580 has been a vital and valued part of the Dimond District.

I cannot see any merit to using the highway as the dividing line other than for convenience and lack of familiarity with the area. As a practical matter, the commercial area just north of 580 is the only place my friends in Laurel can easily get groceries, pharmacy prescriptions, haircuts, and any number of essential services. It appears, with this eleventh hour switcheroo, that your position is that these residents do not deserve to have a voice in connection to those essential businesses in their immediate community.

Thank you for sharing this concern with the commissioners.

Sally Rubin
41 year resident, Montclair

Luna, Richard

From: Nelson Tam [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: District 4 Dimond Resident in Favor of Keeping District 4 Intact

Hello,

My name is Nelson Tam and I reside in District 4 in the heart of the Dimond District at MacArthur Boulevard and Rhoda Avenue. My family and I have been AAPI community members in the Dimond since 1992 and apart of Oakland life since 1983 after immigrating to The Town from Hong Kong SAR. In our family's almost 40 years apart of Oakland life, we have seen the grave effects of redlining's impact on socio-economic, educational, life expectancy, healthcare, and well being outcomes that the Mayor, City Councilmembers, schools, hospitals, social services have been working decades to redress.

I've reviewed your new maps and I don't understand why in all but one map your department is still dividing my communities in the Dimond! If the planning department said you want to keep the Dimond together, why is this department dividing some neighborhoods just because it's below the 580 freeway? This is a sad reversion back to redlining tactics and destroys the hard work our current districts provide in plurality and fair representation. Please keep District 4 intact and maintain the Dimond and Laurel districts together in one voting group. Dimond and Laurel together is representative of these communities use of share institutions (Skyline High School, Bret Harte Middle School, mutual use of shared highways, Mac Arthur/Fruitvale/35th/High Street thoroughfares, shared supermarkets, community events). Their stakeholders belong united in one voting district.

With Gratitude,
Nelson Tam
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Ronald Wacker [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 2:42 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: PPNA Board Google Group; Susan Piper; Macy Cornell
Subject: Re: Oakland Redistricting Commission - New Draft District Maps & Agenda for November 15th Meeting
Attachments: Redistricting CommissionTestimonyRCW111021.pdf

Mr. Luna,

I have attached my written testimony for the November 10 Commission meeting. Thank you for conducting a transparent re-districting process, notwithstanding the very tight time frame under which you are operating. The impact of the Commission's work will be long felt.

Regards,

Ronald Wacker, Vice President
Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association (PPNA)
[redacted]
Oakland CA 94611
[redacted]

On Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 12:55:54 PM PST, Luna, Richard <rluna@oaklandca.gov> wrote:

Dear Community Partners,

Thank you for your patience as we worked with the Commission's technical consultants to get the new draft maps produced. All new maps have been posted on the Commission's website: https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/district-map-proposals. As many of you recall, the Commission requested four new maps be produced based on the feedback you have provided to the Commission. A description of each map, including the criteria established by the Commissioners, is available on the webpage. For those new to this process, the consultants provide PDFs of each draft map showing the proposed district lines, a version that overlays the current district boundaries, and a version that overlays neighborhood boundaries. To see a street-level detail of each map, select the interactive/online map version.

At tonight's 5:00 pm meeting, the Commission's consultants will be available to present the new maps and answer questions. Information and access instructions for tonight's meeting can be found here: https://www.oaklandca.gov/meetings/redistricting-commission-november-10-2021.

Finally, due to the Veteran's Day Holiday, the agenda for the Monday, November 15, 2021 meeting will be published later today. The agenda will be available on this website: https://www.oaklandca.gov/meetings/redistricting-commission-special-meeting-november-15-2021. Monday's agenda will be identical to tonight's meeting. It will include updated links to the new draft map proposals and will include the draft meeting minutes from their November 1st meeting.

We appreciate your continued interest in the Commission's work and the feedback and comments provided thus far. For more information on the Redistricting Commission visit: www.oaklandca.gov/redistricting.

Richard J. Luna

Deputy City Administrator

rluna@oaklandca.gov

(510) 238-4756

Ronald C. Wacker
[redacted]
Oakland CA 94611
[redacted]

November 10, 2021

Oakland Redistricting Commission
Oakland CA
Letter transmitted via email to:

Richard J. Luna
Deputy City Administrator

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Ronald Wacker. I have lived in Oakland for 25 years. I am Vice President of the Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association (PPNA). PPNA has been closely following the Commission's work and has previously submitted formal written and verbal testimony (by PPNA President Stanley Weisner). I strongly support the PPNA testimony, as well as that by the Oakland Firesafe Council (President, Susan Piper) and the Montclair Neighborhood Council (Chairperson, Macy Cornell).

While the Commission's work is "non-political," it has significant political implications. **A central point made by all three organizations is that different areas of the Oakland hills should be incorporated into districts that each reflect the broad racial, ethnic and economic diversity that makes Oakland the city we all love.** We believe that if each district-designated city council member had to reflect the needs of a diverse resident population, Oakland political leadership generally will make better decisions.

We have advocated using Map A as the basis for redistricting. And we thank the Commission for putting Map A, and, a close variation announced today, Map F on the table. We also appreciate the fact that the Commission's proposals do not divide the Piedmont Pines neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Ronald C. Wacker
Vice President, PPNA

Luna, Richard

From: Brooke Levin [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:33 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Comments on new maps 11.10.2021 meeting

Mr. Luna,

I am writing to state my support for map "F". The reasons for this support are as follows:

- The Rockridge Community of Interest is kept whole. This includes the residential and commercial districts.
- No "Hills" District. This map has the Hills portions of current Council Districts remaining divided into a number of Council Districts.
- Lake Merritt, "The Jewel of Oakland" is shown in one Council District. Several of the maps have drawn the line around the Lakeshore edge of the Lake. It is not inclusive of the communities of interest that live or have businesses around that side of the Lake. I propose that Lake Merritt is a Community of Interest" in stewardship of the Lake, activities at the Lake (Fairyland, Jr. Center, Gardens at Lake Merritt, Garden Center), ongoing concerns that require discussion to improve the quality of life for the Park and the neighboring streets and community. It does not seem logical to have a line of division between Districts that follows the boarder of the Park/Lake.

Thank you for sharing these comments with the Redistricting Commission at the Nov. 10, 2021 meeting. I will try to attend but have a conflict with the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission, also tonight.

Brooke A Levin
Oakland resident D-1

Luna, Richard

From: Brigitte Nicoletti [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:57 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Oakland maps

Hello,

My name is Brigitte Nicoletti. I reviewed your new maps and I don't understand why they divide so many non-hills neighborhoods. Please keep some of Oakland's most diverse communities in the Dimond and Laurel together - including parts of them below the 580 highway. Only Map A and Map F keep them intact. It is critical that these communities are able to maintain their power.

Best,
Brigitte Nicoletti

Luna, Richard

From: To Niya M Scott-Smith [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 5:11 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Fwd: REDISTRICTING OF LAUREL

A very pleasant good evening, please, do not change the outlook of our district to appease a small minority. We are overwhelmed as it is by constant barrage of the elitist oligarchs as we navigate surviving the pandemic and the assaults on our liberty, unity and community. Do NOT change our lines based on freeways. This is not the 60s where architecture and thoroughfares were major tools in institutionalized racism and elitism.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. To Niya M. Scott-Smith
BKA Sistah Tu, The People's Pastor
[redacted]

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **To Niya M Scott-Smith** <[redacted]
Date: Wed, Nov 10, 2021, 4:53 PM
Subject: REDISTRICTING OF LAUREL
To: <SThao@oaklandca.gov>
Cc: To Niya M Scott-Smith [redacted]

A very pleasant good afternoon, please, note that I am NOT in favor of redistribution of power in Laurel via reconfiguration of our district lines to create an "All Hills" district for the elite minority. 580 does not determine our district, and actually post dates our district. It is bad enough that we only have one major grocery store, Safeway -which caters to the elites, and a major retail store that treats us like America does and is leaving because of too much melanin here. If you change district lines to accommodate the wealthy elite, our neighborhoods, schools, children and public services will suffer even more than they already do so. Instead of it taking hours or a days to get police response, we never will get any. Please, honor the legacy of community organization, advocacy and unity that is Oakland, that is The Town Business, and block outside influences from determining our existences.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. To Niya M. Scott-Smith
BKA Sistah Tu, The People's Pastor
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Tayo Lanlehin [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 8:00 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Re: Oakland Redistricting Commission - New Draft District Maps & Agenda for November 15th Meeting

Hi Richard and my commissioners,

I am Tayo Lanlehin and I tried speaking in the meeting just now but my pc kept failing me.

I want to second the points that Janani and Otto made. I live in an area just below the 580 that is now called the upper Peralta creek by estate agents but my Neighbour's who have lived here for 20 years think they live in the lower Dimond district. The commission has said they will keep Neighborhoods together, and by dividing up the lower Dimond on both sides of the 580, you are separating us from our place to eat, shop, bank, recreate and fill our prescriptions.

Without our connection to the North side of the 580, our area is a food and health, recreational dessert. Even our local library is on the other side of the 580. I believe that we have made the 580 an arbitrary boundary in our city that causes more issues than solutions, i.e filthy highways.

Maps A and F are my preference as they keep both the Dimond and lower Dimond below the 580 together.

Best regards,
Tayo Lanlehin

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From: Elaine Ginnold [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 8:02 PM
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Subject: voter turnout report from League of Women Voters of Oakland
Attachments: Election Analysis of Voter Participation_2021.05.20 FINAL.docx

Hi Richard,
At your meeting tonight, I heard the commissioners express an interest in having voter partipation data for Oakland. Attached is a report that the LWVO did after the November 2020 Election that provides some of the information you are seeking. It analyzes voter registration and turnout by council district in November presidential elections from 2012-2020. We can also send you an earlier report that shows voter participation for the mid-term elections from 2012-2018. Let me know if you would like to have that one too.

Elaine Ginnold
[redacted]

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OAKLAND

An Analysis of Voter Participation in Oakland and Council Districts Five, Six, and Seven for the Last Three Presidential Elections

Elaine Ginnold & Kirsten E. Smayda, Ph.D.

Research Question

Did the changes to election procedures for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election reduce voter participation in Oakland City Council Districts (CDs) 5, 6, and 7, where voter participation has been lower relative to other council districts in November general elections?

Purpose

The purpose of this analysis is to review the voter education work done by the League of Women Voters Oakland (LWVO) and the Oakland Votes Collaborative in CDs 5, 6, and 7, and to compare voter participation in Oakland council districts in the November 2020 General Presidential Election.

Summary

In July before the November 3, 2020 Presidential General election, 23 community based organizations, including the League of Women Voters of Oakland, formed the Oakland Votes Collaborative. Its mission was to inform voters about changes in election procedures and to advocate for vote centers and ballot drop boxes in neighborhoods located between Macarthur Blvd. and the 880 freeway in Oakland. This area is within Council Districts 5, 6, and 7 where voter participation is lower than in the other city council districts. Members of the Collaborative were concerned that the new election procedures might further reduce voter participation in these districts. While the exact impact of the Collaborative's outreach efforts on the 2020 election is nearly impossible to measure, this study found that both voter registration and voter turnout increased across Oakland and within CDs 5, 6, 7 from the 2016 to 2020 Presidential General Elections. The results of our analysis suggest that, in spite of changes to election procedures, there was persistent growth in voter engagement in all of Oakland and particularly in CDs 5, 6, and 7.

Background

In May 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Gavin Newsom ordered counties to mail ballots to all registered voters before the November 2020 General Election. Each county was to determine how to provide for in-person voting – either at regular polling places or at vote centers, or a combination of both. Alameda County decided to replace its approximately 900 polling places with 100 vote centers and 66 ballot drop boxes distributed throughout the county.

LWVO and other community organizations were concerned that the change in election procedures could create barriers to voter participation if voters were not informed of the changes in time for them to be registered and vote. For example:

1) It was important for voters to know that they needed to be registered at their current addresses in order to receive their ballots in the mail early enough to vote and return them on time.

2) It was also important for voters to know that there would be no neighborhood polling places for Election Day voting and that they may have to travel out of their neighborhoods to a vote center if they wanted to vote in person.

3) The added stressors of the COVID-19 pandemic such as income, food, and housing insecurity could make it difficult for people to engage fully in the election.

The Oakland League was especially concerned about voter resources and accommodations in CDs 5, 6, and 7, in which voter registration and turnout for the past three general presidential elections had been 10-20% lower than in other districts (Lo, 2019; Table 2). CDs 5, 6, and 7 have a higher density of African American and Latinx people than in the other four council districts (Lo, 2019; Figure 8), and given the inequities experienced by Black, Indigenous, and People Of Color (BIPOC), the League of Women Voters Oakland sought out opportunities to support the communities in CDs 5, 6, and 7 leading up to and during the 2020 General Presidential Election.

The Oakland League reached out to community organizations in CDs 5, 6, and 7 and asked them to join in a common goal of increasing voter participation, and together formed the Oakland Votes Collaborative. The Collaborative informed voters about changes to election procedures, and advocated with the Registrar of Voters for more ballot drop boxes in CDs 5, 6, and 7. Leveraging the combined network of all participating organizations made it possible to reach more of the population in Oakland and in particular, the 134,004 eligible voters living in CDs 5, 6, and 7 (Lo, 2019; Table 2).

The Oakland Votes Collaborative

In July 2020, LWVO reached out to over thirty community-based organizations that work in CDs 5, 6, and 7. Twenty-three organizations responded and joined the Oakland Votes Collaborative (Appendix A). The Collaborative agreed on three main goals: (1) encourage voters to register early so that they would get their ballots in the mail early enough to vote and return them in time to be counted; (2) inform district residents that there would be no neighborhood polling places for them to vote on Election Day and to plan ahead if they needed to vote in person at a vote center; and (3) advocate with the Registrar of Voters for ballot drop boxes and vote centers in the three council districts to mitigate the lack of polling places. Beginning in July before the election, the community organizations worked diligently to inform their constituencies about the election changes. They distributed fliers and door hangers, provided feedback on League materials and translations, hosted Zoom meetings about the new election procedures, discussed the ballot measures, trained their constituencies about how to register to vote, how to vote by mail, and where to vote in person at vote centers in the absence of polling places. In addition, the organizations in the Collaborative reached out to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters (ROV)

to offer locations for vote centers and ballot drop boxes. For a more complete listing of Collaborative activities, see Appendix A.

Methods

Total number of registered voters and ballots returned, broken down by precinct or district were sourced from the 2012, 2016 and 2020 Statement of Vote (SOV), available on the ROV website. Voter turnout for CDs 1, 3, 5, and 7 was sourced from the 2012 and 2016 Oakland City Council results in the Statement of Vote documents. However, because districts 2, 4, and 6 did not have candidates on the ballot in the 2012 and 2016 elections, the SOV for those years did not show a breakdown of the precincts within these districts. Author EG reached out to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters for any available resources to identify the precincts within districts 2, 4, and 6 in order to find them in the SOV. In addition to the Statement of Vote, other ROV reports used were: Consolidation File Detail for 2012 and 2016 (Report 701.01); Precincts Eligible by Consolidation 2016 (Report #700.03) and a screen shot of home precincts within CDs 2, 4, and 6, for Nov. 2012.

Calculations

The percent of voter turnout was calculated as the number of ballots cast divided by the total number of registered voters on a per-district or city-wide level.

Results

While it is nearly impossible to quantify the exact effect of the Collaborative's efforts during the 2020 election, it is important to track progress of voter participation and review the cumulative effect of the pandemic and voting procedure changes on voter participation in Oakland.

Summary

The data suggests that the changes to election procedures in Alameda County for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election did not reduce voter participation in CDs 5, 6, and 7. Both voter registration and voter turnout increased in these three council districts from the November 2016 Presidential General Election. Two main findings of this analysis are:

1. **Voter *registration* increased from the 2016 Presidential General Election to the 2020 Presidential General Election, across the city of Oakland and within CDs 5, 6, and 7.**
   Our analysis found that from the November 2016 Presidential General Election to November 2020, voter registration increased by 6% in the City of Oakland and even more in CDs 5, 6, and 7 where the Oakland Votes Collaborative concentrated its outreach efforts. The increases in voter registration were: 9% in CD 5; 12% in CD 6; and 8% in CD 7. In the other four council districts, except for CD 2, where voter registration increased by 12%, voter registration increased by no more than 6% (Figures 1 and 2).

2. **Voter *turnout* increased in CDs 5, 6, and 7 and in all other City Council districts from the November 2016 Presidential General Election to the November 2020 election.**

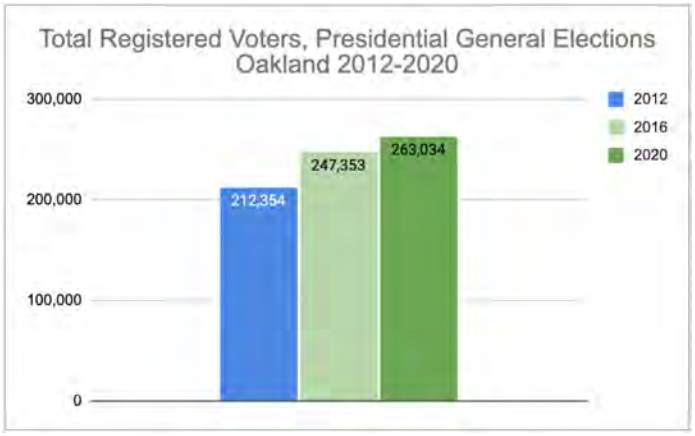
Our analysis found that voter turnout increased by 5% in CD 5; 4% in CD 6 and 5% in CD 7, and between 3% to 6% in the other four council districts, in spite of the changes to election procedures in the November 2020 election (Figure 3).

Full Results

We first looked at the number of registered voters in Oakland across the last three presidential general elections (2012, 2016, 2020). Registration increased from 2012 to 2016, and again from 2016 to 2020 (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Total number of registered voters across the last three presidential general elections (table, top; column chart, bottom).

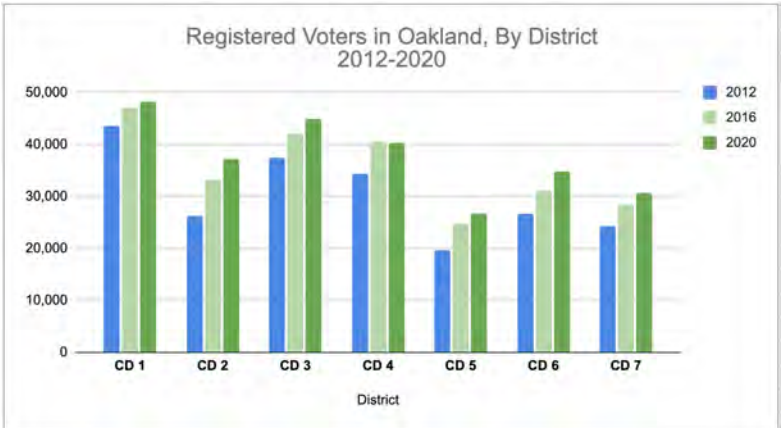
	2012	2016	2020
Total Registered Voters	212,354	247,353	263,034



We also looked at voter registration at the district level, and found that voter registration increased in CDs 5, 6, and 7 between November 2016 and November 2020 general elections (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Voter registration across all council districts, and percent change in voter registration from 2016 to 2020 (table, top; column chart, bottom).

District	2012 Registered Voters	2016 Registered Voters	2020 Registered Voters	% Increase 2016 to 2020
CD 1	43,663	47,042	48,279	3%
CD 2	26,326	33,355	37,257	12%
CD 3	37,503	42,155	44,864	6%
CD 4	34,324	40,626	40,418	-1%
CD 5	19,705	24,668	26,770	9%
CD 6	26,640	31,056	34,796	12%
CD 7	24,193	28,451	30,650	8%
Totals	212,354	247,353	263,034	6%



Next, we compared voter turnout in CDs 5, 6, and 7 between 2016 and 2020 because that is where the Collaborative focused its voter education and registration efforts. Voter turnout in all CDs increased between 2016 and 2020 in spite of the changes to election procedures in the November 2020 election. Voter turnout increased between 2012 and 2020 in CDs 1-5; however, turnout in CDs 6 and 7 was higher in 2012 than in 2020 (Figure 3). Understanding the change in voter turnout between 2012 and 2020 warrants further analysis.

Figure 3. Voter turnout in 2012, 2016, and 2020 presidential general elections. Percentages are rounded to the nearest percentage point.

District	2012 Voter Turnout	2016 Voter Turnout	2020 Voter Turnout
CD 1	82%	81%	85%
CD 2	74%	74%	79%
CD 3	75%	71%	77%
CD 4	80%	81%	84%
CD 5	71%	69%	74%
CD 6	75%	69%	73%
CD 7	73%	65%	70%

Although voter turnout in CDs 5, 6, and 7 in the November election was lower compared with that of the City of Oakland (78%; Alameda County Registrar of Voters, 2020) and the other four city council districts (Figure 3), the increased turnout of voters in CDs 5, 6, and 7 in 2020 represents a positive forward movement in political engagement in these three districts.

Lastly, given the order from Governor Newsom to deliver vote-by-mail ballots to all registered voters for the 2020 election, we were interested to understand how the use of vote-by-mail ballots changed over time and could have affected turnout in 2020. While every district showed a remarkable increase in the use of vote-by-mail ballots, Districts 6 and 7 showed increases over 75% between 2016 and 2020 (Figure 4). This result should be interpreted in conjunction with the increase in registered voters between 2016 and 2020, the fact that the Registrar mailed a ballot to every registered voter in Alameda County, provided ballot drop boxes, and opened vote centers four days before the election for in-person voting.

Figure 4. Vote by mail ballots returned in 2012, 2016, and 2020 presidential general elections.

District	2012 Vote-by-Mail Ballots	2016 Vote-by-Mail Ballots	2020 Vote-by-Mail Ballots	% Increase 2016-2020
CD 1	19,565	26,214	39,366	50%
CD 2	11,107	17,240	28,058	63%
CD 3	14,733	19,333	32,237	67%
CD 4	16,315	23,021	32,574	41%
CD 5	7,807	11,073	18,497	67%
CD 6	9,955	12,990	23,651	82%
CD 7	8,505	11,041	19,645	78%
Totals	87,987	120,912	194,028	60%

Discussion

These results indicate that while the November 2020 election created obstacles that could have decreased voter participation in CDs 5, 6, and 7, voter participation increased across all districts, including CDs 5, 6, and 7.

There are several possible explanations for these findings:

First, the ROV mailed a ballot to every registered voter in the County. Californians have had the option to vote by mail since 1976 and changes to CA election laws since 2001 removed many of the barriers to voting by mail (Appendix B). These changes have resulted in a dramatic increase in the percentage of voters who vote by mail rather than at the polls. Since 2000, the percentage of voters voting by mail in California has increased from 27.09% in the 2000 Presidential Election to 86.72% in the 2020 Presidential Election. Concurrently, voter turnout in California increased from 70.94% in 2000 to 80.67% in the 2020 Presidential Election when ballots were mailed to all voters.

Now more Oakland voters vote by mail than in person (2012-2018 Registrar of Voters). In the November 2020 election, the increased emphasis on voting by mail due to safety restrictions, and the order by Governor Newsom to have all ballots mailed to the voter could have encouraged and accustomed more people, especially those who normally vote in person or do not normally vote, to the process of voting by mail. Importantly, mailing a ballot to every registered voter in future elections could not only increase turnout, but could also increase equity in the voting process by reducing barriers to voting like small time-windows to vote and transportation required to vote at the polls.

Second, people are resilient. In a year marked by increased stress, uncertainty, and persistent racial injustices, Americans showed their resiliency and engaged in their fundamental right to vote for a new president, some for the first time.

Third, the November 3, 2020 election was a presidential election and voter participation tends to be higher in presidential elections than in other elections. In addition, CDs 1, 3, 5, and 7 all had Oakland City Council and School District candidates on the ballot. The election campaigns for the local offices within these districts also contributed to the increase in voter registration and turnout.

Reflection

Voter participation is important because it can affect the allocation of resources such as housing, transportation, park maintenance, schools, and street repair within a city. Areas of Oakland with

higher voter participation tend to have better-resourced schools, well maintained parks, and better-maintained streets.

Accurate voter information is important in every election, especially when voting procedures change. There is a good possibility that the voter information provided by the trusted messengers in the Oakland Votes Collaborative paid off in that both voter registration and voter turnout increased in CDs 5, 6, and 7. The Collaborative's emphasis on registering to vote early, and its advocacy for vote centers and ballot drop boxes in CDs 5, 6 and 7 seem to have made an impact on voter participation.

Data Management

Voter data can be a complicated asset to maintain if documentation of historical choices made for each election, like precinct-to-district labeling and geographic boundaries, are not maintained close to the data source. These data are very important and represent a fluctuating system of democracy. Easily available and interpretable voter participation data can increase equity in the democratic process by removing barriers to understanding, study, and data-driven decision-making. After having worked with the data, the authors would like to advocate for the following updates to voter participation data in Alameda County to improve its integrity and utility over time:

a) precinct numbers that include the district numbers for city and council districts;
b) lists of the home precincts and the consolidated precincts with their polling locations for all districts within the county preserved on-line and available to the public for every election.

Forward-Looking

In spite of the increase in voter turnout in CDs 5, 6, and 7, there is still a 15% gap between CD 1 with an 85% turnout, and CD7 with a 70% turnout.

The work necessary to increase voter participation in CDs 5, 6, and 7 is ongoing. It is important to continue reaching out through trusted community based organizations in these districts to with information about elections and why voting is important (Pedraza, Francisco, et al., 2020). The League of Women Voters of Oakland will continue to support these efforts by providing accurate and timely election information on voting procedures, registration, candidates and measures at election time and will address other city issues that impact voting and voters, such as redistricting, throughout the year. LWVO offerings include: the Easy Voter Guide, presentations on the pros and cons of ballot measures, candidate forums, informational fliers, and voter registration assistance.

Conclusion

In this article we reviewed the work done by Oakland Votes Collaborative; analyzed voter registration and turnout from 2012-2020 November Presidential General elections, which showed increases across the city of Oakland; reflected on the changes in election process in the 2020 Presidential General Election; and advocated for data management practices that can enhance the usability of voter data in the future. The authors hope this article serves the City of Oakland, and are open to all discussions, feedback, or collaboration this work may promote.

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Appendix A

Organizations that actively participated in the Oakland Voters Collaborative before the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election

Acta Non Verba, Block by Block Organizing Network D7 (BBBON), Meals on Wheels, Allen Temple Baptist Church Public Ministry, Alameda County Food Bank, Oakland Housing Authority, East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO), East Oakland Senior Center, Faith in Action East Bay, The Unity Council, MLK Freedom Center, Latino Task Force, Roots Community Health Center, Lyons Creek East Bay Asian Local Development Corp (EBALDC), Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Shiloh Church, Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, Youth Uprising, Clinica de la Raza, Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation, East Oakland Pillars, East Bay Asian Youth Center (EBAYC), Cypress Mandela Training Center, League of Women Voters of Oakland.

Examples of voter outreach efforts of the community organizations in the Oakland Votes Collaborative:

Alameda County Community Food Bank placed voter information into the 8,000-10,000 food bags distributed weekly; made robo calls leading up to the election with the message, "make your vote count", and worked with Registrar of Voters to identify and advocate for locations for vote centers and ballot drop boxes in Council Districts 5, 6, and 7.

Allen Temple Public Ministry provided space for a vote center and distributed election information to its congregation, at its senior housing complexes, and food distribution sites

Faith in Action East Bay: organized approximately 45 participating churches and distributed LWVO election information to their congregations.

Oakland Housing Authority distributed 1500 LWVO Your Vote Matters door hangers to its public housing units at Lockwood Gardens and Peralta Village and to its senior housing apartments.

OHA also held several ZOOM meetings for resident managers and invited LWVO to present its voter registration training PowerPoint and to discuss the ballot measures. OHA enclosed LWVO's *Plan to Vote by Mail* filer in the October rent statements to the 2000 residents of all of its public housing properties.

East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) distributed LWVO fliers and election information to its network of over 300 affordable housing advocacy advocates.

Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Center organized between 10-30 staff and students each Saturday in September and October 2020 to help LWVO members distribute over 10,000 *Your Vote Matters* door hangers in Oakland precincts with the lowest voter participation. The Oakland Gay Men's Chorus also joined in this effort.

Meals on Wheels and Center for Elders Independence with the Oakland Commission on Aging used information from LWVO to create fliers showing how to mark a ballot. Distributed the fliers to 4200 seniors and voters with disabilities along with their meals.

Roots Community Health Center, Clinica de la Raza, Hacienda Historical Park volunteered space for ballot drop boxes and distributed LWVO election information.

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters attended a meeting with the Collaborative to explain the new election procedures and answer questions from the organizations.

Appendix B

Changes to CA election laws removed barriers to voting by mail

These changes have resulted in a dramatic increase in the percentage of voters who vote by mail rather than at the polls. Since 2000, the percentage of voters voting by mail in California has increased from 27.09% in the 2000 Presidential election to 86.72% in the 2020 presidential election. Concurrently, voter turnout in California increased from 70.94% in 2000 to 80.67% in the 2020 Presidential election when ballots were mailed to all voters.

Changes to CA Election Laws that removed barriers to voting by mail 2001-2018

2001: AB 1520 (Ch.922, 2001) authorizes any voter to become a permanent vote mail voter.

2016: AB 2070 (Ch.225) allows ballots postmarked by election day to be counted if they arrived by mail in the election's office within three days after the election.

2016: AB 1921 (Ch820) followed by AB306 (Ch.203) allows voters unable to return their ballots to choose any person to return the ballot within three days of receiving it from the voter. Before AB 1921 was passed, only someone living in the same household as the voter or a designated relative could return the ballot for a voter

2016: SB450 (Ch.832) Voters Choice Act gives counties the option to mail ballots to every registered voter, provides for in person voting from 11 days before Election, Day, and allows voters to return their ballots at any vote center in the county. A 2018 study of voter turnout in five

California Voters Choice Act (VCA) counties found that between the November 2016 and the November 2018 elections, voter turnout increased by 3% in VCA counties (McGhee, 2019).

2018: AB216(Ch120) requires counties to provide pre-paid postage on ballot return envelopes

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Subject: Public Comment: Redistricting Commission, 15 Nov. agenda item #8

Commissioners,

As a "lowly" flatlands resident, & after listening to part of tonight's meeting, I urge you to adopt Map G or Map H, to consolidate the hills areas.

When Libby Schaaf (then the D-4 Council member) defeated Jean Quan's (the prior D-4) bid to be reelected mayor in 2014, OaklandNorth.net published a quite fascinating analysis of the enormous electoral power of our two hills districts:

https://oaklandnorth.net/2014/11/20/registrars-map-gives-nuanced-glimpse-into-oakland-mayoral-results/

If the hills have +/- one-seventh of our current population, should their common interests in wildfire prevention, etc. not bring them all together? And, might the controversy over combining these two into one reflect the longstanding power imbalances between flatlands & hills?

Please rectify that imbalance, for the next decade.

Thank you,
EC Brandon

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From: Matt Hummel [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 8:59 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting (use Map A in District D)

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Hello. I ran for city council four years ago in District 4. While knocking on doors I really experienced how blessed it was to have a diverse district. I was forced, as were the other candidates to have a vision that wasn't just based on the issues those just above the freeway but actually have policies that help all Oaklanders. We would be doing a disservice to everyone in our city if we further isolate the hills with a solely hills district. For this reason and more I implore that the decision is to use Map A's boundaries to create District D.

Thank You.
F. Matt Hummel
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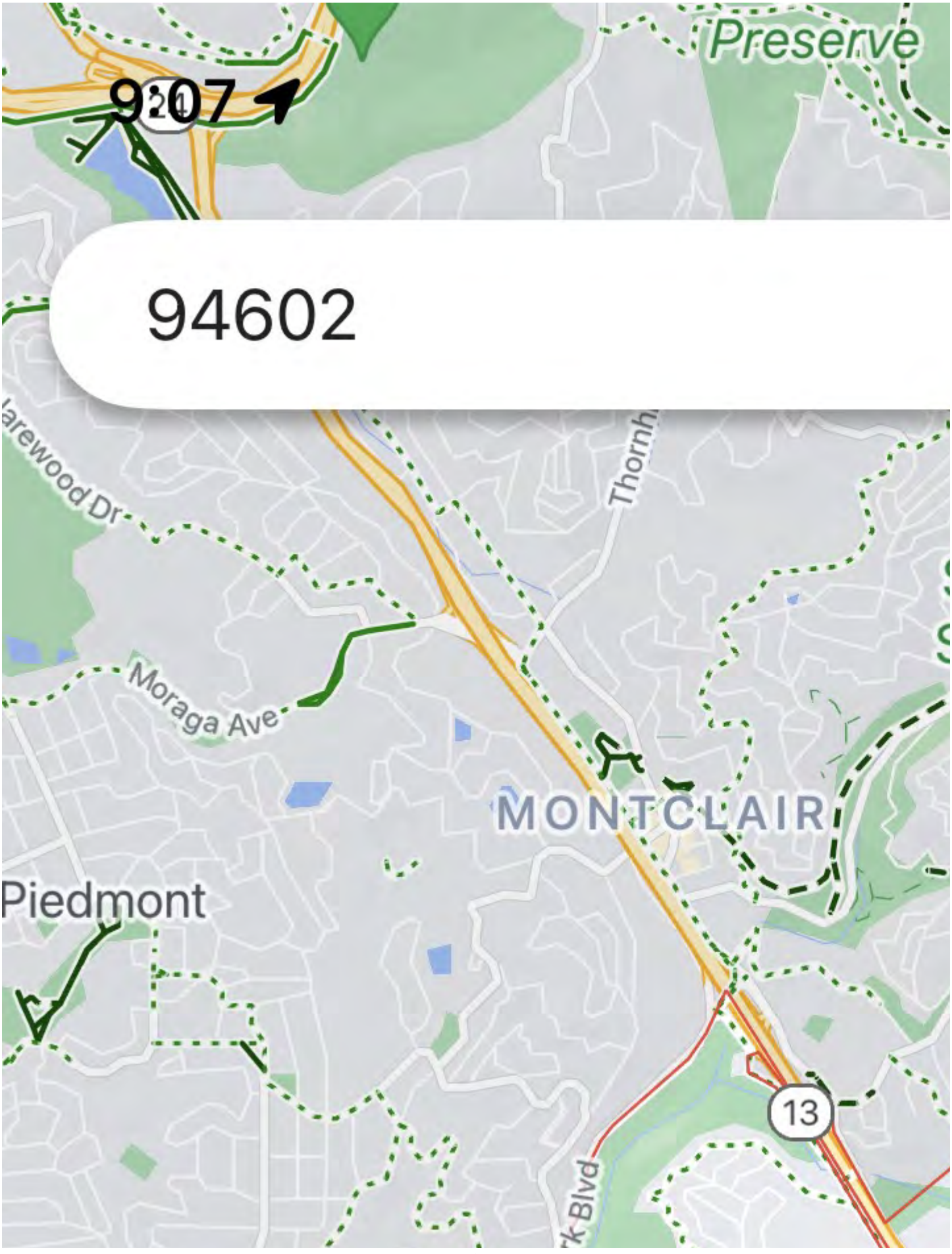
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Subject: November 10 Local Re-districting Ctee. hearing- misleading info from the Ctee.'s consultant about SF Board of Supervisors elections

Richard:

The consultant, during his lengthy presentation about "other cities" got his facts partially wrong regarding the history of At-Large vs. District elections of members of the SF Board of Supervisors and how the late SF Supervisor Harvey Milk came to be elected.

I know the facts because I was a politically active resident of San Francisco for 11 years, (including brief service on a SF City Commission and from 1979-mid 1985 serving in elected County and State Democratic Party positions, along with volunteering on ballot measure and candidate campaigns), until my move to Oakland in early September 1985.

The Ctee.'s consultant said, strongly implied that re-design of pre-existing SF Supervisorial Districts to include creating a Castro neighborhood-centered District facilitated Milk's election. The truth was that until the year that Milk ran for the Board (1977), *all* SF Supervisors were elected on a *City-wide*/at-Large basis, strongly favoring White, wealthy, moderate and mostly male candidates. The election Milk ran in and won (in 1977) was the *first* time the SF Board of Supervisors races were conducted by-District.

The switch to by-District elections did in fact diversify the SF Board of Supervisors, significantly, in numerous other ways, yielding the election of an Asian American (first?, Gordon Lau), additional African American members (Ella Hill Hutch and Doris Ward) and progressives (Nancy Walker, Carol Ruth Silver and Susan Bierman). After several election cycles, (1977,1979 and 1981) the 11-member SF Board of Supervisors has gone in and out of being majority-female (versus 1-2 women only at a time), continuing to this day.

All of these changes, including Harvey Milk's history-making election, came not from re-configuring pre-existing Supervisorial Districts, but from moving from At-Large to District elections. The facts may have been different in the other cities the consultant spoke to (e.g., Whittier and Long Beach), but the facts/history as to San Francisco Supervisorial Districts, as related by the consultant, were in part incorrect.

You may share this message with the Committee's membership and the consultant.

Mary Vail
Oakland-Glenview resident (9/1985 to present)
San Francisco resident (8/1974-8/1985)

Luna, Richard

From: Mailisha Chesney [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 11:10 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Amending my previous thoughts...
Attachments: Our Draft Letter.pdf

Hi, Richard.

My neighbors and I have gotten together a few times to do a deeper dive into all of this and now we're thinking that map #72058 (which goes from MacArthur Blvd to the estuary, and from High to 23rd Ave, more or less) and map #74523 (which goes from MacArthur Blvd to just below Foothill and from around 23rd Ave to Seminary Park area) are more in line with our wishes.

There are many other neighbors who are thinking along the same lines, but I only included the signatures of neighbors who I was able to reach and who very clearly wanted their names on this letter. So please know that there are many more community members in our neighborhood who feel similarly. If they want to (belatedly) sign on to this letter should I get back to you with an updated list of names as signees?

Thank you!

Best,
Mailisha

Mailisha Chesney
Realtor® | DRE #02036892
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Dear Commissioners,

We write you as members of a 'community of interest' living in the streets surrounding Fruitvale Ave, between 23rd Ave and 35th, a bit above Foothill and to just above MacArthur Blvd, in the current District 5.

For the past 15-30 years we have worked together on neighborhood issues and consider ourselves very much one community. We wish to make the following points:

We live in one of Oakland's most diverse areas, and we value and welcome that! It also means we don't easily have one voice; no single Association speaks for all.

Our area has historically been underserved by the City; it's time to change that. Rather than wanting "more" of some service, often the case in the lower hills, we desperately need ANY, **INCLUDING** the most basic infrastructure: street paving, sewer lines, water lines, street safety, working storm drains, trash bins, crossing guards at our schools, **ASSISTANCE TO** large numbers of unhoused **RESIDENTS**. We have worked on these issues together.

Our communities center around our two creeks (Peralta and Sausal) and our business districts (Dimond, Foothill, Fruitvale). We and our neighbors are concerned that **IF** we are mixed with the lower hills, their needs will overtake ours. Currently D5 includes Glenview and their association has never considered our needs in their requests.

We **OPPOSE** Plan D.

We have a historic connection with the blocks above 580 and below MacArthur Blvd. Their needs resemble ours more than they do the Upper Dimond or Oakmore. We are connected by proximity to 580 and the Dimond is our place to eat out, shop, recreate, do our banking.

Borders we would **PREFER:**

West - 23rd Ave or 14th Ave makes sense. Do NOT split us in half at Fruitvale Ave!!. Fruitvale connects us rather than divides us.
East - High St makes **GEOGRAPHICAL** sense; perhaps further east depending on other borders.
North - We strongly advocate for MacArthur Blvd as our northern border rather than the 580 freeway. Historical neighborhood maps link this stretch with us; we share concerns with residents here and this is our main business district.
South - **FLEXIBLE** and our group is comfortable with our members' different perspectives on whether our border goes to the estuary and includes Jingletown.

OUR members **FAVOR THESE MAPS**:

Map 72058 which goes from MacArthur Blvd to the estuary, and from High to 23rd Ave (more or less).
Map 74523 which goes from MacArthur Blvd to just below Foothill and from around 23rd Ave to Seminary Park area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kate Chaitin
Mailisha Chesney
Lisa Zemelman
Abe Ruelas
Margurite Fuller

Luna, Richard

From: Trae Nicole [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: My thoughts on the redistricting of Oakland

Hello,

My name is Tracy Wilson and I am an East Oakland Resident of D7.

Deep East Oakland is the COI for me. It is where I was raised, where my mother's daycare business has been located for over 37 years, it's where my brother and his family resides, and where I currently reside. It's also where the Roots Community Center is located, as well as various black churches, other community organizations and nonprofits that have impacted the community positively with their efforts. I went to school Elementary - High School here. I grew up here, volunteered here, and had my first job here. I've formed long lasting friendships and relationships here and I have more memories than I can count here. Together I see all of this - all of us as a collective. Our joint experiences, lives, efforts, and close proximity has fostered a sense of togetherness when faced with the many disenfranchising endeavors to divide, deprive, disable, prevent and strip this community of its rights to equality, representation, its voice, opportunities, and equity.

I read the responses to the Redistricting Commission's Survey for the residents of districts in Oakland. The responses for District 7 residents, (Deep East), are in favor of splitting up D7 and some of the comments are not from AA/Black residents. "The Hills want to split from the "flat lands" is a reoccurring comment as well.

This area in East Oakland is home to over 40,000 residents of Black/African descent. Blacks/African Americans comprise almost half (46%) of the voting-age population in this COI, followed by Latinos/Hispanics (23%). It's critical to keep this large AA/Black community and voting bloc centered in districts that preserve AA/Black political power in this community. The true name of this COI is the Black Cultural Zone.

We need to keep the BCZ COI together to secure the black voices within this community and to make sure that they can continue to speak as one voice that represents all goals, strength, and body. Splitting us up lessens our impact, our values become skewed, and our voices undervalued as well as silenced by others who are unfamiliar with what we have come to know about our community in familiarity and shared experiences. Map E seems to be the choice that best meets what I believe ensures that the unified AA/Black political strength within these districts remains.

Redistricting Commission, what will you do to ensure that my COI will be protected, maintain our collective power, structured to value our voices, and consider the needs of the residents within it?

Sincerely,

Tracy Wilson - D7 Resident

Luna, Richard

From: Theresa Nelson [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 1:59 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: comments on new maps

Hi Mr. Luna:

I was not able to attend the meeting on the 210th but did review the new maps.

I am writing in favor of map F as the best option so far.

First, I appreciate that the Rockridge Community of Interest is now whole and in one district for commercial and residential. This will be better for this busy commercial district, for neighbors who might live on one side of College and volunteer at a park or library on the other side, and for parents of public school children as well, being all in the same district.

Second, having Lake Merritt and its surroundings in a single district is also good and important to represent that area, which should certainly be a "community of Interest." I serve on the Board of Children's Fairyland and also volunteer there for programs, and while I do not write to you about this in any official capacity, I am deeply familiar with the many opportunities and challenges of this area and for the nonprofits, for-profits, and residents who lives in this area.

Please share these comments with the Commission. Thank you.

Regards,

Theresa Nelson (she/her)

Luna, Richard

From: Jasper Wilson [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 9:00 PM
To: Luna, Richard; redistricting@acgov.org
Subject: Redistricting Oakland: My Written Comments

Hello,

My name is Jasper Wilson and I live in East Oakland. There is nothing like my community of interest for my family and I. I was born at Kaiser Hospital in Oakland. My mother set down roots by opening up a Daycare in District 7 East Oakland that is still in business after 37 years. I went to Highland Elementary School in District 7 in East Oakland. I went to Elmhurst Middle School located in District 7 in East Oakland. I graduated from Castlemont High School where I also played baseball on an Oakland Athletic League championship team in East Oakland. My eldest son played little league baseball in East Oakland through Oakland Babe Ruth. He also attended Elementary and Jr. High in East Oakland. My 6 year old currently attends Reach Academy in D7 in East Oakland. My sister is also a resident of D7 in East Oakland. I say all of this to say that I am fully invested in and a part of my COI. Born and raised. I know the people, the places, and the community. We share similar experiences, values, and even inequities. We know our neighborhoods and are familiar with each other. We know the needs of this community that we live in and we stand together to do what we can to meet them by partnering with community organizations to pool together resources.

Drawing new lines and separating us into new communities will not work. We don't know them, and they don't know us. Our differences, in this instance, will not bring us together to make us stronger. My established COI has people who understand me and the needs of our people. We take care of ourselves. I think that we should either leave things as they are or if it has to be done, keep the Black Cultural Zone (BCZ) as much intact as possible. Map E does it best.

Thank You,

Jasper Wilson III - East Oakland Resident of D7

Luna, Richard

From: Merideth Marschak [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 9:28 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Redistricting Concerns - Rockridge

Dear Mr. Luna:
My husband and I have been Rockridge residents since 1977, and we are concerned by the proposed map Option D under consideration for Rockridge. We live on the east side of Broadway, so our part of the neighborhood would be separated from Rockridge and joined with areas on the far side of Highway 13. We identify strongly and actively with the current Community of Interest that extends across College Avenue to Emeryville. The current District map uses logical boundaries with Emeryville, Berkeley, Piedmont, and with Highway 13 and 580. These are our walkable boundaries, our local commercial resources, our shared public transit. While we are "Oaklandish', we do not share the same issues and concerns as Montclair and the Oakland Hills. Proposed Boundary B is much more logical and we hope that the Commission determines that B is the preferred Option.

Merideth Marschak
[redacted]
94618
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: ALICE WILSON [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 8:30 PM
To: Luna, Richard; redistricting@acgov.org
Subject: Redistricting Public Comment: D7 Resident

Hello,

My name is Alice Wilson.
My COI is located in East Oakland. I am a Daycare Provider who has been in business for 37 years. My business is located in District 7. D7 is where the many schools, childcare centers, and daycares are located and have been providing services to many families with children in the community. They also provide food to low-income families and people who are in need. There are also programs located here that are available to assist parents with the cost of childcare and fees. All of these services provide a safe, nurturing, and healthy environment for kids to learn and grow. Keeping schools in the current district will enable kids to go to school in their area, keep proper funding aligned with the schools in the neighborhood, and keep children going to local daycare/childcare centers in their district. It keeps money reinvested within the COI. Splitting up D7, D6, and D4 will divide the funds, cause families to seek other resources, and will divide the community. In Map E, this area has significant African American voting power and representation across three districts (E,F and G) with some representation in D as well. This is the best distribution of our community which keeps us together without dividing neighborhoods.

We need to ensure that the underrepresented areas in my COI will get proper funding, support, and equality. We need to ensure that the Black residents will be valued and treated fairly if you redraw the lines in my COI. East Oakland has to fight for everything we get. The Black Community fights extremely hard for their rights and if moved or split up, we'd lose our voices and collective voting power.

Sincerely,

Alice Wilson - East Oakland Resident & Business Owner

Luna, Richard

From: S. Gee [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 12:26 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Fwd: Redistricting Concern: Norwood Ave., is part of Crocker Highlands

Richard,
Forwarding public input received for Redistricting. Please include as part of the package for Commissioners as part of other public input.
Thanks,
Shirley

Begin forwarded message:

From: Miya Saika Chen [redacted]
Date: November 15, 2021 at 12:12:23 AM PST
To: [redacted]
Subject: Redistricting Concern: Norwood Ave., is part of Crocker Highlands

Hi Shirley,

I'm reaching out to you in my personal capacity about the redistricting maps. In every map, I see the street that I live on, Norwood Ave., carved out of District 2 and placed in District 5, considered "Glenview." The neighborhood that we are part of is Crocker Highlands and Trestle Glen, and we should be kept with that neighborhood. Our street is zoned for Crocker Highlands Elementary School, where multiple families on our street are sending our kids to school. We all walk our kids to Crocker every morning and pick them up in the afternoon. Trestle Glen is our central and neighborhood hub, for holidays and neighborhood gatherings. We are very invested in that community, and our street should remain with the Crocker Highlands neighborhood. Our main thoroughfare and cross street is Trestle Glen Road, and our street does not directly connect to the Glenview neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration,
Miya Saika Chen

Luna, Richard

From: Stuart Flashman [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 1:03 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Comment to Oakland Redistricting Commission on redisticting criteria
Attachments: letter to redistricting commission 11-15-21.pdf

Please see attached letter.

Stuart Flashman
[redacted]

Stuart M. Flashman
[redacted]
Oakland, CA 94618-1533

15 November 2021

Oakland Redistricting Commission
c/o rluna@oakland.ca.gov

Dear Commissioners,

To begin with, I want to make clear that I am writing this letter as an individual Oakland resident, and not on behalf of any organization.

I have been following the redistricting commission's proceedings for the past several weeks, since I first heard about it. I must say I am dismayed how little publicity there has been about the Commission and its important mission. I am sure that the voters who approved the redistricting ballot measure back in 2014 did not intend for the commission to operate in such a low-profile way until the last few months before its deadline. It seems to me one important recommendation the Commission ought to make to the City Council is that the Council consider preparing and placing on the ballot a measure to the further amend the city charter amendment that established the commission. The measure would reset the deadline for approving final district boundaries so that it allows at least a full six months of public input and deliberation *after* the receipt of the final census figures to be used for redistricting. I leave it to the Commission to determine whether more than six months is needed for the Commission's public process, but clearly this year's timeline was unreasonably short. That, however, is not the main point of this letter.

I have lived in Oakland for almost thirty years, and in the East Bay for more than forty years. During that time I have participated in many elections, not only as a voter but as a campaign volunteer and occasionally even as a candidate. I have spent many hours going door-to-door in many parts of Oakland and talking to Oakland residents about Oakland elections and candidates. I was also part of the legal team that worked on writing Oakland's ranked-choice ("instant run-off") ballot measure that now governs Oakland elections. My main purpose in writing this letter is to point out an inconvenient and perhaps uncomfortable truth that I think the Commission needs to confront if it wants to design City districts that produce fair elections.

For better or worse, the law – including many court decisions – specifies that each district must contain, within limits, the same number of residents eligible to vote. However, that can be quite different from the number of registered voters. That, in turn, can also be quite different from the number of voters who actually vote in Oakland council/school board elections. As your consultant pointed out to you, these different proportions of voter participation can greatly influence the actual power of individual voters and voting precincts. I believe that ought to be a central concern of the Commission.

It is almost a truism that the higher people's economic status, the higher their voter registration and turnout. This is uncomfortable for those of us who believe in democracy, but if you look at the numbers, the correlation is both clear and strong. Creating districts that have a wide range of economic and social status may help promote communication and understanding. However, it can also have other less desirable results.

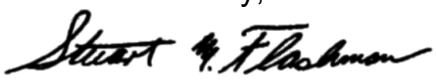
If equal populations with high and low voter participation are placed in the same district, the high voter participation population will exert disproportionate power and control over who represents the district. Unless and until voter participation becomes more equal across the City, the Commission needs to proceed with caution in mixing

voters with differing rates of participation in local elections. Otherwise, the result will be the *de facto* disenfranchisement of some parts of the city. That's not true democracy.

The Commission should insist on having figures on voter registration and local election turnout for all the various parts of Oakland. It should then strive to have roughly equal rates of voter participation within any one district. That will make for a more representative Council and School Board.

Keeping neighborhoods and communities of interest together is very important, but so is ensuring that our democracy works and voters are convinced that their votes matter.

Most sincerely,



Luna, Richard

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 1:42 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Re: Oakland Redistricting Commission - New Draft District Maps & Agenda for November 15th Meeting

Hi Richard,

Here are my comments re which of the latest maps would be best for District 1, Oakland:

Any of the maps which do not break up the neighborhoods (in particular Rockridge) are acceptable to me. These maps are: A, B, E, F, G and H. However, since many of the people living in the hills of Oakland above Berkeley have expressed an interest in being in District 1, I would prefer map F.

I am a 46 year homeowner in and resident of Rockridge, and a former Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC) Boardmember.

Regards,

Jonathan Gabel
[redacted]
Oakland, CA 94618

Tel. [redacted]

From: "Richard Luna" <RLuna@oaklandca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 12:55:49 PM
Subject: Oakland Redistricting Commission - New Draft District Maps & Agenda for November 15th Meeting

Dear Community Partners,

Thank you for your patience as we worked with the Commission's technical consultants to get the new draft maps produced. All new maps have been posted on the Commission's website: https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/district-map-proposals. As many of you recall, the Commission requested four new maps be produced based on the feedback you have provided to the Commission. A description of each map, including the criteria established by the Commissioners, is available on the webpage. For those new to this process, the consultants provide PDFs of each draft map showing the proposed district lines, a version that overlays the current district boundaries, and a version that overlays neighborhood boundaries. To see a street-level detail of each map, select the interactive/online map version.

At tonight's 5:00 pm meeting, the Commission's consultants will be available to present the new maps and answer questions. Information and access instructions for tonight's meeting can be found here: https://www.oaklandca.gov/meetings/redistricting-commission-november-10-2021.

Finally, due to the Veteran's Day Holiday, the agenda for the Monday, November 15, 2021 meeting will be published later today. The agenda will be available on this website: https://www.oaklandca.gov/meetings/redistricting-commission-special-meeting-november-15-2021. Monday's agenda will be identical to tonight's meeting. It will include updated links to the new draft map proposals and will include the draft meeting minutes from their November 1st meeting.

We appreciate your continued interest in the Commission's work and the feedback and comments provided thus far. For more information on the Redistricting Commission visit: www.oaklandca.gov/redistricting.

Richard J. Luna
Deputy City Administrator
rluna@oaklandca.gov
(510) 238-4756

Luna, Richard

From: Bik Yok Kwong [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 3:36 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: A United Dimond-Laurel-Allendale Voting District
Attachments: 3049614860287384742.jpg

Dear Mr. Luna and the Oakland City Administrator's Office,

My name is Bik Yok Kwong and I have been residing in Oakland since the early 1980's and apart of the current Oakland District 4 community since the mid '90's. In my 27 years apart of the Dimond District neighborhood, the Dimond, Laurel, and Allendale neighborhoods have always shared the same public schools (Skyline High and Bret Harte Middle), the same use of MacArthur Blvd, Fruitvale, 35th Ave and High Street thoroughfares. We shopped at the same stores, used the same parks, used the same AC Transit lines, the same BART stations, and have maintained identical community concerns in public safety, educational advancement, transportation, employment/wage expansion, city infrastructure improvements, environmental conservation, and the effective use of public funds.

I am deeply concerned about the current redistricting scenarios drafted by mostly non-local political mapping consultants that don't understand the cultural and socio-economic specificities of Oakland voting districts and their needs for fair representation. The meetings I've attended so far have shown a clear misuse of data and a lack of understanding in the need to represent SES/ethnic/racial plurality especially to Asian Asian American Pacific Islander, LatinX, Black, voters in deference to more affluent white stakeholders. I frankly am scared of a united hills only voting district. Why do your new maps divide the Laurel? The Laurel community is a proud mixed-income and multi-racial neighborhood. While the Laurel might not be as politically mobilized as other districts as this process has shown - we want to stay together as a united District 4 with Dimond.

Please adopt your new Map F. It is the ONLY map that keeps the Laurel intact and connected with our neighbors in the Dimond. Redistricting should be about keeping neighborhoods together. My communities and neighbors in Dimond and Laurel and Redwood Heights and Glenview (some call us the “foothills”) - all want to stay together because we have common interests and concerns.

Most of your maps except Map “F” and Map “A" - divide the Dimond and Laurel. Keep these communities together. Your process seems to only be listening to hills neighborhoods. My communities in some of the most diverse neighborhoods in Laurel are being divided in every map EXCEPT Map F and Map A. Just because we aren’t as politically “plugged in” as places like Rockridge doesn’t mean we don’t care. So don’t divide flatland neighborhoods like Laurel. Don’t separate us from our communities.

Thank you for your consideration,
B.Y. Kwong
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: To Niya M Scott-Smith [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 3:51 PM
To: Luna, Richard; To Niya M Scott-Smith
Subject: REDISTRICTING OF LAUREL/DIMOND

A very pleasant good afternoon, please, note my disagreement with potentially redistricting Laurel and Dimond District 4 to create an "All Hills" District.
Historically, redistricting is a weapon of wolves in sheep's clothing, right wing pseudo-Democrats, who redline minority districts and left leaning districts to control government seats.
Look at its effects in places like Texas, which is primarily Hispanic in everything but winning elections, Long Beach, etc.
We would like our seats to reflect our neighborhoods. The citizens of Laurel and Dimond want to remain ONE.
PLEASE, place little to no importance in what outside consultants have to say, and question their agenda. PLEASE, place the utmost weight in the constituents the commission represents and listen to our unified voices, hearts and spirits.

Thank you for your service.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. To Niya M. Scott-Smith
BKA "Sistah Tu Much"
The People's Pastor
[redacted]

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From: **Luna, Richard** <RLuna@oaklandca.gov>
Date: Fri, Nov 12, 2021, 8:22 AM
Subject: RE: REDISTRICTING OF LAUREL
To: To Niya M Scott-Smith [redacted]

Email received. We'll get this shared with the Commissioners and posted to the website by the end of the day.

Richard J. Luna

Deputy City Administrator

rluna@oaklandca.gov

(510) 238-4756

From: To Niya M Scott-Smith [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 5:11 PM

To: Luna, Richard <RLuna@oaklandca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: REDISTRICTING OF LAUREL

A very pleasant good evening, please, do not change the outlook of our district to appease a small minority. We are overwhelmed as it is by constant barrage of the elitist oligarchs as we navigate surviving the pandemic and the assaults on our liberty, unity and community. Do NOT change our lines based on freeways. This is not the 60s where architecture and thoroughfares were major tools in institutionalized racism and elitism.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. To Niya M. Scott-Smith

BKA Sistah Tu, The People's Pastor

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From: **To Niya M Scott-Smith** [redacted]
Date: Wed, Nov 10, 2021, 4:53 PM
Subject: REDISTRICTING OF LAUREL
To: <SThao@oaklandca.gov>
Cc: To Niya M Scott-Smith [redacted]

A very pleasant good afternoon, please, note that I am NOT in favor of redistribution of power in Laurel via reconfiguration of our district lines to create an "All Hills" district for the elite minority. 580 does not determine our district, and actually post dates our district. It is bad enough that we only have one major grocery store, Safeway -which caters to the elites, and a major retail store that treats us like America does and is leaving because of too much melanin here. If you change district lines to accommodate the wealthy elite, our neighborhoods, schools, children and public services will suffer even more than they already do so. Instead of it taking hours or a days to get police response, we never will get any. Please, honor the legacy of community organization, advocacy and unity that is Oakland, that is The Town Business, and block outside influences from determining our existences.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. To Niya M. Scott-Smith

BKA Sistah Tu, The People's Pastor

[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Elijah Chhum <elijah.Chhum@cerieastbay.org>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 4:26 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting Commission
Attachments: CERI Local Redistricting Testimony_final.pdf

Dear Richard Luna,

I am Elijah Chhum and I work for the Center for Empowering Refugees and Immigrants and we are based in Oakland, CA in District 2. We are writing on behalf of the Cambodian community and we are advocating to keep our community within the same district. Attached is our letter and our collective voices from our elders living in Oakland and District 2. Thank you!

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In community,

Elijah Chhum
pronouns (he/they)

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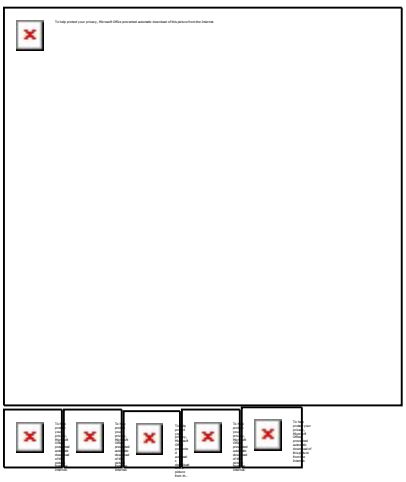

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Center for Empowering Refugees & Immigrants

Elijah Chhum
Resident of Berkeley

Hello, my name is Elijah Chhum, and I am an Outreach Worker with the Center For Empowering Refugees and Immigrants (CERI). I would like to provide input today on the Cambodian community in Oakland, specifically in the East Lake neighborhood in District 2 where CERI is based, right next to Clinton Park.

Our organization works primarily with Cambodian elders, survivors and refugees, we are a nonprofit mental health organization based in Oakland with a mission to improve the social, emotional, psychological, economic, and physical health of refugees and immigrants from Southeast Asia affected by war, torture, genocide or other forms of extreme trauma. We have been active within the community for 16 years, providing culturally-relevant mental health programs, wrap-around care coordination, youth programs, intergenerational programming like our community garden, and year round cultural celebrations. We serve over 300 Cambodian families living in Oakland

In order to accurately capture the needs of our community, we worked to hold 2 community workshops, collecting input from over 40 Cambodian elders and 15 CERI staff. Together we worked to map our following community of interest, capturing major landmarks and residential corridors for our community.

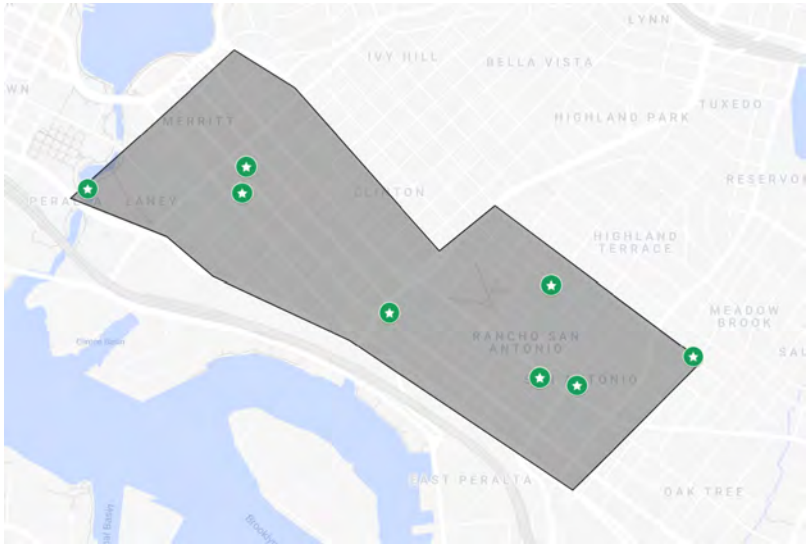
Our community has a strong history here in Oakland. As the 2nd wave of Cambodian immigrants to the United States, our community are the survivors of genocide, immigrating in the 1980's and 1990's after Khmer Rouge Genocide. We have a strong connection to our Buddhist temples, both on 98th and 24th Avenue. Attached below is a list of major landmarks for our community. This list includes Khmer markets, restaurants and other major gathering places for our community.

The Cambodian community also has a strong connection to local green spaces, such as Clinton Park, San Antonio Park, and Peralta Hacienda Historical Park which we use to celebrate the Cambodian New Year in April. We also have strong connections to our community garden at Laney college, being able to grow cultural herbs and vegetables for our community. We recently taught our youth how to grow plants and say the plants' names in our Khmer language.

We are calling in today to ask the commission to keep our community whole. It's important that we are drawn together because of our shared experiences as refugees. In terms of policy interests, our community is united in the need for safety for our elders and the rest of the Southeast Asian community in the East Lake neighborhood. We also have similar interests for cleaner streets and more senior housing for the Cambodian community. Our community is impacted by violence, sex exploitation and trafficking, substance use, houselessness, lack of workforce development, lack of stable and affordable housing. Our community advocates for more green spaces and we want safe and accessible places to fish and hike in nature. Our community needs safe and reliable transportation and we rely on bus line number 40, 72, 1, and 96 and we need more frequent rides and safer bus stops. During the rise of anti-asian violence, our community has had an increase of robbery yet we also engaged in 6 CERI town halls to understand the systemic violence against the Black community and the solidarity we can build together. We have fought against deportation in our Cambodian community alongside Asian Law Caucus and Asian Prisoner Support Committee. We can remain strong as a community if we stay together in the same district because we understand we share the same policy interests such as senior housing and safety and would benefit from being drawn together in the same district.

Thank you for hearing from us today.

Sincerely
Elijah Chhum, elijah.chhum@cerieastbay.org



Luna, Richard

From: Mailisha Chesney [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 10:03 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: cali4girl; Kate Chaitin; Lisa Zemelman; Abe & pat Ruelas
Subject: Re: Amending my previous thoughts...
Attachments: D5_COI_RedistrictLetter_11nov2021.pdf

Hello again, Richard.

You know how sometimes you find yourself going ***a mile a minute*** and you don't slow down long enough to do things *correctly* the first time? Well, apparently that's ME as of late, because I made **two errors** in sending our letter to you.

#1
I forgot to cc my neighbors who are involved in all of this with me. (oops)

#2
I sent you one of our editing *drafts* and not our final copy.

So... I will try this again. Please replace our previous letter with this one. The content is the same, but it reads better! Thank you. And I'm sorry for any extra work that my "rushing around" has caused. 😅 I love being efficient and this is soooo NOT that. 😫😂

Best regards,
Mailisha Chesney

On Fri, Nov 12, 2021 at 8:50 AM Luna, Richard <RLuna@oaklandca.gov> wrote:

Thank you Mailisha. I'll get this shared with the Commissioners and posted on their website by the end of the day. If you do add more names to the letter, then please email an updated letter and we'll add that to the website and share with the Commission.

Richard J. Luna

Deputy City Administrator

rluna@oaklandca.gov

(510) 238-4756

From: Mailisha Chesney [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 11:10 PM
To: Luna, Richard <RLuna@oaklandca.gov>
Subject: Amending my previous thoughts...

Hi, Richard.

My neighbors and I have gotten together a few times to do a deeper dive into all of this and now we're thinking that map #72058 (which goes from MacArthur Blvd to the estuary, and from High to 23rd Ave, more or less) and map #74523 (which goes from MacArthur Blvd to just below Foothill and from around 23rd Ave to Seminary Park area) are more in line with our wishes.

There are many other neighbors who are thinking along the same lines, but I only included the signatures of neighbors who I was able to reach and who very clearly wanted their names on this letter. So please know that there are many more community members in our neighborhood who feel similarly. If they want to (belatedly) sign on to this letter should I get back to you with an updated list of names as signees?

Thank you!

Best,

Mailisha

Mailisha Chesney
Realtor® | DRE #02036892

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Dear Commissioners,

We write you as members of a 'community of interest' living in the streets surrounding Fruitvale Ave, between 23rd Ave and 35th, a bit above Foothill and to just above MacArthur Blvd, in the current District 5.

For the past 15-30 years we have worked together on neighborhood issues and consider ourselves very much one community. We wish to make the following points:

- We live in one of Oakland's most diverse areas, and we value and welcome that! It also means we don't easily have one voice; no single Association speaks for all.
- Our area has historically been underserved by the City; it's time to change that. Rather than wanting "more" of some service, often the case in the lower hills, we desperately need ANY, including the most basic infrastructure: street paving, sewer lines, water lines, street safety, working storm drains, trash bins, crossing guards at our schools, assistance to large numbers of unhoused residents. We have worked on these issues together.
- Our communities center around our two creeks (Peralta and Sausal) and our business districts (Dimond, Foothill, Fruitvale). We and many of our neighbors are concerned that if we are mixed with the lower hills, their needs will overtake ours. Currently D5 includes Glenview and their association has never considered our needs in their requests.
- We oppose Plan D.
- We have an historic connection with the blocks above 580 and below MacArthur Blvd. Their needs resemble ours more than they do the Upper Dimond or Oakmore. We are connected by proximity to 580 and the Dimond is our place to eat out, shop, recreate, do our banking.

Borders we would prefer:

- West - 23rd Ave or 14th Ave makes sense. Do NOT split us in half at Fruitvale Ave!! Fruitvale connects us rather than divides us.
- East - High St makes geographic sense; perhaps further east depending on other borders.
- North - We strongly advocate for MacArthur Blvd as our northern border rather than the 580 freeway. Historical neighborhood maps link this stretch with us; we share concerns with residents here and this is our main business district.
- South – Flexible, and our group is comfortable with our members' different perspectives on whether our border goes to the estuary and includes Jingletown.

Our members favor these maps:

- Map 72058 which goes from MacArthur Blvd to the estuary, and from High to 23rd Ave (more or less).
- Map 74523 which goes from MacArthur Blvd to just below Foothill and from around 23rd Ave to Seminary Park area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kate Chaitin
Mailisha Chesney

Margurite Fuller
Abe Ruelas
Lisa Zemelman

Luna, Richard

From: Robert L [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 3:17 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Rockridge Redistricting

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Richard Luna
Deputy City Administrator

Dear Mr. Luna,

I am writing regarding the proposed redictricting maps for Oakland City Counsel districts.

Map D is highly problematic to the Rockridge neighborhood as it divides us in half. Using College Avenue as a dividing line makes no sense as it is a focal point of the neighborhood in all directions.

Map B preserves the long-time Rockridge neighborhood.

I am a long time (21 years) Rockridge resident and strongly opposed to Map D.

Robert Lattuga
[redacted]
Oakland, CA 94618

Luna, Richard

From: Kathryn Kasch [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:26 PM
To: Luna, Richard; info@rockridge.org
Subject: changing Council District 1

Hi,

I do not support Map D! Rockridge is a historic neighborhood and it should be kept intact. Splitting districts on opposite sides of the same streets also seems like a bad idea when it can be avoided. The two sides of College Ave., for instance, all have the same issues and interests and should have the same Council member.
thanks,
Kathryn Kasch
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Jack Lucero Fleck [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:37 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: JGDC Steering Committee
Subject: Recommendation for Oakland Redistricting

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

The John George Democratic Club was founded in 1989 and has worked to elect progressive leaders to the city councils, school boards and other elected offices representing Oakland and Berkeley since that time.

We understand that there are currently several leading choices for Oakland City Council and School Board Redistricting. Of these, the John George Democratic Club supports Alternative F, and Alternative A for the following reasons:

- Alternatives B & D create a large district in the hills. We understand that this is intended to avoid a situation where hills residents can be elected in most council districts, and therefore have undue influence. However, we have not seen this dynamic in recent years in Oakland. Therefore, this seems to be a solution in search of a problem.
- Hill residents have more community of interest with their local shopping districts than they do with people in opposite parts of the city.
- It is important for both City Council and School Board elected officials to represent and be accountable to diverse constituencies. Creating an all-hill district contradicts this goal.

Please vote to support Alternative F or Alternative A for Oakland's redistricting.

Thank you for your important work on the Redistricting Commission.

Sincerely,

Jack Lucero Fleck
Secretary, John George Democratic Club

Luna, Richard

From: Lisa Courington [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 4:11 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting questions

Hi-
In response to your question in the D6 newsletter, I submit the following comments.

- Should each district contain a major economic development resource (ie. Lake Merritt, Oakland Coliseum, Jack London, Oakland Zoo, Business Improvement District, Oakland Airport, Chabot Space & Science Center, etc.)?

I think that some districts naturally contain a major economic resource, and some simply do not (or the major economic resource is only pertinent to the neighborhood immediately adjacent to such so called resources. To make this a criteria required for each district is perhaps too general a yardstick. I suggest it apply where it has natural application .

- Should Councilmember have electoral accountability to many different constituencies in Oakland (e.g., hills and flatlands) or a more homogeneous group of Oaklanders (e.g., only hills or only flatlands)? Do you prefer each district reflect a diverse or single economic demographic

In a perfect world, there would be enough resources for all of Oakland and everything would be shared. But that's not the world we live in. In our current configuration the Hills-to-flatland nature of my district always leaves some neighborhoods without attention and the languaging around such constituencies is more representative of Oakland's past. We have to find a way to move to the future.

A more appropriate organizing principle may be…as the draft maps seem to incline to…making Council members have electoral accountability to specific communities of interest where they naturally occur (as defined by those very COI's.)

Such organizing principles could be residential versus commuter corridors, areas of cultural or ethnic cohesion , walkable communities, the downtown hub, lakeside communities, lower hills communities, fire districts, live-work communities, industrial communities, communities adjacent to other cities (Berkeley, Alameda, San Leandro, Piedmont), freeways, bayside neighborhoods, etc.

Emphasizing like and complementary activities and linking electoral accountability to multi-threaded strategies that cross the economic spectrum is much less divisive and potentially more effective in addressing everyone's needs.

Sincerely,

-L. Courington
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"So here it is," he said: "When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight." -Khalil Gibran

Luna, Richard

From: debbie bardon [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 9:58 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback

Plan "F" is the only redistricting plan that will fairly represent the interests of the Oakland Hills Community.
If the Oakland Hills are isolated into a single district, it will dilute our voice on the Oakland City Council. Hills residents pay a greater share of property and other taxes than persons in many other Oakland districts/communities and if our representation is reduced to a single council person representing our interests, it will negatively impact our voice in the community at large.
I strongly urge a vote for Plan F to continue to allow Hills residents multiple voices on the Oakland City Council.

Debbie Bardon
Sent from my iPad

Luna, Richard

From: Matthew Bilotti [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 10:04 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback

Hi Richard,

I think Map H is the best of the new maps, for the same reasons as my previous comments. Chief among these reasons is the grouping of most of the hills into a single district.

Map H improves on Map D by keeping Rockridge intact, which was the source of a lot of local consternation. I think Rockridge self-identifies with the flats, even the hillier side east of Broadway, as it prides itself on the highly walkable College Ave business district. I therefore think Rockridge is reasonably well aligned to Bushrod, Temescal, Piedmont Avenue and other adjacent areas, so it makes sense to include Rockrdige, intact, into a district with these areas rather than with the hills.

Thanks!
Matt

Luna, Richard

From: Mary Boergers [redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2021 5:06 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Adams Point

It has come to my attention that some of the redistricting maps for the City Council in Oakland divide Adams Point. I strongly oppose such a step.

Adams Point is the most densely populated part of Oakland. There are many issues we face as a community that would be difficult to deal with if we had to engage two council members in order to get our concerns addressed.

I sincerely hope that a map will be chosen to keep Adams Point united so that the community can continue as a viable entity.

Mary Boergers

Luna, Richard

From: lisa rothman [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, November 20, 2021 9:38 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: OUSD mapping

Dear Mr. Luna,

I'm a Fruitvale resident with kids at Bret Harte and Oakland Tech.

Please let the commissioners know that I want the Hills residents in one district. They've already got so much privilege already.

Thank you,

Lisa Rothman

Luna, Richard

From: ian burns [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, November 20, 2021 9:39 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Oakland Redistricting

Dear Commissioners

I wanted to share my opinions about the proposed redistricting maps. I support giving the majority of Oaklands population the strongest voice in determining the direction of Oakland Unified School District. In listening to arguments on the topic, I wanted to express my support for grouping the hill populations into a single district. I have been convinced that this will reduce the political influence of this already privileged minority. The current maps have allowed this school district to be dominated by the interests of the few and have helped to maintain the ridiculous inequality and segregation in OUSD. It is time to end the gerrymandering of the school district. My home is that this will allow the school district to move toward policies of equity and desegregation.

Ian Burns
[redacted]
Oakland CA
94602

Luna, Richard

From: emily hook [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2021 8:34 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Oakland Redistricting

Dear Mr Luna -

As an Oakland resident and an educator, I feel it is important I share my opinion with you on the Oakland Redistricting plans. I support giving the majority of Oakland's population the strongest voice in determining the direction of Oakland Unified School District and in favor of grouping the hill populations into a single district. I feel it is what is best for our community moving forward, allowing for all voices to be heard to really make a positive impact.

Thank you for considering and sharing,
Emily Hook
Oakland Resident
Special Education Teacher

Luna, Richard

From: LB [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Oakland districts

Hi,

I am a new Oakland resident and I support giving the majority of Oaklands population the strongest voice in determining the direction of Oakland Unified School District and in favor of grouping the hill populations into a single district. I would like to have my district be represented by the majority of the people who live there, not by a select few.

Laura

--
Laura M. Bernhard, PhD

Luna, Richard

From: Bill Kramer [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 8:03 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Redistricting Commission proposal

To: Richard Luna, Deputy City Administrator

I am writing on behalf of my wife and myself to express serious concerns about one of the proposed options under consideration by the Redistricting Commission for new Oakland City Council districts.

Specifically, one of the options -- Map D -- would arbitrarily split the Rockridge neighborhood. This would be inconsistent with Article II, Sec. 220 (E) (4) of the City Charter, which states in part, "The geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes their division to the extent possible. . . A Community of Interest is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for the purposes of its effective and fair representation."

Rockridge is an exemplar of such a community of interest. The neighborhood includes areas on both sides of College Ave. and Broadway north of Broadway Terrace, yet Map D would divide the neighborhood into separate districts on either side of College Ave. The residents in this area use the shopping district and public services such as the BART station on College Ave. This is a focal point of the neighborhood; it should not be used as a dividing line.

We originally moved to the Rockridge neighborhood in 1982; our house was on Taft Ave. above Broadway. We now live on Shafter Ave. just below College Ave. We've always felt that both of these houses are in the Rockridge neighborhood, but they would be in separate districts if Map D were to be accepted.

We strongly recommend that Map B, in which the entire Rockridge neighborhood is within one council district, be used in defining the new City Council districts.

--
Bill Kramer
[redacted] (cell)

Luna, Richard

From: Jeana Radosevich [redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 26, 2021 7:11 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Re: Redistricting

Sorry should have mentioned I live in district 6 - [redacted]

On Fri, Nov 26, 2021, 19:10 Jeana Radosevich <[redacted] wrote:

> I would prefer that each district contain a major economic resource and a diverse group of economic demographics.

Luna, Richard

From: Robin Walker [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting

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Draft F is my vote
Nannette Walker
[redacted]

I like F because it divides up the hill area.
Sent from my iPhone

Luna, Richard

From: Philip Dow [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 8:44 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Oakland Redistricting Commission
Attachments: OKNIA_redistricting_ltr_112621.pdf

Good morning Mr. Luna,

Attached is a letter to the Redistricting Commission from the Oak Knoll Neighborhood Improvement Association.

Thanks,

Philip Dow
Chair, OKNIA

Oak Knoll Neighborhood Improvement Association

Serving the Oak Knoll, Eastmont Hills, and King Estate communities
www.oknia.org

November 26, 2021

Oakland Redistricting Commissioners
c/o Richard J. Luna
Deputy City Administrator

Dear Commissioners,

Our comments pertain to the maps presented on your November 15th agenda. Some of these issues may have already been resolved. However, our concerns must be voiced.

Creating a single Hills district seems to fly in the face of one of your primary duties of creating districts with the greatest diversity possible. In our opinion it only exacerbates the "above 580/below 580" discontent that has been with us for decades.

The districts proposed in Maps C, D, and H are particularly troublesome for our community. Keeping neighborhoods and amenities unified should be one of your goals, but in these cases just the opposite is suggested. Dividing Oak Knoll along Oak Knoll Blvd., Granada Ave., and Crest Ave. breaks up a neighborhood that has been unified since its 1920s inception. This divide also severs a community institution, the United Lutheran Church, from its neighborhood. And using Fontaine street as a division cuts the Glenn W. Daniel King Estate Open Space Park (KEOS) in half.

For an organization such as OKNIA, it would mean doubling efforts required to establish a dependable working relationship with two Council members and their staff. With a neighborhood divided, as you propose, getting a resolution to problems could result in two different outcomes. The same communication problem would exist for resolving issues related to KEOS.

Therefore, we urge you to keep the Oak Knoll neighborhood and KEOS whole.

Sincerely,

Philip Dow
Chair, OKNIA

Existing Oak Knoll neighborhood

Proposed redistricting maps C, D, and H would divide the Oak Knoll neighborhood into two City Council Districts.

Existing Glenn W. Daniel King Estate Open Space Park

Proposed Oakland redistricting maps C, D, and H would divide the Glenn W. Daniel King Estate Open Space Park into two City Council districts.

Luna, Richard

From: Jennifer Whitley [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 9:00 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: info@rockridge.org
Subject: Redistricting: Please Keep Rockridge United

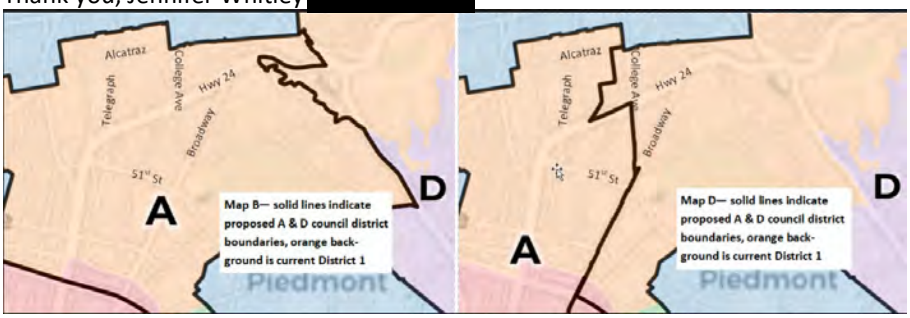
Hello Richard,

My name is Jennifer Whitley, and I am a homeowner/taxpayer/voter in Rockridge & a native East Bay resident. I have lived in or near Rockridge my whole life (50 years) , and I believe strongly that one of the reasons the area remains vital & cohesive is because of the united representation it has as a community.

I understand that during the upcoming redistricting process, there is a proposal on the table to split Rockridge into two different Council Districts (map D). I think this would be an enormous mistake in that Rockridge is quite self-sustaining (where we can be) and we operate best as a single neighborhood with unified representation in local government. I am writing to ask you to support Map B, such that Rockridge can maintain its unification & singular voice.

I am sure you recognize the economic vitality of our community, and the overwhelming willingness of the people of Rockridge to do what we can for the good of Oakland. Please respect the cohesion of our community and do not make things harder for us in what is already a very challenging time for Oakland residents by carving us up & potentially pitting us against each other when it comes time to represent ourselves.

Thank you, Jennifer Whitley [redacted]



Luna, Richard

From: Mariah Castle [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 9:57 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Public comment for Oakland Redistricting

Hello,

I live in the Dimond District of Oakland. I am in support of redistricting maps that concentrate voting power within neighborhood communities. As such, I do not believe that residents in the Oakland hills, who have more wealth and tend to be more politically active, should be in 4 of the 7 districts. They should be in 1 or 2. This will give more voice to folks in the flats and concentrate voting power within neighborhood communities.

Thank you,
Mariah Castle
94602

Luna, Richard

From: Peter Schoewe [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 3:30 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Two comments on the proposed maps

Richard,

I have two comments on the most recent maps:

1. I really like the treatment of Central East Oakland in Map J.
2. The boundaries for the Maxwell Park neighborhood are incorrect. Between High and Monticello, the border should be Brookdale, not Allendale.

Thanks,

Peter Schoewe

Luna, Richard

From: RainbowCommunityNeighborhoodCouncil NCPC Beat 27Y <ncpc.beat27y@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 4:24 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: City Council boundaries and our NCPC boundaries

Hi,

I previously completed your survey on behalf of the Rainbow Community Neighborhood Council, Beat 27Y. I was pleased to see that your new Plan K has our beat in a single city council district.

Our beat boundaries are 66th Ave to Bancroft Ave and Bancroft Way, where it meets International Blvd and back to 66th Ave, basically a triangle. Right now, our beat is mostly in District 6 with a small portion in District 5. The current district lines that cross our beat really don't bear much of a relationship to the actual neighborhood group.

We periodically reach out to District 5 officials but haven't worked with them in years, impeding our efforts. Moreover, I don't think any residents of District 5 who are within our beat boundaries participate in our group. Practically speaking, the only regular city council officials that assist us are from District 6.

I would hope that any new district boundary plan, be it Plan K or any other revisions, would place our beat in a single council district. If you have any questions for me, I'd be happy to speak to you.

Thanks.

Bob Bodnar, Chair
Rainbow Community Neighborhood Council, 27Y

Luna, Richard

From: Lisa Zemelman [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 5:08 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting comments

Dear Richard,

(Sorry for the large typeface, which I am not sure how to reduce.)

I am writing to comment on the most recent Redistricting map proposals. As a resident who lives on Curran Ave, I strongly object to the inclusion of just a few blocks below I-580 being included in Draft Plan F. Not only does this separate us from our geographical neighbors, it creates one of those peculiar appendages that I thought this redistricting process was going to eliminate. While this configuration may have been designed to create statistical similarities between districts, it does not serve the interests of residents in our area.

Rather, it almost guarantees that our area specific issues such as the crime, traffic problems and basic infrastructure needs along School Street will be ignored by a "D4" council member who will prioritize the very different interests of the much larger hill communities. (Although I do not live on one of the similar streets in Plans A, E and J, I think the same problems apply.) Draft Plan I at least includes a larger section of the below-580 streets which would, I hope,

mitigate this problem. I would like to note that efforts to divide the hillside communities into three districts may create the appearance of diversity on paper, but I suspect that the Black and Hispanic communities of the flatlands would find their political influence diluted.

I would prefer that my area remain in E5, regardless of how its boundaries are configured, although my personal preference would be for Draft Plan H or K. E5 is one of the most ethnically diverse areas of the city and I think our community interests are tied to the nearby schools and businesses that serve us, considerations that are reflected in these plans.

Sincerely,

Lisa Zemelman
District 5 resident

Luna, Richard

From: robbie@piedmontpines.org
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 6:20 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: RE: Oakland Redistricting Commission Meeting Agenda & New Draft Map Proposals

Richard,
I have viewed all the new maps and am still concerned that most maps continue to divide Oakland in a way that perpetuates divisions rather than unity, compromise, understanding, compassion and healing. I strongly support a 7 or 8 district division that goes from water to hills and includes DIVERSITY across a broad range of issues. I want my elected councilmember to CARE ABOUT and educate me on ALL Oakland issues. I want him/her to NEED to compromise. I want him/her to NEED to broaden our understanding of issues across the ENTIRE city. I want people near water to understand the threats of our forested areas; I want people in the wealthier areas to understand root causes of homelessness and disparate educational opportunities. Don't let us live in silos. We'll never get to be all that we can be that way. We'll just drift further apart. Oakland pride depends on its diversity and growing our understanding of the best parts of all of us.

Robbie Neely
Proud Oakland resident since 1977
robbie@piedmontpines.org

From: Luna, Richard <RLuna@oaklandca.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 2:24 PM
Subject: Oakland Redistricting Commission Meeting Agenda & New Draft Map Proposals

Dear Community Partners,

The Oakland Redistricting Commission will meet again on Wednesday, December 1st at 5:00 pm. The meeting agenda with access instructions is attached and is also available online.

Additionally, three (3) new maps have been issued and are now available on the Commission's website for consideration. All comments on the draft maps can be submitted at Wednesday's meeting during public comment, via email or online survey.

Finally, if you would like to learn more about the redistricting process in a Q&A setting, please attend the Commission's upcoming workshops on Tuesday, November 30th at 5:00 pm or Saturday, December 4th at 12:00 pm.

Thank you.

Richard J. Luna
Deputy City Administrator
rluna@oaklandca.gov
(510) 238-4756

Luna, Richard

From: Viola Gonzales [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 11:40 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: Deborah Shefler; Gail Wallace
Subject: Letter to the Oakland Redistricting Commission from the League of Women Voters Oakland
Attachments: LWVO Letter to Oakland Redistricting Commission_11-29-21.pdf

Attention: Richard J. Luna, Deputy City Administrator

We would appreciate it if you would kindly distribute a copy of our letter to each of the Commissioners.

We expect Deborah Shefler to be in attendance representing the League of Women Voters of Oakland.

Thank you so much for your service to our community. Letter attached.

Respectfully

Viola Gonzales, President
League of Women Voters Oakland

cc: Gail Wallace, Vice President, Action Committee
Deborah Shefler

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF OAKLAND

Monday, November 29, 2021
Attn: Oakland Redistricting Commission
Richard Luna, Deputy City Administrator

Dear Commissioners,
Having participated in drafting the legislation establishing Oakland's Redistricting Commission, the League of Women Voters of Oakland shares your goal that this launch of independent redistricting be as successful as possible.

The League offers no testimony and does not advocate for any particular community of interest (COI) or any specific redistricting result. However, the League is keenly interested that the Commission fulfill its charge to identify the COIs that should remain intact so that those residents have the strongest collective voice when they wish to petition the local government or school board.

The League has sent an observer to each of your meetings for the past year. Our consistent attendance gives us some perspective, which informs the following observations and suggestions:

Clearly identify valid COI testimony from all input, including maps as well as oral and written comments

You have received COI testimony via oral and written testimony as well as via maps submitted by the public. The maps have received less attention than oral and written comments despite the fact that map submissions, by their very nature, may comply best with the requirement of identifying specific boundaries that define a contiguous area as well as a COI living in that area. It is critical that you review and consider maps submitted by the public and articulate what COIs these submitted maps have proposed. Your final proposal should clearly reflect how your recommendations have recognized all three categories of COI testimony.

Approach all discussions with a consistent process, i.e. to ask how identified COIs are impacted by proposed district lines

We note that Commissioner Achtenberg has asked several times for a discussion about map proposals which incorporate a "hills only" district, but no discussion has transpired *using the same terms as it should vis a vis any other proposed district*, understanding which COIs would be impacted and how. We suggest that you seek additional clarifying testimony on this issue, particularly since much of the public comment on this topic has not identified COIs that would be impacted positively or

negatively. Rather, testimony has ranged widely on broader topics such as the multicultural nature of Oakland, the relative wealth of the residents, and the desire of residents to feel united across the city. We see your task as evaluating the appropriateness of this draft map as any other, based on COI testimony.

Do not confound COI testimony with current district lines or historic neighborhood boundaries

You have recognized contiguous areas and COIs identified by groups such as the Black Cultural Zone or business district groups in such areas as Rockridge and Glenview. However, we see "mission creep" when you adopt the goal of "keeping District 2 intact" without identifying specific COIs and connecting them to specific geographic markers rather than to current district lines. *Have you considered whether there are portions of D2 that are more closely tied into specific COIs than other portions or blocks?* A similar confusion arises when neighborhoods such as Laurel, Dimond, San Antonio or others are referenced rather than identifying COIs that are operating in or across those neighborhoods. We encourage the Commission to insist on returning to the touchstone of COI testimony - specific geographical boundaries (whether streets, geography or other landmarks) and particulars about the links creating each COI. ***Your mandate*** is to identify the COIs that should remain intact within districts so that those residents have the strongest collective voice when they wish to petition the local government or school board.

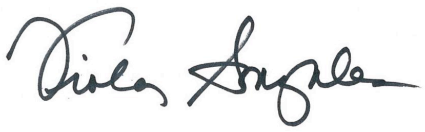
Testimony regarding COIs must be the guiding criterion for your final map

The time for the Commission to make decisions is now. The final map is your decision alone. Guided by the criteria in the law, you must vote in two weeks on a map that can be in place by December 31. The nature of your decision is such that it will not please everyone. Hewing to the specific testimony you have received regarding COIs is the best way to achieve a result that comports with the legislative intent.

Plan to debrief and identify lessons learned

Finally, although all eyes are on the deadline for a final map, we request that the Commission also plan for a "debriefing" and a report of lessons learned during this launch of independent local redistricting in Oakland.

With great appreciation for your efforts,



Viola Gonzales, President
League of Women Voters of Oakland
www.lwvoakland.org

Luna, Richard

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 10:25 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: updated Redistricting letter from NHCA
Attachments: updated Redistricting 11-2021 (EKS draft).pdf

Dear Mr. Luna, Attached is an updated letter representing the North Hills Community Associations position on redistricting. Thank you for your continued efforts.

Thanks
Steve Hanson, Chair.

North Hills
Community Association

Thanks
Steven Hanson
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Updated Testimony from the North Hills Community Association (NHCA) to the Redistricting Commission Regarding Redistricting Map Proposals

As we wrote a couple of weeks ago, the NHCA serves approximately 10,000 people living in Oakland's North Hills communities, in an area roughly contiguous with Oakland Police beat 13Y. (See the NHCA map.) We formed in response to the devastating October 1991 Tunnel Fire to support homeowners seeking to rebuild in their interactions with insurers and City agencies. Today, the NHCA continues to work on wildfire prevention and advocacy with the City, but as the Neighborhood Council also focuses on broader issues of community engagement around public safety, beautification, and representation. We understand the importance of the redistricting effort and of making sure that as Oakland's residents are represented fairly and equally by elected members of the City Council and School Board. We support the new process that is transparent and welcomes public participation and we would like to thank the Commission and its staff and consultants for embracing the input you've received regarding the isolation of the hills area into a single district.

NHCA's Views Regarding Map Options Currently in Discussion:

Initially, when there were four maps under consideration, we favored Map A, were less enthusiastic about Maps B and C, and were very disappointed with Map D. While we have some common issues across the hills, especially concerning wildfire hazards, we are more diverse in population (race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, where we come from and how long we've been here) than many people assume. Many of us have chosen to live in Oakland because of the vibrant community and most of our interactions are down the hill from our homes rather than in the hills where there are few jobs, stores and restaurants, community centers or cultural activities. By living in districts that span the hills and the flatlands, we are more engaged with our immediate neighbors than those across the ridge.

We appreciate the Commission's instructions to the consultants to create four additional maps and now that we've had time to look at them, we'd like to give our feedback again. The Commission's request for Map E explicitly said, "Does not include a 'hills-only' district." It still isolates many hills residents from the rest of Oakland, though not as completely as G and H. Map F, in contrast, puts hills residents into relatively more diverse districts.

One of the traditional redistricting is compactness, the principle that people within a district should live as near to one another as possible. Looking at the new maps, G&H have one district, D4, stretching 10-12 miles, making it hard to get to a town hall during rush hour or Saturday office hours when there's limited public transportation during non-commute hours. E&F, on the other hand, make distance less of a barrier for fewer people to attend a candidate's forum or for officials to walk their districts.

At the most recent Commission meeting, the request was made for feedback about what we like in the new maps. We're pleased to see that each of the new maps puts our area in a district with a thriving commercial area, either Rockridge or Montclair. And as a Neighborhood Council for 13Y, we'll continue to be separate to some extent from either 13X or 13Z or both. We understand the need to change the districts and, like all residents, will have to adjust our advocacy strategies, but that's inevitable as population shifts occur.

In Summary:

We encourage you to continue to consider a map that will elect officials who bring people together in support of the entire Oakland community. Please don't segregate hills communities to be apart and separate from our flatland neighbors and consider our support for Map F, followed by Map E, with Maps G&H far behind.

Sincerely,

Steven Hanson
Chair

cc: North Hills Community Association Board

Luna, Richard

From: Susan Piper [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 5:25 PM
To: Alvin, Corey; Luna, Richard
Cc: Elizabeth Stage; Ken Benson; Lisa Jacobs
Subject: Oakland Firesafe Council's latest input on redistricting

First, we understand how challenging this process has been for the Commission and the City, and appreciate how you have tried to thread the needle.

Concerning the latest maps, we prefer Map I because it provides some balance between the interests of the North Hills/Montclair with residents of the Glenview, Dimond, Laurel and the area below 580 to Brookdale. This supports our goal of ensuring that each Council District reflects the diversity of Oakland, yet be contiguous so Council/School Board candidates can "walk" their district.

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Sue Piper
Chair
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Luna, Richard

From: David Kessler [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 7:46 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: redistricting

Dear Commissioners:
I believe that districts with great diversity of race, income, ethnicity, education, state of infrastructure, amount of greenery, you name it are what Oakland needs. We cannot be redistricted into relatively homogenous silos and expect to emerge with a city in which every life is valued. Getting redistricting right might literally save lives on the streets of Oakland. I think the current districts are based on those sort of good ideas, and I think sticking close to them is the way to go. People have already learned to work together in these districts, so minimal change will allow for greater continuity of community solidarity.
THANKS for all your hard, honest, thoughtful work!
Amen.
in peace
David Kessler
former North Hills Phoenix Association president

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Roxane Gay, *New York Times*, 1 October 2021

Luna, Richard

From: Marge Gibson [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 8:26 PM
To: Luna, Richard; David Kessler; Open Forum
Subject: Re: redistricting

Dear Commissioners:

Upon reading David Kessler's email I do not think I could voice the concept of preserving our diverse City any better. Oakland representation at its best works because Council members don't just listen to one voice but to many different concerns within their districts. Though the Commission is charging itself with developing communities of interest nevertheless consideration should be given to the benefits of diversity within a council district as a meaningful benefit.

As a Council member whose district stretched from the hills to Emeryville I found that I developed greater empathy for all the citizens of Oakland than I believe I would have if my district was more homogeneous. This should be preserved.

Marge Gibson Haskell Council Member District 1 (1979-1992)

On Tuesday, November 30, 2021, 07:46:26 PM PST, David Kessler <kesdavid@gmail.com> wrote:

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Luna, Richard

From: Peter Strauss [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 8:55 PM
To: Luna, Richard; Alvin, Corey
Cc: Top Of Broadway Terrace
Subject: Redistricting and tonight's zoom meeting

Dear Mr. Luna -

Thank you very much for tonight's meeting. I finally was able to understand these matters, whereas the material that got distributed (and forwarded to me) was incredibly complicated and confusing.

I kept using the wrong word tonight in my comments: I meant "heterogeneous", and kept saying "homogeneous". Please pardon me for that bit of confusion.

Here is my position:
If there is only one district that includes the all the hill areas of the city, then when it comes, for instance, to get council agreement for funding to make sure all of us up here don't suffer property and/or personal damage or, in the worst case, death, by fire, then it seems to me that there would be one council member, and one only, representing all of us, vis-a-vis the council members from all the other districts, with their own priorities. We could easily lose out, to our peril.

Districting which allows for various portions of the hills areas to be pieces of many council districts, and permits many councilmembers to share this sort of concern seems to me to be a much more equitable way of doing things.

Further, such heterogeneity enhances the possibility that each of us can own responsibility and concern for the life conditions of all of us in the city, inclusive of all demographics.

I am not just a citizen of the Oakland Hills. I am a citizen of the city as a whole, and I care about the lives of all of us who live in Oakland.

Map F most closely accomplishes what I want, and judging from tonight's meeting/voting, I am not alone in this.

I will be most appreciative of your sharing my views with the commission.

Thank you.

Peter Strauss
[redacted]
Oakland 94611

Luna, Richard

From: Howard Matis [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 10:08 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Commissioner maps

Dear Richard,

The current Oakland District maps are Gerrymandered. It is obvious because Oakland has created a mirror image of Jim Crow laws. In Jim Crow laws, the non-whites were wrongly discriminated against. Now, they have created the exact opposite. If you are white, you are discriminated against and get less services.

Our country was founded on the principle that all men and women are created and treated equally. We need to redistrict so all races are equally represented. There cannot be districts where any racial group has insufficient representation. It is your job to make sure that we have such a system.

Howard Matis

Luna, Richard

From: Suki Dennis [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 6:52 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: redistricting

Dear Mr Luna, I agree with many of my neighbors who want to see the districts represent a diverse population. So having districts include some hills and some flat areas helps us all be drawn together in concern for our city as a whole. The whole body of the city has to work together for its health. Thank you for hearing us. Susan Dennis

Luna, Richard

From: Sally Park Rubin [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:55 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting conversation continued

Hi Mr. Luna,

Thank you for sending the information.

My input is this: **Only Maps I, A, and F unite our communities - and only these should be adopted.**

Thank you,

Sally Rubin

Luna, Richard

From: Terry Mitchell [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 9:41 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Proposed redistricting plans on agenda this evening.

I will not be able to attend the meeting this evening. I attended the meeting last evening, through the connection of my neighbor Nancy Lane. Please share this information with those people making the determination of what districts we will have.

In order to handle the many challenges facing Oakland we need districts that do represent the diversity of our community.

Having districts that are homogeneous will not lead to good governance . It will lead to more dysfunctional power disputes between neighbors.

Each council member should be responsible for a porfolio of issues important to most people in Oakland. They should have constituents of a variety of areas that do reflect the diverse nature of our city.

I felt that Marge Haskell's words last evening of her direct experience as a council person succinctly articulated the utility of heterogeneous districts.

I strongly oppose segregating the hill area into its own district.

We will living with the new districts for ten years so it is important to get the districts defined in a manner that best offers the residents of Oakland the possibility to come together as one city and tackle the complex issues we face.

Having each district be inclusive of the issues of a wider range of residents is important. We can not just settle for any map.

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Terry Mitchell Charonnat

Luna, Richard

From: Bruce and Laura Bose [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting in Oakland

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the redistricting in Oakland. I met one of the commissioners/team member at the Grand Lake Farmers' Market and want to recognize all the time and effort that has been given to this effort. Thank you.

Truthfully the maps are confusing and difficult to really understand. That said, the different approaches reflect the diversity of opinions and the people of the city, which is definitely a plus. And that is what I find would be important to reflect in the districts that are drawn.

One of the proposals put all the hill homes in one district and while that might seem logical, but it limits the perspective and interests of the district member. Think Joe Manchin and his steadfast protection of the coal industry vs the need for a bill which addresses infrastructure that addresses climate change! In order to work collaboratively and understand others views a more expansive view by the representative would be more effective. A more holistic view of the city and its needs would be more useful to the city in its entirety. Each district member needs to see the needs of others. Robbery and theft, as well as dumping, are occurring everywhere, so addressing it is a city wide issue. While fire prevention in the hills may be more localized, it impacts the whole city.

Currently my neighborhood is represented by Shen Thao but nearby is represented by Dan Kalb. Two perspectives and two voices has helped each understand the issues more comprehensively and although it will take longer to make decisions, it becomes a more educated one with hopefully less bias. I also urge the council to consider a facilitator and team training.

Thank you.

Laura and Bruce Bose
Balsam Way

Luna, Richard

From: Steve Snider <steve@downtownoakland.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:12 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting and Business Improvement Districts

Greetings,

I am submitting the comment regarding the redistricting process:

Business Improvement District (BID) boundaries should be considered in the redistricting process and when at all possible BID boundaries should be fully incorporated into the boundaries of the new district boundaries and not split between new districts.

Thank you,

Steve Snider I Executive Director

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Luna, Richard

From: Chris Johnson [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:37 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting

Hello Richard, thanks again for joining last night's meeting with Carolyn Burgess, Elizabeth Stage and Susan Piper to discuss the redistricting effort currently underway in Oakland. Per your invitation, I'm writing to provide my own feedback to the Redistricting Commission; Please share my comments with them.

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I have lived and owned my home in Oakland for the past 28 years. Perhaps what is best about Oakland is the incredible diversity found in our broader community. For all of its opportunities, woes and challenges, Oakland is a model city when it comes to offering mechanisms that allow for fair consideration of the sometimes-conflicting interests and priorities of its many constituencies and communities.

In recent weeks, the Commission has advanced several redistricting map alternatives that would create a "hills only" district, while dividing other communities and neighborhoods into distinct council districts based on shared socioeconomic characteristics and cultural and political interests. This is such a BAD idea. It would pit Oakland's various communities and districts against one another, and would devolve into the creation of voting blocks on the Council, where individual members become "winners" or "losers" based on their ability to form coalitions with other members.

The current map has four council members representing various portions of Oakland hills and flatland neighborhoods. This is a good thing, because each of those council members has to learn and be sensitive to the interests and needs of more diverse constituencies. Why on earth would the Commission want to divide the Council into special interest factions? It's a terrible idea. What we need are map alternatives that preserve and promote the economic, racial and cultural diversity found today in each council district.Please reject map alternatives that divide and segregate the City into economic, racial and/or cultural silos.

Many thanks for listening.

Christopher Johnson
Resident of Oakland's District 1

Luna, Richard

From: Bruce Boyer [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 11:28 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Comments for the Redistricting Commission Special Meeting December 1, 2021

Please accept the following comments for the Redistricting Commission Special Meeting December 1, 2021:

> The district that includes Lake Merritt must encompass the residential and commercial areas adjacent to the Lake, including the Grand Ave and Lakeshore Ave commercial corridors. These adjacent areas are interconnected and have common needs.
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> Maps C and D do the best job of preserving the greater Lake Merritt neighborhood. Maps A, B and F are inferior but do preserve the bulk of the neighborhood. All other maps are unacceptable. They limit the Lake neighborhood almost exclusively to park-land only, separating it from adjacent residential and commercial areas, at the expense of neighborhood cohesion.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Boyer

Luna, Richard

From: thomas slemmer [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 12:27 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Changing district boundary to cover all Oakland hills

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I would prefer the district representative to represent this part of the Oakland area. I would assume that this representative would see it as part of the entire region with expertise in this domaine.

We live on Farallon Way

Tom

Luna, Richard

From: Penny Righthand [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 12:31 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: my comment for today's meeting

Maps C and D offer the best solution to representing all the residents and commercial districts surrounding Lake Merritt. This district needs to be inclusive of the entire borders of the lake park because the needs of these communities are similar. For instance, we have all been dealing with the same issues--destruction of the newly beautified park and lake, illegal vending, uncontrollable noise, etc. but have had to approach different council members representing each section of the lake. This creates redundancy, wastes everyone's time, and gets little accomplished. We need one council member to represent the entire lake area and surrounding neighborhoods.

A problem with the maps that include the Lake Merritt area with West Oakland, is this. **One council person shouldn't have to represent two or more distinctly different sets of needs.** In fact, it's nearly impossible for anyone to do that.
West Oakland should have a representative who fights to raise that part of the city up, who fights to **improve that community's parks, schools and recreation areas, who fights for better housing, better retail access, better safety, a stronger, safer, healthier community.**

The Lake Merritt area should be represented by someone who will fight to **preserve the lake, the park, the bird sanctuary, the youth and nature centers, and the surrounding retail districts, and prevent the lake from becoming a homeless encampment or a place where drugs, alcohol and unsupervised food is sold.** In other words, maintain a beautiful park and bird sanctuary available for all the city's residents to enjoy while maintaining the quality of life and providing a safe environment for our residents and lake visitors.

These differing needs are not exclusive of one another. But to ask one CM to represent both constituencies equally is asking the impossible.

I know you have a challenging job here, and we all want the results to help get Oakland back on the right track.
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Thank you for all you do.

Penny

Luna, Richard

From: Aileen F. [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 12:33 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: Steven E. Hanson; Elizabeth Stage
Subject: City Council District area revision

Dear Richard,

Thank you for your presentation on the proposals and underlying assumptions of the Redistricting Commission yesterday, November 30, 2021.

I concur with the board of the North Hills Community Association and the statement of former Councilmember Marge Gibson Haskell.

While there may be some merit to uniting "interest groups" such as residents facing the edge of Lake Merritt in a single district, each Council district should include a diversity of people, households, geographic elements, and disaster hazards. There should NOT be a primarily "hills district".

Like the current boundaries which mostly incorporate residents and businesses in the hills or foothills, flat areas, and along the waterfront, the new districts should include a variety of income groups, ethnic groups, primary language-speakers, and ages.

Then the City Council members will develop relationships with a range of constituents and work together to solve issues such as dilapidated infrastructure, crime, limited educational and health resources, homelessness, and adapting to continued climate change.

There should not be affluent and poor enclaves (having a city council district above Highway 13/580 and having other Council districts generally below that freeway).

I look forward to a more integrated set of Council districts in the new arrangement.

Sincerely,

Aileen Frankel
(currently in District 1 in Hiller Highlands)

Luna, Richard

From: Kate Steel [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Comments re District Re-Drawing - Meeting December 1, 2021

Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident in Current District 3. I live on Bellevue Avenue and Perkins.

I strongly urge the Commission to redraw District lines to include all neighbors who live around the Lake and have common issues, and should be represented by one City Council Member, not two, as the existing Districting requires. Currently Map D and Map C accomplish this goal.

Let me give you an example of the need for combining Lake residential and business residents into a combined District represented by one Council member.

I am a member of the Lakeshore Neighbors group. This group started out as a collection of neighbors on the Lakeshore side of the Lake who were affected by unlicensed vending, sideshows, illegal parking, traffic, noise, amplified sound, trash and violent crime. They started asking for help from their District 2 council member to address the problems. Meanwhile I and other neighbors on the Bellevue side of the lake were working on the same issues with our District 3 Council member. Now both sides of the Lake have members (I am one) on a smaller Lakeshore Neighbors Working Group that meets monthly with the City Administrator's Director of Inter-Departmental Operations. Director DeVries heads the City's interdepartmental Lake working committee that has undertaken the tough job of finding and implementing solutions to problems all neighbors around the Lake are experiencing.

I and my Bellevue and Adams Point neighbors belong to the Adams Point Neighbor Group. My neighbors on the Lakeshore side of the Lake belong to the Cleveland Cascades Neighborhood Group. We have the same concerns and often duplicate speakers at our meetings to address those same concerns. And even though our issues are the same, if something happens on the Lakeshore east side of the Lake that is technically an issue for the District 2 CM. If something happens on the Bellevue west side of the Lake that is an issue technically for the District 3 CM. Yet the problems is one and the same, and there should be one Council member representing all Lake neighbors and businesses. I am also concerned about the well-being and success of local businesses in the Lake area that I patronize and view as part of our thriving neighborhood.

I urge the Commission to come up with a re-districting plan that puts all Lake neighbors in a common interest group that includes Adams Point and Cleveland Cascade area residents and businesses.

Thank you for your service.

Kate Steel
Resident, District 3

Luna, Richard

From: Jodie Smith [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 1:39 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting--Public Comments for 12/1/21 meeting

Redistricting Commission--
Thank you for your thoughtful, ongoing work. I live on Lake Merritt at 19th St & Lakeside Drive in the Lakeside Neighborhood. I think it's important to keep all of Lake Merritt together in one district, as the communities around the lake form a single Community of Interest with common needs/interests around recreation, safety, public works, and commercial activity. Despite the Commission's repeated recognition that the Lake Merritt shore should be kept together in a single district, all 3 new maps (Maps I, J, K) break up the Lakeside Neighborhood and exclude my neighborhood from District B. Breaking up the Lake Merrit shore--continuing the fragmentation that exists under our current districts--does not reflect the actual Community of Interest around the Lake. Please reconsider the most recent maps' fragmentation of the north & west parts of the Lake Merritt shore and include them with the south & east portions of the Lake Merritt shore in a single district, District B. Specifically:

o Draft Map D – Plan D does a good job of keeping Lake Merritt together in District B. In this respect, it is still the best map.

o Draft Map E – This map broke up the Community of Interest around Lake Merritt, despite the fact that the Commission requested that this map "Keep other neighborhoods intact as requested, including:.. Lake Merritt (around the Lake Merritt shore)."

o Draft Map H – The Commission requested that this map be drawn using Draft Map D to "Keep other neighborhoods intact as requested, including:...Lake Merritt (around the Lake Merritt shore)." In the transition from Map D to Map H, the Commission's guidance was not implemented. The Lake Merritt shore was NOT kept intact in Map H. The Lake Merritt shore should be together in a single district because it constitutes a single Community of Interest.

o Draft Maps I & J – The Commission requested that these maps be drafted using Draft Map E as a guideline. However, Map E--and subsequently Maps I & J--broke up the Community of Interest around Lake Merritt, despite the fact that the Commission requested that Map E "Keep other neighborhoods intact as requested, including:.. Lake Merritt (around the Lake Merritt shore)." The Lake Merritt shore was NOT kept intact in Map I or J. The Lake Merritt shore should be together in a single district because it constitutes a single Community of Interest.

o Draft Map K – The Commission's technical consultants drafted this map using Map H as a guideline. The Commission had requested that Map H be drawn based on Map D to "Keep other neighborhoods intact as requested, including:...Lake Merritt (around the Lake Merritt shore)." In the transition from Map D to Map H, the Commission's guidance was not implemented, and this omission was carried forward into Map K. The Lake Merritt shore was NOT kept intact in Map K. The Lake Merritt shore should be together in a single district because it constitutes a single Community of Interest.

Thank you,
Jodie Smith
Oakland City Council District 3

Luna, Richard

From: julie segedy [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 2:09 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: redistricting Oakland Hills

Dear Mr. Luna:

Having lived for 37+ years up here in the Oakland Hills on a skinny, dead-end street, and having lived through the Oakland Firestorm, I concur with my neighbors who have also emailed you on this subject in light of tonight's meeting. While the idea of ONE councilperson dedicated to Hills issues may seem attractive at first glance, I think it is NOT in the Oakland Hills' residents to do so. We are indeed a part of the larger Oakland community, which we value. Therefore, integrating this area into a single council person's jurisdiction belies our interest in the entire City and as well limits our ability to lobby for our fire prevention concerns within the larger Council.

If asked, we would vote NO on this single contact-person option.

Sincerely,

Julie Segedy & Gary Benecke
[redacted]
Oakland, CA 94611

Luna, Richard

From: Savlan Hauser <savlan@jacklondonoakland.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 2:38 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: BID Alliance Comment on Draft Oakland Redistricting Map
Attachments: BID Alliance one pager 2021.pdf

Dear City of Oakland Redistricting Commission and Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft redistricting map.

Oakland's diverse Community Benefit Districts/Business Improvement Districts are cohesive mixed-use and commercial communities. Our BIDs and CBDs advocate and deliver services on behalf of these geographical areas. The BID Alliance asks the Commission to consider BID boundaries in determining District boundaries, and avoid dividing these neighborhoods represented by BIDs/CBDs between new District lines.

The City has our boundary information recorded in GIS form, and is also included graphically in the attached document. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance in this process.

Best
Savlan

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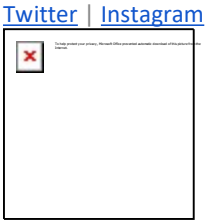

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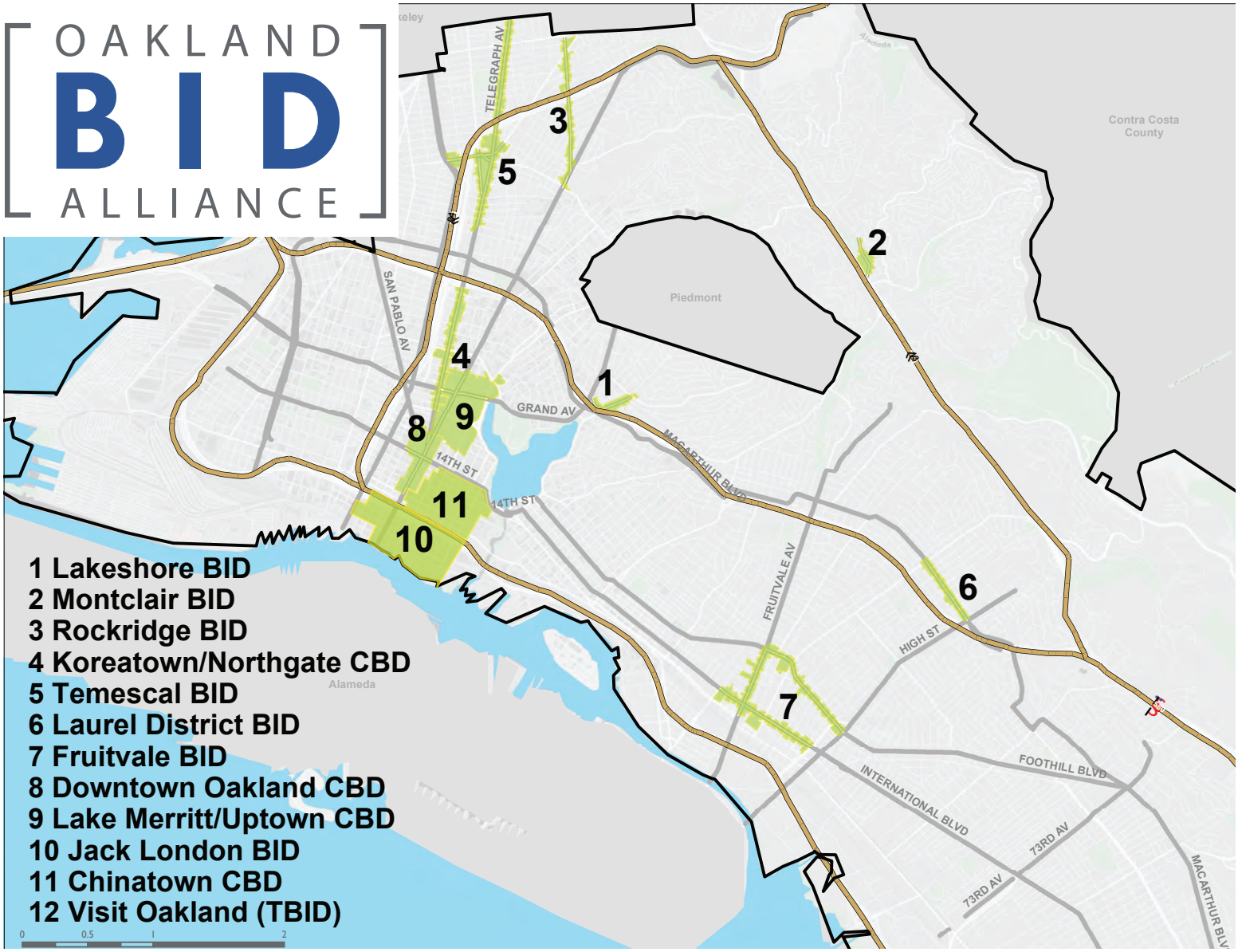

The BID Alliance communicates best practices, ideas, and resources, connects with key City and agency representatives, and advocates on behalf of its members to further the goals of growing and maintaining Oakland's vital commercial districts.

What are Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)?

Oakland is home to 12 Business Improvement Districts, which are discreet neighborhoods in which property owners and/or businesseshave voted to pay a special assessment to fund projects and services needed within the neighborhood. The City of Oakland annually collects this investment and remits it to the BID to fund services including community beautification, increased security and maintenance, events and marketing, and economic development. Funding mechanisms can differ by district and could be determined by property size, linear street frontage, or business gross receipts. BIDs – which sometimes go by other names such as Community Benefits Districts – are nonprofit organizations with Boards of Directors consisting of its members which conduct publicly noticed meetings.

How do BIDs help Oakland businesses and neighborhoods?

BIDs orchestrate a host of supplemental city services to enhance municipal services rather than replace them. Collectively, Oakland's BIDs reinvest over $6 million annually to improve commercial districts.
BID projects and services include:

- Maintaining cleanliness and presence on streets and sidewalks
- Marketing and promoting the neighborhood
- Garbage pick-up, landscaping, and graffiti removal in addition to existing city services
- Capital improvements to create pedestrian-friendly retail areas
- Fostering an environment in which new and existing businesses can thrive
- Producing special events
- And many other creative community collaborations

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Luna, Richard

From: Kevin Whittinghill <kevinw@dimondnews.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 3:16 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Dimond Improvement Association Public Comment
Attachments: Letter to Oakland Redistricting Commission 12_1_21.pdf

Dear Richard,

My name is Kevin Whittinghill, and I serve on the board of the Dimond Improvement Association (DIA). For Agenda Item 8, please find attached our letter, addressed to the Redistricting Commission, on the proposed redistricting plans and how they will affect the Dimond district.

Thank you,

Kevin Whittinghill
Dimond Improvement Association

December 1st, 2021

Dear Oakland Redistricting Commission,

Since 1953, the Dimond Improvement Association has advocated for the residents and businesses of Oakland's Dimond District. We strive to make our neighborhood a vibrant, safe, and beautiful place for people to live, work, shop, and play. Proper political representation of our district is vital for this advocacy work, which is why we are writing to you regarding the eight map drafts (A-K) currently under consideration to be adopted by December 31, 2021.

We are greatly concerned the Dimond District may be split between multiple new district boundaries and therefore result in having fractured political representation. We fear that having two or more City Council Members representing only parts of the Dimond could result in both neglect as well make advocacy more difficult due to coordination challenges between Council Members. The Dimond District is a clear and historic Community of Interest that deserves to belong to a single district where one Council Member represents its interest.

After reviewing all eleven maps, we are strongly against maps C, H, D, J, and K that divide the Dimond along Fruitvale Avenue, north of the 580, and strongly support maps E, F, and I that keep our neighborhood intact. While we can't speak to any other affects maps E, F, and I may have on other Oakland neighborhoods, we are confident that these maps will best maintain the integrity of our district and allow us to continue our work to make the Dimond a beautiful place for people to live, work, shop, and play.

Sincerely,

Kevin Whittinghill
Board Member
Dimond Improvement Association

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Luna, Richard

From: Jennie Gerard [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 3:34 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Oakland Redistricting Commission Submission

Dear Redistricting Commissioners:

For the past 20 years I have been actively involved in making improvements to Lake Merritt and its surrounding parkland. It is the Lake Merritt Community of Interest that I request you ensure is made intact. In your instructions regarding your most recent maps, you have called for keeping Lake Merritt together in one district, yet each of these maps breaks up the surrounding residential area. Please see the detailed analysis submitted to you by Jodie Smith below. I concur with Ms. Smith's request that you reconsider the fragmentation of the residential area surrounding the lake, and instead include all in the same district as the rest of the lake's surrounding residential areas.

As to district, the lake and all its surrounding residential areas should be included in B2 and not C3. C3 includes a great many parks in West Oakland, too many to allow for the bandwidth to address Lake Merritt-related issues. By contrast, B2 has relatively few parks throughout the district, allowing for more attention on lake matters.

My request is that you ensure that the Lake Merritt Community of Interest in its entirety is included in B2.

With appreciation for your work,

Jennie
Gerard

Measure DD volunteer chair

Measure DD Coalition co-convener

Lake Merritt Weed Warriors co-convener

Lake Merritt Advocates co-convener

Measure Q campaign committee member.

Redistricting Commission--

Thank you for your thoughtful, ongoing work. I live on Lake Merritt at 19th St & Lakeside Drive in the Lakeside Neighborhood. I think it's important to keep all of Lake Merritt together in one district, as the communities around the lake form a single Community of Interest with common needs/interests around recreation, safety, public works, and commercial activity. Despite the Commission's repeated recognition that the Lake Merritt shore should be kept together in a single district, all 3 new maps (Maps I, J, K) break up the Lakeside Neighborhood and exclude my neighborhood from District B. Breaking up the Lake Merrit shore--continuing the fragmentation that exists under our current districts--does not reflect the actual Community of Interest around the Lake. Please reconsider the most recent maps' fragmentation of the north & west parts of the Lake Merritt shore and include them with the south & east portions of the Lake Merritt shore in a single district, District B. Specifically:

o Draft Map D – Plan D does a good job of keeping Lake Merritt together in District B. In this respect, it is still the best map.

o Draft Map E – This map broke up the Community of Interest around Lake Merritt, despite the fact that the Commission requested that this map "Keep other neighborhoods intact as requested, including:.. Lake Merritt (around the Lake Merritt shore)."

o Draft Map H – The Commission requested that this map be drawn using Draft Map D to "Keep other neighborhoods intact as requested, including:...Lake Merritt (around the Lake Merritt shore)." In the transition from Map D to Map H, the Commission's guidance was not implemented. The Lake Merritt shore was NOT kept intact in Map H. The Lake Merritt shore should be together in a single district because it constitutes a single Community of Interest.

o Draft Maps I & J – The Commission requested that these maps be drafted using Draft Map E as a guideline. However, Map E--and subsequently Maps I & J--broke up the Community of Interest around Lake Merritt, despite the fact that the Commission requested that Map E "Keep other neighborhoods intact as requested, including:.. Lake Merritt (around the Lake Merritt shore)." The Lake Merritt shore was NOT kept intact in Map I or J. The Lake Merritt shore should be together in a single district because it constitutes a single Community of Interest.

o Draft Map K – The Commission’s technical consultants drafted this map using Map H as a guideline. The Commission had requested that Map H be drawn based on Map D to "Keep other neighborhoods intact as requested, including:...Lake Merritt (around the Lake Merritt shore)." In the transition from Map D to Map H, the Commission's guidance was not implemented, and this omission was carried forward into Map K. The Lake Merritt shore was NOT kept intact in Map K. The Lake Merritt shore should be together in a single district because it constitutes a single Community of Interest.

Thank you,

Jodie Smith

Oakland City Council District 3

Luna, Richard

From: Michael Loeb [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 4:08 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Comments on Redistricting Maps

I am a resident of an apartment near Lake Merritt off of Grand and Perkins.

I have carefully reviewed the maps and believe that only two of them unite residents who live near the Lake, and the Grand and Lake Shore avenue commercial districts, Maps C and D. Because the Lake is so central to where we live—its use and the resulting conditions from this use are strong arguments supporting these maps. This unity of interest is why the current arrangement—Districts 2 and 3–splitting us in different districts, makes no sense whatsoever.

The residents surrounding the Lake are a "community' and deserve representation focused on our needs. Instead, we have been divided into two districts, and have been ill-served by this division. This has deprived us of the forceful representation to which we are entitled as much as any neighborhood.

The area abutting the Lake is very much a part the Adams Point neighborhood, and we should not be separated from Adams Point. It is our proximity to the Lake that forms our character as a community. And the two commercial districts of Grand Avenue and Lake Shore are integral to this very real community.

Several of the newer drafted maps, E, G and H, pretend to recognize the community of the Lake residents, by stating that the "shore" of the Lake is contained in one district.
But it is the people who reside around the Lake who form the community—-not the body of water. Therefore, the alleged "unity" that these maps tout because they contain the physical body of the Lake, is misleading.

The other geographical areas of Oakland are more easily defined, and that is the point of the justifications for the most recently drawn maps. We are in fact "the Lake Merritt District," and deserve the same, unified representation as any neighborhood in Oakland.

Michael Loeb

Sent from my iPad

Luna, Richard

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 4:25 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: glenviewna@googlegroups.com; Israel, Debra; Christopher, Judith
Subject: My comments for tonight's re-districting hearing

I'm commenting as an individual, though my viewpoints/suggestions largely align with those made by other Glenview neighbors.

Dear Oakland Re-Districting Committee members:

1) Thank you for summarizing in the 12/1/21 Meeting Agenda the substance of all of the proposed, competing maps, as the e-versions are impossible to read/understand and it is very helpful for you to have inventoried all the map proposals that are/remain under consideration.

2) Overall, for reasons stated by so many, I am opposed to an all-hills City Council OUSD district. As previously stated, am opposed to any map that divides/separates the Glenview neighborhood, along Park Blvd. or otherwise and support the expressed opposition by other Oaklanders to splitting other neighborhoods. I am also opposed to any map that moves all or most of the Glenview to what today is Council District 4. The Hills portion of District 4 has, in fact, a deep conflict of position/interest with the Glenview over Park Blvd.. traffic safety issues.

3) Keeping together *all* of the Glenview (including blocks bordering lower Dimond Park and along Macarthur Blvd. as it runs through the neighborhood and over to the intersection of Macarthur and Fruitvale. We have various common interests within the neighborhood and with the border of the Dimond District, including shared assets (Dimond Park), businesses neighbors patronize and/or Glenview residents operate on MacArthur and shared volunteer work and interests about public safety issues between Glenview NCPC 16Y and the Dimond NCPC closest to the Glenview, Beat 22X.

4) Several of the newer maps talk about keeping certain neighborhood or adjoining neighborhoods together in single, respective Council Districts. Some questions about that:

a) If all the neighborhoods near Lake Merritt were kept together in what is now District 2, do the maps propose adding the Glenview to the Current District 2, or ceding it back to what is today District 5?

b) Same goes for the maps that would keep the Dimond neighborhood (or most of it), the Laurel and the Allendale neighborhoods together in a single Council District (all are currently in District 4). Would doing that cause the Glenview to be retained in current District 5?

4) And a bit of history----There were two principal reasons that the Glenview was moved to Council District 5 (predominant neighborhood is the Fruitvale) some decades ago. One was to economically diversify District 5 (a good reason) the other was to (he believed) advance the then Council member's political ambitions (not a good reason). Personally, my observation is that the Glenview has been

well-served by being part of District 5 and I have seen areas of deep community of interest (issues with the economy, business issues, public safety issues and OUSD issues between Glenview and Fruitvale neighbors.

Keeping neighborhoods with a community of interest together in the same District (new or old) and avoiding splitting neighborhoods between Districts is the overriding priority, which District/ Council rep we end up with is secondary. That said, absent an overriding need to move the Glenview out of City Council/OUSD District 5, to meet critical re-apportionment goals, keeping the Glenview in District 5, with the Fruitvale, would be a good result, in my opinion

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Vail
36 year resident of the Glenview

Luna, Richard

From: Marcia Tanner [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 4:32 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Oakland redistricting

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for inviting commentary from residents on the various extant proposals for redistricting the city of Oakland.

At the risk of sounding like an echo, I wholeheartedly endorse and advocate for Marge Gibson Haskell's and David Kessler's arguments in favor of a map of council districts that reflects *all* aspects of the city's diversity, rather than dividing it into homogenous silos based on demographics and geography that could disproportionately privilege more affluent residents.

I understand the need for council members to represent fairly and forcefully the interests of their constituents. This might argue in favor of dividing the map into those silos, so that each district might elect strong advocates for their district's singular interests and needs.

I live in the hills and share many concerns with other residents here. But given the increasingly divisive and fragmented nature of our citizenry--everywhere in the U.S. as well as locally--based on wealth inequality, political ideology, and many other factors--I believe the responsible goal is for the city to try to compensate for those disparities by doing what it can to bring us together. We need to understand each others' legitimate existential concerns, and work toward fair and just solutions to *all* our issues.

Our city and our country are in crisis. We *must* figure out how to work together to address and ameliorate our challenges, or we'll all suffer. We already are.

Best of luck with your deliberations today, and thank you again for inviting comments from Oakland residents.

Please get the word out sooner and more efficiently next time.

THANK YOU again.

Yours in hope,

Marcia Tanner

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From: **Marge Gibson** [redacted]
Date: Tue, Nov 30, 2021, 8:26 PM

Subject: Re: redistricting
To: rluna@oaklandca.gov <rluna@oaklandca.gov>, David Kessler [redacted] Open Forum <openforum@northhillscommunity.org>

Dear Commissioners:

Upon reading David Kessler's email I do not think I could voice the concept of preserving our diverse City any better. Oakland representation at its best works because Council members don't just listen to one voice but to many different concerns within their districts. Though the Commission is charging itself with developing communities of interest nevertheless consideration should be given to the benefits of diversity within a council district as a meaningful benefit.

As a Council member whose district stretched from the hills to Emeryville I found that I developed greater empathy for all the citizens of Oakland than I believe I would have if my district was more homogeneous. This should be preserved.

Marge Gibson Haskell Council Member District 1 (1979-1992)

On Tuesday, November 30, 2021, 07:46:26 PM PST, David Kessler [redacted] wrote:

Dear Commissioners:
I believe that districts with great diversity of race, income, ethnicity, education, state of infrastructure, amount of greenery, you name it are what Oakland needs. We cannot be redistricted into relatively homogenous silos and expect to emerge with a city in which every life is valued. Getting redistricting right might literally save lives on the streets of Oakland. I think the current districts are based on those sort of good ideas, and I think sticking close to them is the way to go. People have already learned to work together in these districts, so minimal change will allow for greater continuity of community solidarity.
THANKS for all your hard, honest, thoughtful work!
Amen.
in peace
David Kessler
former North Hills Phoenix Association president

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"I am grateful for brilliant art that moves me beyond the emotional walls I build around myself."
Roxane Gay, *New York Times*, 1 October 2021

Luna, Richard

From: Sharon Cornu <SharonCornu@stmaryscenter.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 9:19 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Re: Oakland Redistricting Commission Meeting Agenda & New Draft Map Proposals
Attachments: City of Oakland Redistricting - Support Plan K.pdf

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From: Luna, Richard <RLuna@oaklandca.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 2:24 PM
Subject: Oakland Redistricting Commission Meeting Agenda & New Draft Map Proposals

Dear Community Partners,

The Oakland Redistricting Commission will meet again on Wednesday, December 1st at 5:00 pm. The meeting agenda with access instructions is attached and is also available online.

Additionally, three (3) new maps have been issued and are now available on the Commission's website for consideration. All comments on the draft maps can be submitted at Wednesday's meeting during public comment, via email or online survey.

Finally, if you would like to learn more about the redistricting process in a Q&A setting, please attend the Commission's upcoming workshops on Tuesday, November 30th at 5:00 pm or Saturday, December 4th at 12:00 pm.

Thank you.

Richard J. Luna
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Everybody needs a place

November 30, 2021

City of Oakland Redistricting Commission, via email rluna@oaklandca.gov

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your service in this decennial process of re-drawing lines to create strong community-based districts.

The Council of Elders, elected by their peers in St. Mary's Center Senior Advocates for Hope and Justice, recently recalled our extensive participation in Census 2020 and reviewed the proposed maps at the Congressional, Senate, Assembly and Supervisorial levels. We write today out of concern for one proposal, City of Oakland Map D, which would isolate West Oakland from its traditional community of interest.

Our Council of Elders voted unanimously to recommend Draft Plan K to preserve the voice of West Oakland in District 3. Reasons for rejecting Map D in favor of Map K included knowledge of both current District 1 and District 3 neighborhoods:

- "I stayed in North Oakland for years, and they had more college kids and hospital workers."
- "I lived in West Oakland and at St. Mary's shelter, and there is a slower, more family oriented vibe."
- "North Oakland has a more Berkeley atmosphere."
- "Blacks have been pushed out of North Oakland, it's a different atmosphere."
- "West Oakland is up and coming, I believe that. The new apartment buildings down San Pablo Avenue, like the one we are going to build, and the Monarch – plus the streets being re-done, when you see that, something's going to change."
- "West Oakland has been asleep and it is waking up! Mandela Way, the Huey Newton site – it's all bringing up community. Due to the Black Panther movement and now as a people, raising children and sending them to school – we are a community."

On behalf of our Council of Elders, we encourage you to preserve the voice and community of West Oakland in District 3 and support Draft Plan K.

In community,

Keith Arivnwine, President: Anne Bradley, Secretary; Madlynn Johnson; Carey Whiteside; Sharon Cornu, Executive Director

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Luna, Richard

From: Ezra Kong [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 7:16 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Public Comment: Redistricting Commission

Hi,

My name is Ezra Kong and I am currently a renter in District 5. As a resident of Fruitvale, I oppose Maps J and K. These Maps K and J dilute the voices of those living in Fruitvale, where many of Oakland's Latinx and spanish-speaking, and low income community members live, which are important and underrepresented communities that Oakland must ensure it is serving better. I support Map I as the top choice.

Thank you,
Ezra Kong
District 5

Luna, Richard

From: Jasmin Hoo <jasmin@apienc.org>
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 2:30 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Agenda Item #7 - Redistricting

Hi,

My name is Jasmin Hoo and I am currently a renter in District 5.

As a resident of Fruitvale, I oppose Maps J and K. These Maps K and J dilute the voices of those living in Fruitvale, where many of Oakland's Latinx and spanish-speaking, and low income community members live, which are important and underrepresented communities that Oakland must ensure it is serving better.

I support Map I as the top choice.

Thank you,
Jasmin Hoo
District 5

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Have you seen APIENC's new Theory of Change? Check out our plan for building effective and sustainable movements for justice.

Alvin, Corey

From: Brooke Levin [redacted]
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 3:42 PM
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Re: Redistricting Commission Meeting Agenda for December 8, 2021

Corey,

I have been trying to look at the five NEW public maps that are now under consideration in the agenda packet issued today. They do not seem to allow for interactive movement beyond the +- feature, making it hard to see streets and other landmarks. It is very hard with the north part of Oakland once you enlarge it, most of it is cut off. It is also not possible to view details for other parts of the City, specifically, street names. The up/down arrows on the computer do not move the map as they do with the interactive maps done by the consultant.

This is a lot of new information at the 11th hour, not sure if the breakdowns of population are available to go along with them, without it is very challenging to make full, informed comments.

I will again voice my concern with keeping the **Rockridge** neighborhood and business district whole, its hard to tell if the public maps do this. There has been much testimony and written material on the Rockridge boundaries that will hopefully be reflected in the final map.

Finally, I **support Lake Merritt being in one District (Map F)** and **oppose the "all hills" district** which I do not see as a community of interest. To spread a District out over most of the width of the City would be a disservice to anyone representing the community and the community who's vote will be muffled due to the extreme span of control with the same staff resources and budget of the Districts that are more compact.

Brooke A Levin

> On Dec 3, 2021, at 3:00 PM, Alvin, Corey <CAlvin@oaklandca.gov> wrote:
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> Dear Community Partners,
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> Additionally, three (3) new maps have been issued and are now available on the Commission's website and links to five (5) maps drawn by the public are included on the agenda for consideration. All comments on the draft maps can be submitted at Wednesday's meeting during public comment, via email or online survey. Please note that Maps A-D are no longer being considered.
>
> Finally, if you would like to learn more about the redistricting process in a Q&A setting, please attend the Commission's upcoming workshop on Saturday, December 4th at 12pm.

Thank you.

Corey Alvin, Environmental Coordinator | City of Oakland | Bureau of Planning | 250 Frank H. Ogawa, Suite 3315 | Oakland, CA 94612 | Phone: (510) 238-6316 | Email: calvin@oaklandca.gov | Website: www.oaklandca.gov

<Redistricting Commission Meeting Agenda with attachment December 8, 2021.pdf>

Alvin, Corey

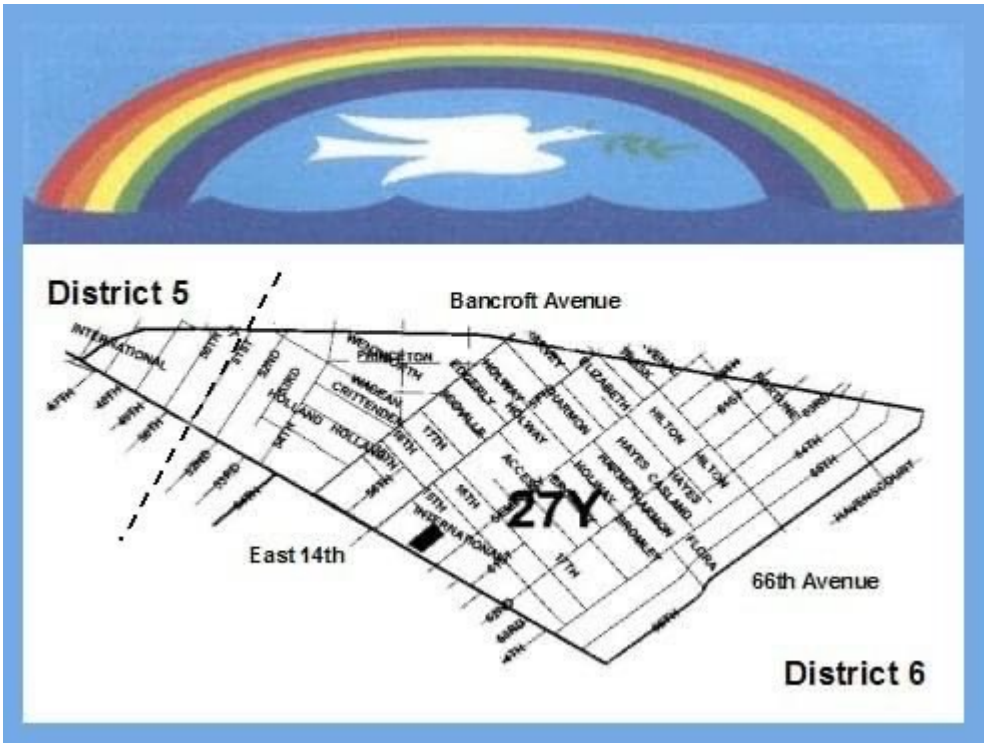
From: Anna Audrey [redacted]
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 10:40 AM
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: I'm for Plan F

I vote for Plan F. Thank you.

Luna, Richard

From: RainbowCommunityNeighborhoodCouncil NCPC Beat 27Y <ncpc.beat27y@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 4, 2021 8:01 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Re: City Council boundaries and our NCPC boundaries

Thanks. Also, here is a graphic showing our beat boundaries and the council district line. As you can see, it's really just a very small part in District 5.



On Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 5:13 PM Luna, Richard <RLuna@oaklandca.gov> wrote:

> Thank you, your email was received. It will be forwarded to the Commissioners and posted on their website.
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> **Richard J. Luna**
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> *Deputy City Administrator*
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From: RainbowCommunityNeighborhoodCouncil NCPC Beat 27Y <ncpc.beat27y@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 4:24 PM
To: Luna, Richard <RLuna@oaklandca.gov>
Subject: City Council boundaries and our NCPC boundaries

Hi,

I previously completed your survey on behalf of the Rainbow Community Neighborhood Council, Beat 27Y. I was pleased to see that your new Plan K has our beat in a single city council district.

Our beat boundaries are 66th Ave to Bancroft Ave and Bancroft Way, where it meets International Blvd and back to 66th Ave, basically a triangle. Right now, our beat is mostly in District 6 with a small portion in District 5. The current district lines that cross our beat really don't bear much of a relationship to the actual neighborhood group.

We periodically reach out to District 5 officials but haven't worked with them in years, impeding our efforts. Moreover, I don't think any residents of District 5 who are within our beat boundaries participate in our group. Practically speaking, the only regular city council officials that assist us are from District 6.

I would hope that any new district boundary plan, be it Plan K or any other revisions, would place our beat in a single council district. If you have any questions for me, I'd be happy to speak to you.

Thanks.

Bob Bodnar, Chair

Rainbow Community Neighborhood Council, 27Y

From: Andrew Norton
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021 8:36:42 AM

Living in the Dimond for 28 years now, I would really like to preserve it as close as possible to 'as is'. I heavily support MAP E to preserve lines as close as possible to existing.

thanks

Andy Norton, Dimond

From: Leeann Alameda
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Comments for 12/6 Redistricting Meeting
Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021 5:01:58 PM

Hello,

I am submitting a comment for the 12/6 Oakland Redistricting Meeting, agenda item 5.

I live in District 2 near the Lake. The commission has a responsibility to keep communities of interest together. Based on the commission meeting of 12/1/21 commissioners recognized that the neighborhoods surrounding Lake Merritt represent such a community of interest that should be kept intact.

This is critically important to a group I am the chair of that is a coalition of nearly 160 neighbors living on all sides of the Lake near the shore but also the streets above. I myself live on Merritt Ave. but much of the activity at the Lake on Lakeshore and as far as Bellevue are impacting my living situation here. For example with issues around amplified music, I can hear it as far away as Grand Ave and the Boathouse parking lot.

From the maps currently being considered, map F is the best, and strongly recommend a change to include Adams Point and have the map go all the way up to MacArthur and Harrison.

That way people living just a block off the lake in Adams Point that are impacted by and concerned about what happens at the Lake are in the same district as people who live on Bellevue and we can all go to one council member to advocate for greater protection of people's public health and safety.

I strongly opposed maps I and K because they put Lakeshore in District 3 which means the streets just up from that are impacted in the same way are in a different district. Especially when you consider Wayne Ave that has buildings that essentially are on Lakeshore but their address is Wayne. We would also like to stay in District 2.

Thank you.

Best,
Leeann Alameda
[redacted]
Oakland

From: Betholyn Otte
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Commission Comments for 12/6/2021 Meeting
Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021 7:04:46 PM

Dear Corey Alvin

This is a comment for the Redistricting Commission meeting on 12/6/2021 -- agenda item #6.

I am a resident of city council District Two and believe that folks who live around the lake form a community of interest. Over the years we have worked together to protect and advocate for the jewel of a wildlife refuge and bird sanctuary that Lake Merritt is. Historically we have worked to pass Measure DD that provided funding to improve the lake, etc. I think it is best that Lake Merritt neighborhoods should not be split into separate council districts. Of the current plans, I think Map F best supports the Lake Merritt community. I believe Map F could be improved by including Adams Point along with the rest of the lake neighborhoods in Plan F. I think Maps I and K do not serve the community of interest who live around the lake because of the way those maps split the neighborhood across districts.

Thanks
Betholyn Otte, district 2 resident
[redacted]

From: Tina Monaco
To: Alvin, Corey
Cc: DL - City Council
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021 10:05:40 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Tina Monaco
Cleveland Heights resident

It's your story to create…..Make it a good one!

From: Jeff Jackson
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Fwd: Comments for 12/6/2021 Redistricting Commission Meeting
Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021 10:30:05 PM

Thank you for collecting comments for agenda item #6 of the Redistricting Commission meeting on 12/6/2021.

As a 24 year resident of current city council District Two and someone who has lived with Lake Merritt for over 40 years, I am writing to express my interests in the lake redistricting. I moved to Oakland because of Lake Merritt. I've been active with community organizations, the City, and the great diversity of Oaklanders that have worked tirelessly for the past 50+ years to restore and preserve Lake Merritt as a peaceful sanctuary not only for wildlife, but for all human life that are guests here.

Those that visit the lake on the weekends from the suburbs and do not live with the lake on a daily basis, may or may not have the same values for or investment in the lake's clean water, clean air, peace, wildlife and all that is required to restore and maintain the balance the lake lost with Spanish, then Mexican, then US occupation of lands that were better cared for by original inhabitants. It seems very few if any weekend visitors volunteer during the week to preserve the lake. When those who enjoy the lake volunteer at the lake, we've seen the lake return to balance. The lake is in yet another phase of imbalance where human guests urinate and defecate in the lake, unregulated capitalist vendors sell plastics and styrofoam and other trash that ends up in the lake, drug dealers and gun owners from the suburbs rule on the weekends, and individual and personal freedoms reign over community interests and the interests of the voiceless lake, the voiceless land and and the voiceless wildlife.

Of the current redistricting proposals for the lake, Map F best supports the Lake Merritt community and all in Oakland who depend on the natural habitat of the lake. If we divide the lake, we divide those who live near and volunteer at the lake. Therefore, it might make sense for Adams Point to be added to Map F.

Respectfully,
Jeff Jackson, district 2 resident

Luna, Richard

From: Vicente Verdad [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, December 5, 2021 10:11 PM
To: Luna, Richard; Alvin, Corey
Subject: Conflict of Interest

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You've put so much effort into this process. Don't have the final maps tossed out by conflict of interest lawsuit.

From: Christine Ralls
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 10:28:40 AM

Hello. My name is Christine Ralls. I am a former City Council Aide, and have been active in the neighborhood since I was a renter in the Dimond District. I live at 2200 47th Ave. in the Melrose District. My family has lived here for 32 years and my neighborhood has been split between D. 4, 5, and 6. My area is commonly called the dog leg of D. 4. We share no community of interest with the hills district. **The only map I support is J.**

This is my reasoning:

1. Dimond and Laurel are more closely aligned with the flatland neighborhoods of Fruitvale and Allendale. They do not belong in the hills district. The community of interest for these two neighborhoods matters to me as I shop and bank in these two districts.
2. The Melrose neighborhood is more closely aligned with the Fruitvale neighborhood. We have Fremont High, Cardenas market, Melrose Library and all are used by my neighbors. We are not deep East Oakland. Rather, we are more of a transitional neighborhood between Fruitvale and Deep East Oakland. We have no senior center in our neighborhood but we do have a Boys and Girls Club on High Street.
3. While I am most concerned about **my** neighborhood I care about Dimond and Laurel. They should be maintained as flatland neighborhoods. I would be willing to concede High Street as a boundary, as a negotiating point, but Melrose is distinct from Maxwell Park.
4. Nothing has been gained for our flatland neighborhoods by including the hills districts. Just look at our parks, e.g. Courtland Creek Park. While the hills advocates may feel good having flatland neighborhoods in their district I would be willing to bet they don't shop, visit, or have many reasons to come below MacArthur Blvd. We are getting new residents in our flatland neighborhooods and that is good. We need **these** people to be active and care and participate in our community. Diluting their voting power by keeping hills and flats together is not justice or equity.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. And thank you to the citizen volunteers who have participated in this effort. Only the citizens will save Oakland.

Best regards,
Christine Ralls
[redacted]
Oakland, CA 94601
[redacted]

From: FM Austin
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:01:43 PM

Map F is closest but.please add Adams Point so the area is not too broken up. Thank you.

Francesca Austin
[redacted]Oakland, Ca 94610
Resident of Cleveland Heights

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Francesca Austin/Oakland

"When things are chaotic, it's hard to feel comfortable." Patty Schemel

From:	beth elliott
To:	Alvin, Corey
Cc:	Beth Elliott
Subject:	Redistricting Commission meeting 12/6/2021 - Agneda Item 5: - Review of Maps Submitted by the Public
Date:	Monday, December 6, 2021 1:35:44 PM

Dear Commissioners:

I write to advocate for proposed redistricting Map F.

Map F would best provide representation for the community of interest that is people residing on or in close proximity to Lake Merritt. The safe and peaceful enjoyment of Lake Merritt by all Oakland residents and visitors, as well as the continued viability of the wildlife refuge, will require the attention of a Council Member who represents this community of interest.

Immediate matters that affect the health of the Lake and the well being of its residents include homelessness, public safety, and parks and recreation maintenance. The Lake is in danger of being loved to death. Without reasonable management of access, parking, and usage, not only will the Lake suffer but residents will suffer as well, as evidenced by incidents of emergency vehicles having been prevented by crowds from accessing situations in which they were needed.

Dealing with the complex web of issues involved will require a representative who has a stake in the Lake's wellbeing by virtue of being answerable to voters who live on or close to the Lake.

This means that Lake Merritt must be part of District 2. It must especially not (per maps I and K) have to compete for City Council representation with the Port of Oakland.

I am a Bay Area native who enjoyed Children's Fairyland and the Green (Midcentury) Monster as a child, and have now lived over half my life just up from Lake Merritt. I appreciate the Commission's consideration of Map F as the best line drawing for Oakland's jewel.

Sincerely,

Beth Elliott

[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: morris baller [redacted]
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:52 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Oakland City Council Redistricting

Dear Mr. Luna,

As a resident of and worker employed in the Lake Merritt neighborhood, customer at numerous Lake Merritt area businesses, and frequent user of Lake Merritt and the surrounding parkland, I strongly urge the redistricting commission to recognize the Community of Interest that unites all sides of the Lake and surrounding areas joined to it by use, shopping, and recreational patterns (including the Grand Avenue and Lakeshore commercial areas and adjacent streets, and the Adams Point area north of Grand Avenue). The residents and businesses of this neighborhood have strong common interests in its maintenance, permitted uses, and regulations applying to it specifically (including traffic control, event permitting, public health and safety measures specific to the area, business permits and licensing, management of the Lake's waters, etc.). Focused and consistent attention to the City's policies with regard to these matters as applied to the Lake Merritt area, in the form of a Councilperson elected from and accountable to the area, will benefit not only neighborhood residents and local businesses, but also those many Oaklanders from all parts of the City who come to the Lake Merritt area for recreation, shopping, and special events. Of the plans currently under consideration by the Redistricting Commission, only Plan F comes anywhere close to addressing these legitimate needs and goals. The Lake Merritt area's condition, usability, and appeal to all Oaklandrers, including but not limited to neighborhood residents, has suffered in recent years from the lack of such focused attention on the part of the City. I would therefore urge the Commission to adopt Plan F or one closely based on its geographical composition that preserves the strong community of interest factors common to the Lake Merritt area, including those identified above.

Thank you for your consideration,

Morris J. Baller
[redacted]

Luna, Richard

From: Kate Steel [redacted]
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 2:36 PM
To: Luna, Richard; Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Maps - Comment on Item Numbers 5 and 6

Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of current District 3, on the Bellevue/Perkins west side Lake Merritt. I am active in community issues, and belong to the Adams Point Neighborhood Group. I also follow and attend Cleveland Cascade Neighborhood Group meetings, as that group is a part of the broader Lake Merritt and lake adjacent residential and business area. These two areas, the east and the west residential and business interests, need to be in a single District, represented by a single elected council member. As a member of the Lakeshore Neighbors Working Group, which meets monthly with City officials to discuss issues and solutions affecting areas all around the lake, I can tell you first hand that we need a single district to advocate our collective, common interests.

I join with my residential and commercial neighbors around and proximate to Lake Merritt to urge the Commission to redraw the District line to combine these neighborhoods and business areas into a single community of interest District.

In the initial remapping proposals by the Commission, maps C and D kept Lake Merritt neighborhoods together. I understand those maps are off the table at this point. So that leaves us with only one map before the Commission that keeps some semblance of Lake Merritt and adjacent areas together—Map F. **If other Maps are in the running for final approval, I urge the Commission to redraw those maps with a specific goal of achieving a unified District for Lake Merritt and adjacent neighbors and businesses.**

Thank you.

Kate Steel

From: Kay Skonieczny
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting around Lake Merritt
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 2:06:59 PM

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Hello Cory,

My name is Kay Skonieczny. I live at [redacted] Apartments and want to add comment on the redistricting proposals. I strongly urge support for the neighborhoods around the lake to be in one district, district 2. There are many common interests and areas of concern for the many residents who reside around the lake.

Map F plus Adams Point is the best option. Maps l and K are not acceptable.

Thank you for relaying my comments and support for one district around the lake.

Kay Skonieczny
[redacted]

Sent from my iPad

From: Juan Ibarra
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Lake Merritt.
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 2:29:08 PM

Dear Sit or Madam,
Our family prefers to have Map F
as an option. We have raised our children in the area and would prefer the Lake and Adam Point are to be under District 2.
Regards,
Juan Ibarra

Sent from my iPhone

Luna, Richard

From: Lisa Zemelman [redacted]
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 2:47 PM
To: Alvin, Corey
Cc: Luna, Richard
Subject: Comments on Redistricting

I appreciate the thoughtfulness and care with which the Redistricting commission is carrying out the redistricting process in Oakland.

I would like to voice my support for two very different proposed maps.

At the Dec. 1 public meeting, Commissioner Gee pointed out that in order to get a measure passed in the city, 4-5 council votes were needed and groups with pluralities in several areas were thus politically advantaged. This led to a specific discussion about whether or not minority groups in the city better off with one long "hills" district or having the city districts apportioned more "vertically" to divide this constituency. I don't think it is desirable to make re-districting decisions based on calculations regarding potential political advantages for city council members, for example, in terms of whether the boundaries of their district gives them some sort of advantage in a mayoral race (this was actually discussed) or in terms of electability. As some people pointed out, the opposite consequences may arise when a strong interest group is divided among several constituencies. However, given these considerations, I would support Plan H, which does seem to give at least two historically under-represented minorities (Blacks and Hispanics) large representation in at least three areas. I myself do not see how to give Asians dominant representation in any of the proposed districts given the size and dispersal of this population.

My other support is for map 63136, a map almost identical to one that I myself submitted some weeks ago (61089). My focus was largely on creating districts which were geographically and socially connected in terms of commonalities where people live, shop, and carry out daily activities. Although my area, district 5, is very diverse, with nearly all ethnic groups represented, other districts are far more homogenous. I do not think it serves these districts well to give them peculiar shapes and appendages, where small geographical areas are attached to large units for the purpose of giving them a more "representative" look. Those living in these appendages can, and have been, easily ignored by representatives who, it seems to me, will pay more heed to organized and vocal groups, such as merchants associations, etc. and whatever group they believe is their "base".

Sincerely,

Lisa Zemelman
Resident, District 5

From: Penny Righthand
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Comment on Items 5 and 6 of tonight"s redistricting meeting agenda
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 3:23:50 PM

To the Redistricting Commission:
Thank you for your diligent efforts at this difficult task of re-drawing redistricting lines in Oakland. I reside in what is now D3 on the Grand Avenue side of Lake Merritt.

It has become clear over the past few years that The Lake Merritt area needs to be contained in a single council district. This is **to the benefit of our entire city**, as the Lake is a draw for all Oakland citizens, and at the same time, what happens there directly affects the nearby residents and commercial retailers. To only use the shore of the lake as a boundary does not consider the neighborhood which is so directly impacted by the lake/park.

Therefore, regardless of the base map selected by the Commission (though at the moment, map F is the only one addressing the Lake as one entity) the "Lake Merritt Neighborhood" should be defined as : 1)the Lake and all residential and commercial areas immediately adjacent to the Lake and those that are near-adjacent, 2) an intact Adams Point neighborhood (including areas north of Grand Ave), 3) the commercial areas of Grand Ave and Lakeshore Ave north/east of 580.
This will allow one council member to represent the collective needs of the entire area effectively, to the benefit of all Oaklanders.
Thank you
Penny Righthand
D3

From:	Bruce Boyer
To:	Alvin, Corey
Subject:	Comments for the 12/6 Redistricting Commission meeting, Agenda Item 5
Date:	Monday, December 6, 2021 3:24:38 PM

My comments regarding the maps submitted by the public are limited to how these maps preserve the integrity of the greater Lake Merritt neighborhood. Not preserving the greater Lake Merritt neighborhood means that the Lake will fall into multiple council districts, resulting in inefficient and fractured representation for Lake residents.

Map 76738 is best with respect to the preservation and situation (district) of the greater Lake Merritt neighborhood.

Maps 69136 and 69351 fail decidedly to keep greater Lake Merritt Neighborhood intact. They exclude a number of key areas of the neighborhood:

- Lakeview Branch Library
- Eastshore Park (adjacent to 580)
- Grand Ave and Lakeshore commercial districts north of 580
- Residences on Lakeshore Ave

Map 69136 further fails in that it splits the Lake in two: the north/east and the south/west. It places all parkland in the western council district further isolating the north/east residents from the council person in direct control of the lake.

Maps 88585 and 87838 generally preserve the greater Lake Neighborhood. However, they fail on the west side, excluding Snow Park and residential areas on Lakeside Dr.

Bruce Boyer

From: Tom Konnert
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Maps
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 3:27:56 PM

Mr Calvin,
My husband and I live in Adams Point. We have looked at all of the maps and we are convinced that Map F, adding all the Lake, should be in F. This would be under District 2.
We feel strongly that Lake Merritt should DEFINITELY NOT BE SPLIT. The past year or so,
has been very problematic because the Lake was split into two Districts.

Thank you so much for allowing us to comment!

Very Best,

Ellen Konnert, RN/NP

Sent from my iPhone

From: t konnert
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 3:29:52 PM

Dear Councilman Alvin. Regarding Agenda item 6, please adopt redistricting map F as it is inclusive of all of the neighborhoods that surround Lake Merritt and will result in a
more coherent approach to dealing with issues that arise there.
Regards, Tom Konnert

From: Bruce Boyer
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Comments for the 12/6 Redistricting Commission meeting, Agenda Item 6
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 3:33:12 PM

As a resident of the Adams Point neighborhood directly adjacent to Lake Merritt I am concerned about the lack of redistricting maps, submitted by the commission or by the public, that meet the needs of the greater Lake Merritt neighborhood. Of Commission-drawn maps, only map F addresses those needs, though with shortcomings. Of the five public-drawn maps identified on the meeting agenda only one substantially meets the needs Lake residents; two fail in critical areas; two fail completely.

To meet the needs of the greater Lake Merritt neighborhood a map must ensure that:

> The Lake Merritt area is contained in a single council district. The Lake Merritt area includes all residential and commercial areas immediately adjacent to the Lake, and those that are near-adjacent, along the entire circumference of the Lake. The entire Adams Point neighborhood is included, including areas north of Grand Ave. The commercial areas of Grand Ave and Lakeshore Ave north/east of 580 are included.

If the Commission considers any map as a possible final candidate and that map does not meet the needs of the greater Lake Merritt area the Commission must make adjustments to that map to meet the criteria above.

Bruce Boyer

From: Lisa
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Public Comment 12/6/21 - Oakland Redistricting
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 3:33:15 PM

Hello – I'd like to provide input on the maps currently under review by the Redistricting Commission. Previously, I had submitted input regarding the Lakeshore Homes Association – an HOA of 1055 homes located in District 2 – that meets the criteria as a Community of Interest. HOA members pay annual dues that fund the maintenance of 7 parks / plots within the neighborhood. The parks are all open to the public, but do not receive any public maintenance services from the City of Oakland. **All park maintenance and capital improvements are funded by HOA dues.**

I am submitting input to the commission as the HOA administrator, to maintain the boundaries of the HOA and keep it located within a single district. I have also publicized the redistricting process with our members and encouraged them to provide input to this process so that their individual views will be considered.

Map E

Agree with this map with no changes – the HOA remains within a single district.

Map F

Do not agree - creates a large split of the HOA, with a dividing line splitting Trestle Glen and Grosvenor down the middle of these residential streets. Additional streets of Holman, Bates, Creed & Barrows are also split off into a separate district.

Map G

Small revision – one small section of the HOA – Creed Road & 1463-1471 Trestle Glen are split off from B2 to D4.

Map H

This map does not keep current District 2 lines as stated in the description. It splits Creed Road and 1463-1471 Trestle Glen into D4.

Map I

No issue with this map – HOA remains within a single district.

Map J

No issue with this map – HOA remains within a single district.

Map K

Small revision – one small section of HOA – Creed Road & 1463-1471 Trestle Glen are split from B2 to D4.

Thank you,
Lisa Ray

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Luna, Richard

From: Vicente Verdad [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 9:51 AM
To: info; Bhakta, Mitesh
Cc: Luna, Richard; Alvin, Corey
Subject: Fwd: Conflict of Interest

I submitted my comments yesterday. My comments highlight a grave concern in your process and thus potential impact on your final maps. They were not added to your public comment document for the Commissioners and public to view. Please include them - like all other comments on redistricting - in your public document, as required by the FAIR MAPS Act.

Sent using Zoho Mail

========== Forwarded message ==========
From: Vicente Verdad [redacted]
To: "RLuna"<RLuna@oaklandca.gov>, "calvin"<calvin@oaklandca.gov>
Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2021 22:11:17 -0800
Subject: Conflict of Interest
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Luna, Richard

From: Nathan Moon <Beat8xNCPC@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 5:36 PM
To: Luna, Richard
Cc: Office of the Mayor; Moore, Angela; Smith, Crystal; Steward, Seth; VANCEDRIC WILLIAMS; Gallo, Noel; Thao, Sheng; nbas@oaklandca.gov
Subject: Re: Oakland Redistricting Commission Meeting Agenda & New Draft Map Proposals

Richard, All,

Ujima Friends was unfortunately unable to attend the Dec 1st Redistricting Meeting. However, our community worked together to submit our draft map. We believe that our Ujima Friends draft map reflects the best of all possibilities, and ensures the highest equity for Black and Brown Oakland. See here...

https://districtr.org/edit/90012?event=oakland .

Ujima Friends' top priority was that District 3 maintains Pill Hill, the Lake, and the majority of Downtown (every other map so far has taken Pill Hill out of D3).

It was crucial to Ujima Friends that District 1 - considered very white - did not move south of I-580. In order to ensure this, D3 conceded Mosswood (this was our most difficult concession but we remained willing because we held onto our park at the Lake). In our map, D1 will start at I-580 and neatly stop at Highway 13.

Also, in our draft map, District 3 allocates Adams Point to our neighbor District 2. This was acceptable because Adams Point is much more similar to Trestle Glen and Lakeshore, and is very different from the rest of District 3. Our map consolidates Chinatown and the Asian community in District 2, ensuring equitable Asian representation.

District 4 - the other predominately middle class district - will cover the Montclair hills and unify all communities of interest in Dimond and Laurel on both sides of I-580.

In District 5 we believe we have captured the heart of the Latinx community.

In Districts 6 and 7 we wanted to equitably split deep East Oakland into two strong Black districts with their own great assets. Mills and the Hills in 6 and the Airport and the Coliseum in 7. The population sizes balanced nearly perfectly.

We were determined to shape districts that represent us so that in the coming decade our entire council and school board will make our communities of color the top priority. I hope our map helps shape the future.

Warmest regards,

Nathan Moon
Advocacy Director
Ujima Friends
Our 8x Community
UjimaFriends@gmail.com
510-603-1207

On Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 2:24 PM Luna, Richard <RLuna@oaklandca.gov> wrote:

Dear Community Partners,

The Oakland Redistricting Commission will meet again on Wednesday, December 1st at 5:00 pm. The meeting agenda with access instructions is attached and is also available online.

Additionally, three (3) new maps have been issued and are now available on the Commission's website for consideration. All comments on the draft maps can be submitted at Wednesday's meeting during public comment, via email or online survey.

Finally, if you would like to learn more about the redistricting process in a Q&A setting, please attend the Commission's upcoming workshops on Tuesday, November 30th at 5:00 pm or Saturday, December 4th at 12:00 pm.

Thank you.

Richard J. Luna

Deputy City Administrator

rluna@oaklandca.gov

(510) 238-4756

From: JOANNE JASSON
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Proposed Redistricting Plan
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 2:44:21 PM

Dear Redistricting Commission,

As a resident of current District 5 for 40 years, I lead the neighbors' group "Friends of Gwen Jackson Park", formerly Nicol Park. That park is a small, but much-used pocket playground at the corner of Nicol and Coolidge, beloved by families within walking distance, especially those who lack cars. In 2019, residents living up and down both sides of Coolidge petitioned and succeeded in re-naming the park for our beloved former resident Ms Gwen Jackson who gave so much to children here. We continue to pick up trash and help maintain it.

Therefore, we SUPPORT MAPS H and K, as they include our larger community and families that use the playground on both sides of Coolidge Ave and for blocks both above and below Nicol St.

We STRONGLY OPPOSE maps E, F, and "I", as they divide our community at Coolidge from 580 to Brookdale. Coolidge and the playground need to remain the heart of our community, not at its edge.

Furthermore, Coolidge Ave has several issues that impact families using the playground (*e.g.,* trash, speeding, cars turning donuts, poor paving, drugs). We need one Council member dedicated to the entire street and blocks just off it on both sides. The division as outlined in Maps E, F, and "I" would have a strongly negative impact on our community.

Please SUPPORT Maps H or K and strengthen, rather than divide, our district.

Sincerely,
Joanne Jasson
Friends of Gwen Jackson Park

From: Sharon Jackson
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 3:30:25 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I moved to Millsmont 21 years ago because it was charming, affordable and close to Mills College, my alma mater. My neighbors and I swim in it's pool, ride our bikes at Mills and stroll it's beautiful campus on warm summer afternoons. We think of it as our "park".

Millsmont is 50 percent African American with a median household income of $62,000. Map K divides our community and puts us in D4 —the all hills district — essentially silencing our voices by grouping us with people who don't share our concerns. We're concerned with gun violence, illegal dumping, "side shows" and homelessness like our "flatlands" neighbors in E5.

Please keep Millsmont intact and Mills Collge attached to this community and BOTH Mills College and Millsmont connected to the "flatlands". The borders of Millsmont are Macarthur Blvd., the 580 freeway and 73rd Ave./Edwards Ave. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sharon Jackson
Sent from my iPhone

From: joan schwartz
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: REDISTRICTING
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 4:00:06 PM

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I am a resident of current District 5, and am writing in **strong support of your draft Map H or possibly Map K**, if you slightly extend K's Area E to fully include Fruitvale Ave just below 580,

Both Maps H and K draw Area E in a way that reflects our real community, seeing Fruitvale and 580 as corridors that link us rather than separate us. If you go with Map K, it is important that Area E's western edge include all of Fruitvale Ave. Neighbors on both sides have worked to improve it and address its problem. We need one Council member to be responsible.

I reject Maps E, F, G, I, J. All of these maps cut out a large part of our community in different ways. E, F, I would create a non-contiguous border with a gap in the center of our district that makes no sense. It also means that no one Council member has full responsibility for Coolidge Ave. Map J has a similar issue as it sets Fruitvale as our western border, effectively slicing us in half and again resulting in no Council member having full responsibility for that troubled street. All five maps (E, F, G, I J) would hurt our community and impact our ability to work together for improvements.

Please support Maps H or an adjusted K that fully incorporates the stretch of Fruitvale just below 580, and help ensure that our underserved area gets the voice we deserve!

From: Kate C
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Support Maps H & K (oppose E, F, G, I, J)
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 5:42:02 PM

Dear Redistricting Committee,

Thank you all for your careful consideration of our city.

With the release of new maps, this is to update our Nov 11th message sent by Mailisha Chesney supporting maps 72058 and 74523. We live in current D5 and mostly new Area E. The lack of a formal name or neighborhood association often results in our area not being seen or heard, but we are a strong, extremely diverse, and engaged community. We have worked together for years. Do not divide us!!!

We reviewed the new draft maps and **STRONGLY SUPPORT Map H and, second choice, Map K.** These two maps best preserve our full community, although Map K does need to include both sides of Fruitvale Ave below 580. See more below.

We **STRONGLY OPPOSE Maps E, F, G, I, and J** as they divide our historical community in critical places.. Maps E, F, I and J would actively cause harm and cut off our voice and cohesion.

Reasons we SUPPORT Map H and, with tweaks, Map K -- They include and maintain our connection to:

- Our community of residents and commercial districts on both sides of 580 as well as schools our children attend and where our residents teach.
- Our communities below Foothill to the estuary
- Our communities and closely connected neighbors on both sides of Frutivale Ave below 580. It is critical that Map K be tweaked so that Area E's western boundary includes both sides of Fruitvale Ave below 580. Fruitvale is an important and often-problematic artery that needs one Council member responsible for both sides of the street.

Reasons we OPPOSE Maps E, F, G, I, and J is that they use convenient but false boundaries that split our community. Of these 5, map G is the least destructive, but still incomplete.

- Maps E, F, G, I inappropriately use 580 as a northern edge, dividing us from our residents and main commercial districts just above 580 as well as from our schools. It's a line on a map, not our community's border.
- Worst of all, Maps E, F, I take a big bite out of the just-below-580 "Area E" designation, creating a big gap in the middle of the district and non-contiguous boundary. Bartlett residents are critical to our community, some are writing this email; we have all worked together for decades! These maps would actively break our coalition. Hills' residents will not care about issues in a small corner below 580.
- Map J keeps our above-580 connection but divides us on the west at Fruitvale in the

heart of our area. This is also unacceptable for reasons cited above.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will support Map H or a tweaked Map K and give our diverse and strong community the formal cohesion we deserve!

Thank you again

(in alphabetical order :-)
Kate Chaitin
Mailisha Chesney
Mercedes Corbell
Margurite Fuller
Abraham Ruelas
Lisa Zemelman

From: Sharon Lee
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 11:04:36 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I'm a long time Millsmont resident and want my community to remain intact. Millsmont is 50 percent African-American with a median household income of $62,000. We're concerned with public education and safety, gun violence, homelessness and Illegal dumping among other things. Map K divides our community and puts us in D4 — the hills district — essentially silencing our voices by grouping us with people who don't share our concerns. Montclair is a predominately white and affluent area with a median household income of approximately $190,000. Some of their concerns are fire safety, corporate charter schools and their interests often align with those of developers.

Mills College is also part of my community of interest. It's where my neighbors and I swim, bike and stroll on warm summer afternoons. It's our"park".

Please keep Millsmont intact and Mills College attached to this community and BOTH Mills College and Millsmont connected to it's neighbors west of freeway 580. The borders of my community of interest are Macarthur Blvd., the 580 freeway and 73rd Ave./Edwards Ave. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sharon Lee

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Sincerely,
Sharon Lee

From: Bruce Boyer
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Comment for 12/8 Redistrict Commission Meeting Agenda Item 7
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:55:27 PM
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The Commission has embraced several of the suggestions made in public input. It also has recognized the need to reconcile existing maps with these suggestions. I think this is the correct process for the Commission to pursue to produce a final map.

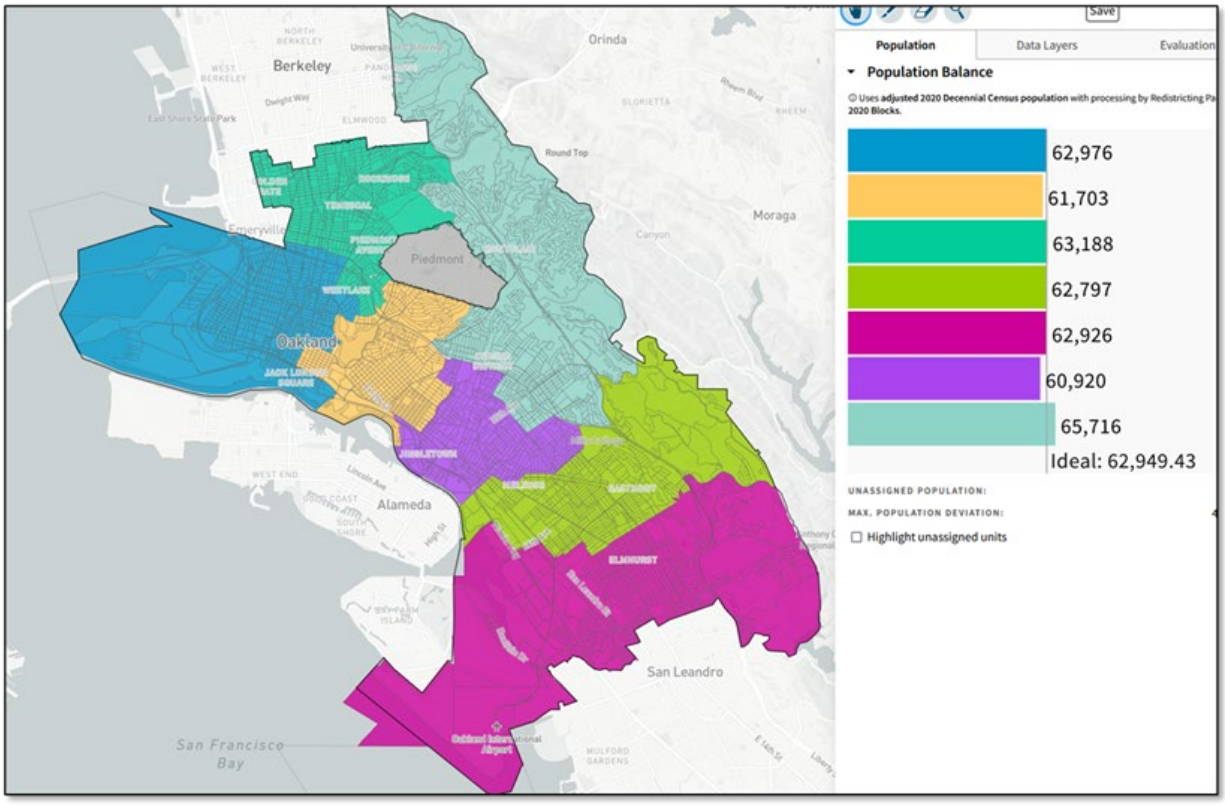
Specific public input that must be incorporated into any map under consideration is maintaining the greater Lake Merritt neighborhood within a single council district. This requirement is not completely met by any of the current maps under consideration, maps E through K.

In a test of the above process, I used the mapping tool offered by the Commission (districtr) to accommodate this goal into two maps currently under consideration, Map F and Map I. I created a total of three maps, two based on Map F and one based on Map I. All new maps moved as much of the Lake Merritt neighborhood as feasible into district B (this is the simplest way to accomplish the goal, IMO).

The maps I created might serve as examples for Commission's own process. Below are links to and screenshots of the maps. District (A, B, C, D, E, F, G)/color cross reference for all maps: Blue = C, Yellow = B, Green = A, Lt Blue = D, Lime Green = F, Purple = E, Magenta = G

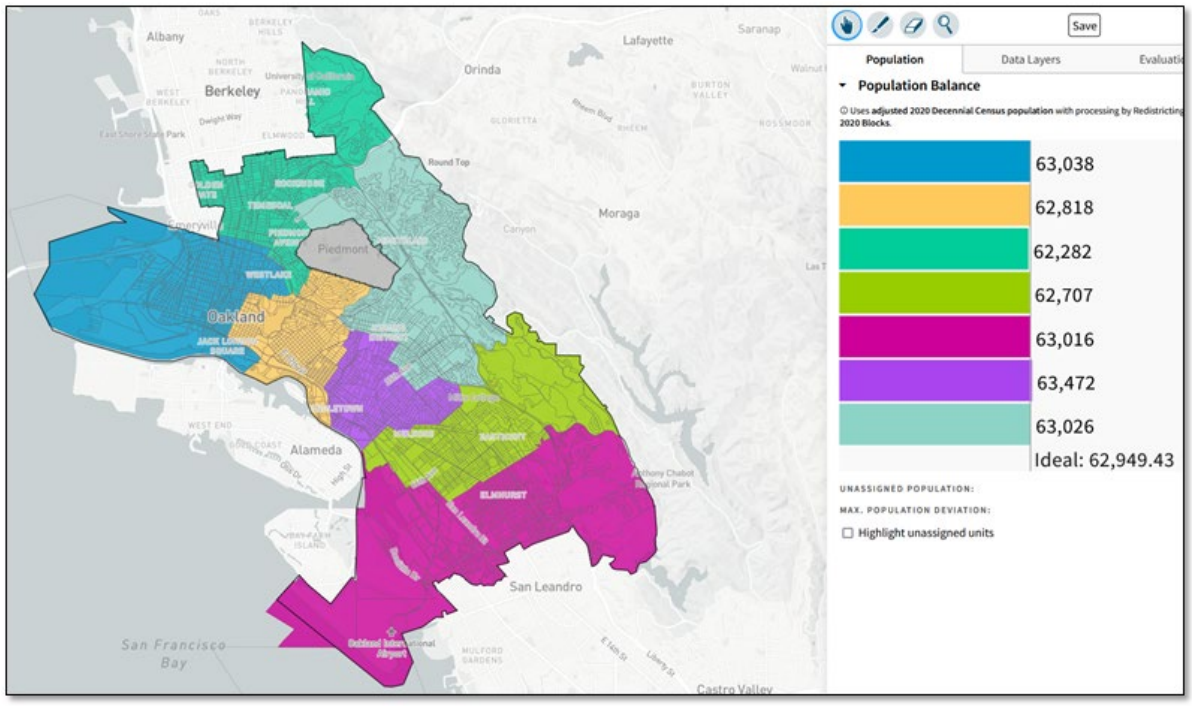
Bruce Boyer

Map 1, based on Map I: https://districtr.org/plan/90971

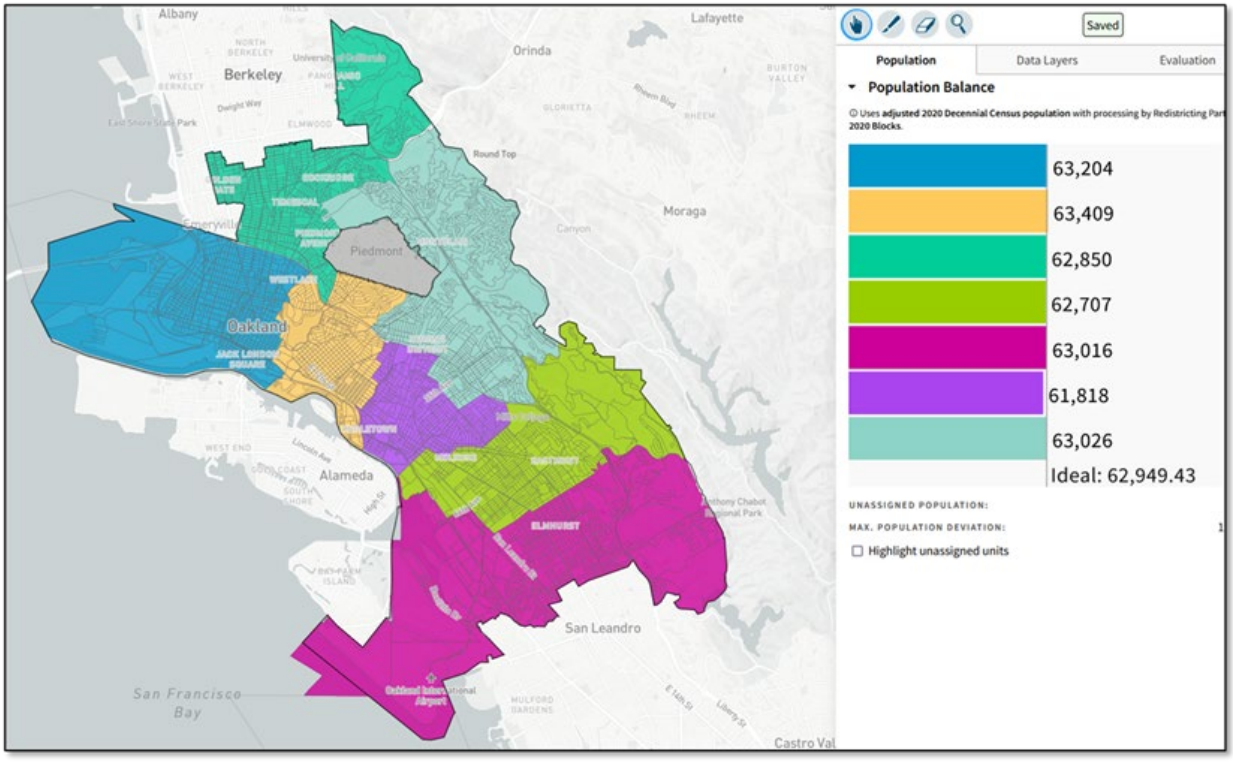


Note: the population imbalance in districts D (lt blue) and E (purple) is an error in the base map, not a result of the changes made relative to Lake Merritt

Map 2, based on Map F: https://districtr.org/plan/90983



Map 3, based on Map F: https://districtr.org/plan/90987



Luna, Richard

From: Philip Dow [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 8:36 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Redistricting Commission Dec 8th meeting
Attachments: OKNIA_redistricting_ltr_120721.pdf

Good Morning Richard,

Attached is a letter I would like to have in the public record.

Thanks,

Philip Dow
OKNIA

Oak Knoll Neighborhood Improvement Association

Serving the Oak Knoll, Eastmont Hills, and King Estate communities
www.oknia.org

December 7, 2021

Oakland Redistricting Commissioners
c/o Richard J. Luna
Deputy City Administrator

Dear Commissioners,

The King Estate Neighborhood:

Prior to the building of the King Estate Middle School campus in the 1960s and the establishment of the Glenn W. Daniel King Estate Open Space (KEOS), there was a King Estate neighborhood. Its boundaries have been in flux over the years, but most residents would agree that the area in white on the map below is a fair representation. Crest Avenue east to Greenly and I-580. KEOS and the OUSD property north to Keller Avenue and Field.

References to this neighborhood have been totally erased by Google Maps and Nextdoor. In addition, this neighborhood has been cut up by City Council districts for decades. The few residents on Fontaine, Earl, Winthrope, and Greenly, south of Holmes, have been in District 7 while their community of interest is in 6. Now, maps such as 69351 are exacerbating the problem.

There apparently aren't any dictates that require districts to be divided by streets. Your own maps often use Knowland Park as a border. No matter what district it winds up in, please make the King Estate neighborhood whole by using the OUSD and KEOS property lines as boundaries. See Figure 1, King Estate Map on page 3.

Map 76738 and the Oak Knoll neighborhood:

I'm not sure why the Oak Knoll neighborhood keeps getting dissected, but 76738 does it again.

The Oak Knoll boundary should use I-580 and Golf Links Road to define the East and South boundaries so that all of Oak Knoll Blvd., Encina Way, Alcala, Castlewood, and Encina are in the Oak Knoll neighborhood. See Figure 2, Oak Knoll Map on page 4.

Map H and the Oak Knoll neighborhood and Glenn W. Daniel King Estate Open Space:

As stated in our letter dated November 26, 2021, the cleaving off of a few residents from the Oak Knoll neighborhood and the splitting of KEOS in an attempt to create a Hills District is an insult to the concept of "community of interest." Is what a Hills District represents more important than keeping our neighborhood and a local public amenity whole? Do we have to sacrifice these important elements so that a district's population balances?

Fire safety and the Hills District was the topic of public comment at your December 1st meeting. If that's one reason for the creation of a Hills District, then the boundary needs to run all the way to the San Leandro border.

Please see Figures 3 and 4, Map H Alternatives on page 5.

Both of these maps also keep the King Estate neighborhood whole as proposed above.

I'm sure you are being inundated with requests similar to ours, but I hope you will take the time to consider how these maps impact our community.

Sincerely,

Philip Dow
Chair, OKNIA

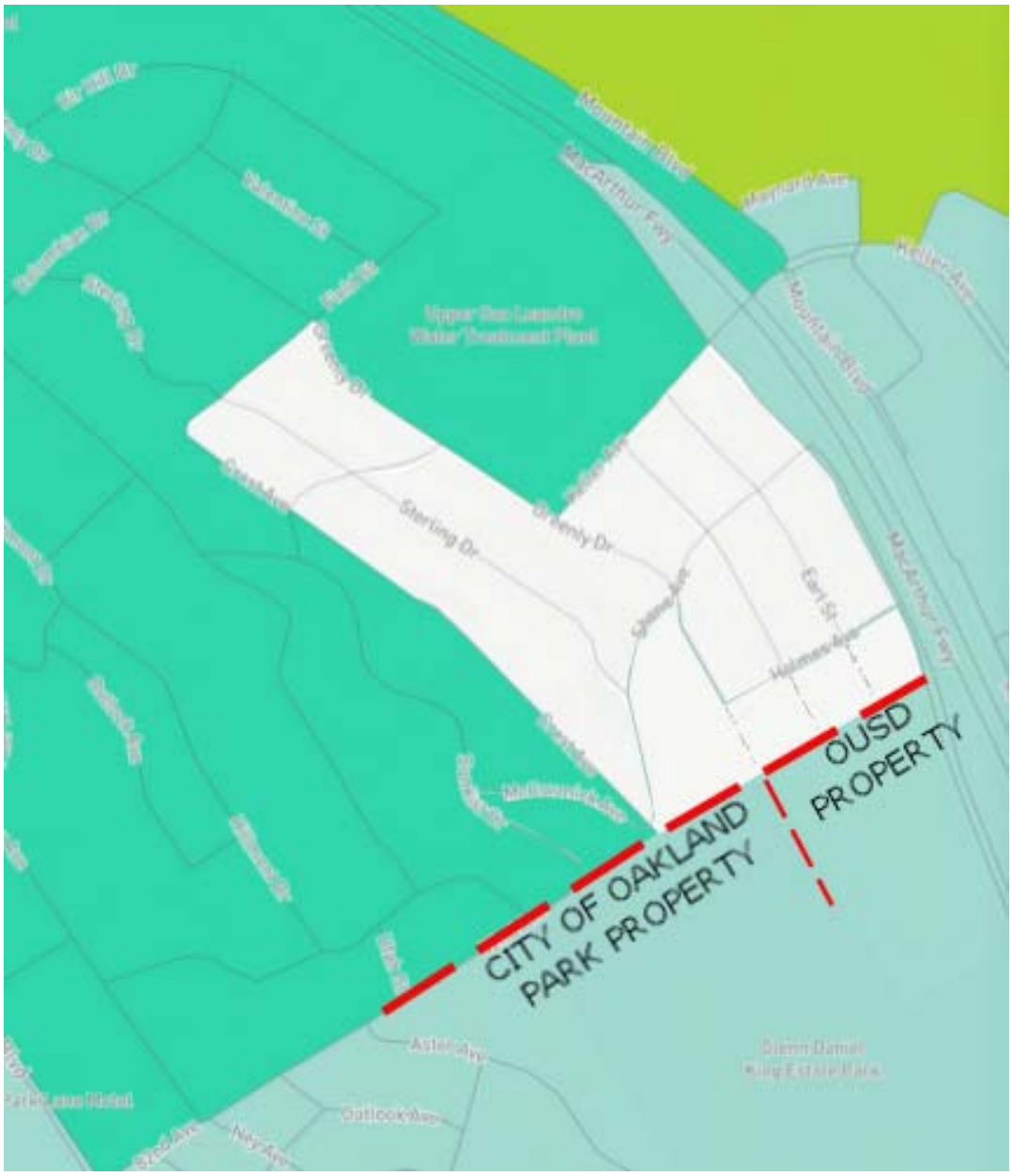


Figure 1, King Estate Neighborhood with Crest Avenue, Field Street, Greenly Drive, Keller Avenue, Fontaine Street, OUSD Property, and City of Oakland Property as boundaries.

Figure 2, Map 76738

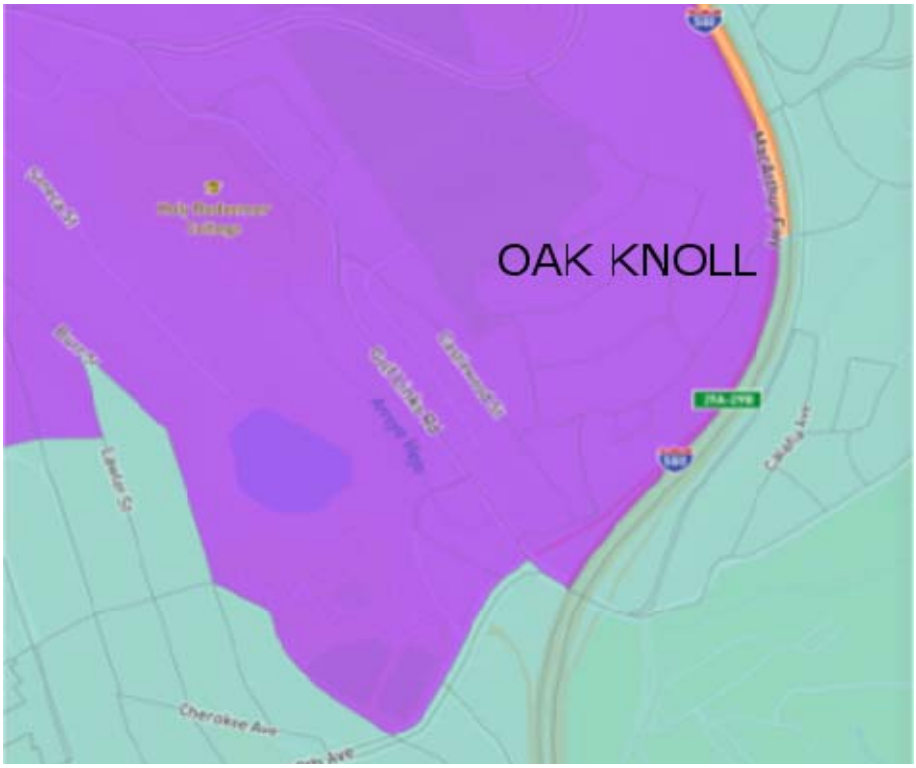


Figure 2, Map 76738 with the Oak Knoll Neighborhood using I-580 and Golf Links Road as boundaries.

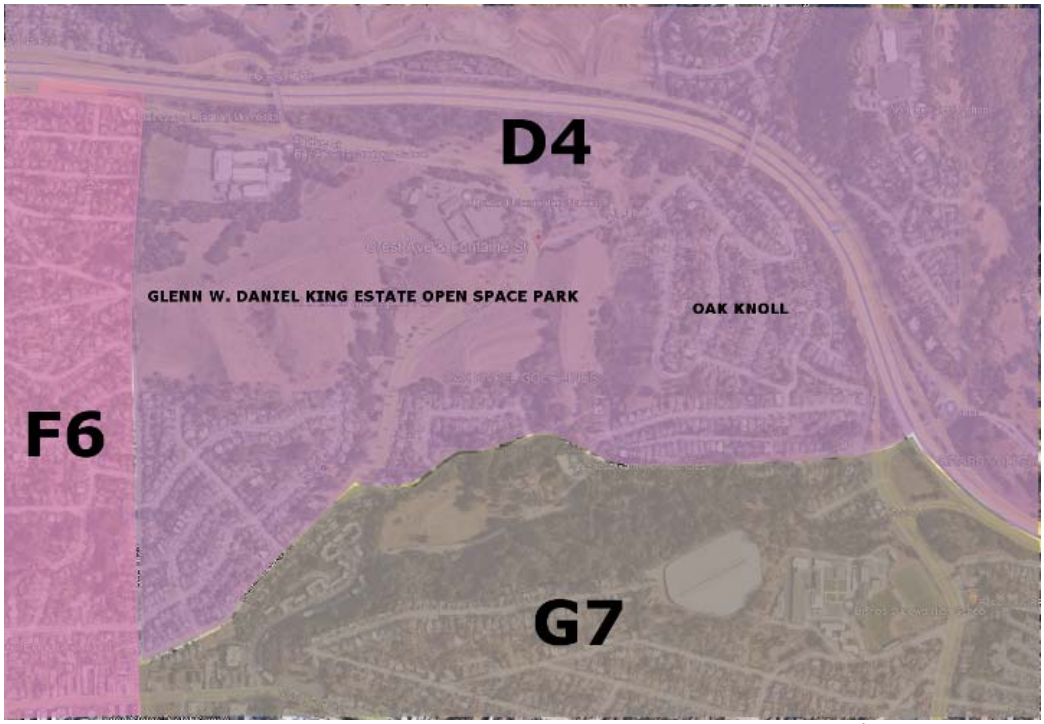


Figure 3, Map H, D4 Alternative: I-580, Golf Links Road, 82nd Ave. would keep the Oak Knoll neighborhood and the Glenn W. Daniel King Estate Open Space Park all in D4 Hills District.

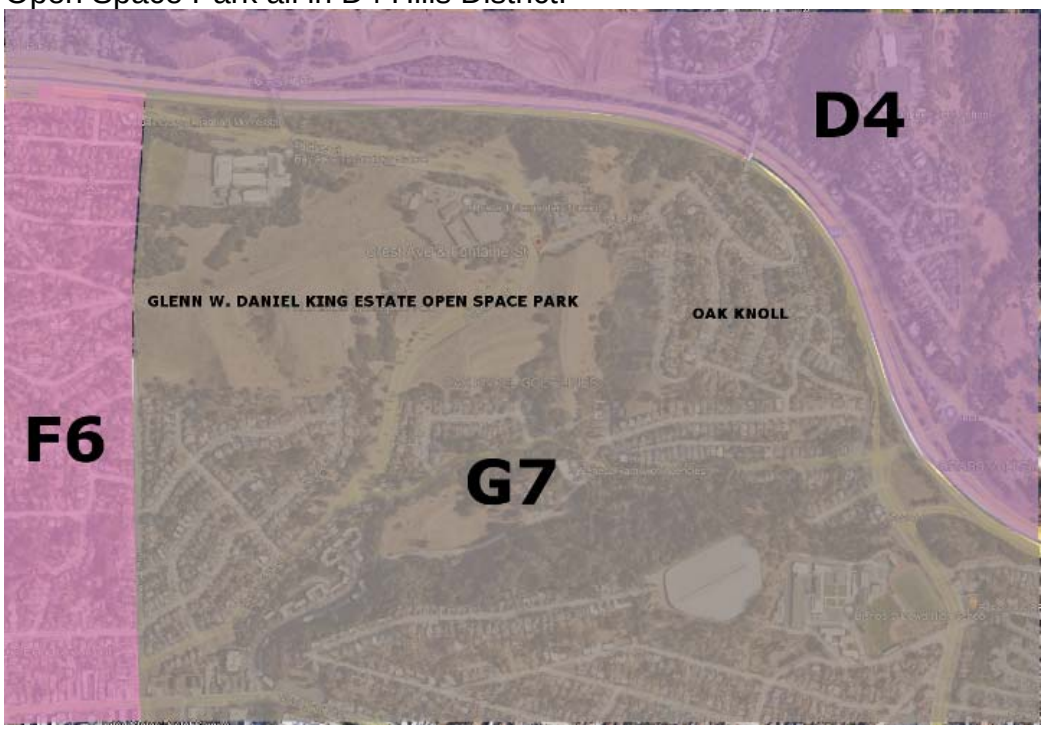


Figure 4, Map H, G7 Alternative: A boundary of I-580 would keep the Oak Knoll neighborhood and the KEOS in G7.

From: Michael Loeb
To: Alvin, Corey; Luna, Richard
Subject: Comment on Redistricting maps
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 2:58:58 PM

I am a resident of current District 3, and live off of Grand, across the street from Lake Merritt.

The Commission is near the end of an arduous process and must soon recommend a map. I appreciate all the meetings and opportunities for public input.

I write to urge the Commission to adopt map F, and in particular, a map recently submitted by a member of the public, Bruce Boyer, number 9087, that is based on map F.

This map best represents the Lake Merritt/Adams point community of interest, and includes the Grand and Lake Shore commercial areas. Never before have the residents on both the Grand and Lake Shore sides of the Lake been combined in one district, though our interests are exactly the same. The Lake and the nearby Lakeshore and Grand commercial areas have great impact on our lives and unite us a community of interest. This is one large neighborhood, though it hasn't been recognized as one before, much less in any map, though Adams Point contains part of this area.

Map F, and particularly iteration 9807 (and to a lesser extent, 9083) best represent the Grand/Lakeshore community of interest. I urge you to adopt one of these maps, as they combine residents with many shared interests, too long separated, and therefore, in a sense, disenfranchised.

Michael Loeb

Sent from my iPhone

From: Valerie Winemiller
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Comments from PANIL on Draft Map F
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:02:03 PM

The Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood Improvement League (PANIL) has been the neighborhood group for the Piedmont Avenue neighborhood since 1974. PANIL has also been the Neighborhood Council under Oakland's community policing structure for Beat 9X. The boundaries for PANIL and police Beat 9X are the same: Broadway, MacArthur Blvd, Oakland Ave and the City of Piedmont border, Mountain View and Saint Mary's Cemeteries, and The Ridge Shopping Center. PANIL has successfully worked with elected officials and city staff on issues such as public safety, land use and development, beautification, and park creation and maintenance.

While Draft Map F appeared to be the favorite of commissioners on Monday (pending tweaks), it fails to keep our Community of Interest whole, and we hope that this will be part of the tweaks. Boundaries at the shopping center/cemeteries end of the neighborhood on Maps I and K are greatly preferred for reasons below:

• Residences between Pleasant Valley Avenue and the 3 cemeteries are all in one voting precinct, the same police beat, and the same Community of Interest (Piedmont Avenue neighborhood), yet a few addresses are cut off into D4 while the rest remain in A1.

• Ramona Ave is a substandard width street, less than two lanes wide, yet neighbors across the street are proposed to be in a different district. The street's only entrance is from Piedmont Ave. The addresses on one side of Montgomery and on View Place sit on a bluff overlooking the historic quarry pond and The Ridge Shopping Center, accessed only from Pleasant Valley Ave and completely separate from the rest of D4, as well. All of these residences are separated from the rest of D4 by hundreds of acres of cemeteries.

• Mountain View Cemetery's address is 5000 Piedmont Avenue, and some of its facilities (including its funeral home services) are outside its gates, with service entrance off Ramona Ave. All public access to the cemetery (and to the Jewish cemetery within its grounds) is via 5000 Piedmont Ave. The cemetery has been an active member of the Piedmont Avenue Merchant Association for many years. PANIL has needed to work with the cemetery and the city a number of times over the years regarding its various construction projects and their impacts (including construction impacts on Glen Echo Creek, which drains parallel to Piedmont Ave to Lake Merritt) and that would be more difficult with two council districts involved. It should remain in the same district as the rest of Piedmont Avenue. Moving cemeteries

between districts will obviously have no impact on population numbers.

• Similarly, the address for St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery is 4529 Howe Street. All access is through Howe Street in the Piedmont Avenue neighborhood and this facility should remain within the same district, too.

• Map F captures the AAA building in The Ridge Shopping Center into district D4 (AAA address is 1982 Pleasant Valley Ave, Ste A), when it should stay with the rest of the shopping center in A1.

The rest of the boundaries for our neighborhood are good on all three maps F, I, and K.

Thank you for your attention to these matters, and thank you for all the work that the Commission is putting into this important task.

~Valerie Winemiller

Steering Committee member
PANIL (Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood Improvement League)
P.O. Box 20375, Oakland CA 94620

From: Tracy Wilson
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Written Comment: Dec 8 Redistricting Mtg - Agenda Item #7
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:07:12 PM

Hello,

My name is Tracy Wilson and I'm a resident of D7 - East Oakland. I've been following the Redistricting process by participating in meetings and workshops as well as share my input on my COI.

After having a moment to review the maps with my family and the community organizations I support, I've decided that I will support Map F because it keeps my COI - The Black Cultural Zone as whole as possible.

This will also allow the voting power of black people to remain together. It
stops a hills only district from forming further dividing the community, striping funds, and impact. In addition, Map F keeps a lot of the existing district lines, that my COI has worked tirelessly to organize and develop relationships, intact.

My COI has been through and continues to go through a lot with violence, blight, crime, death, food deserts, lack of housing and the list goes on. I believe that keeping the BCZ together will allow those of us who are doing the work by being the voices, arms, legs and hearts of the people to continue doing the work needed to be recognized by those seeking to silence and overlook us.

Sincerely,
Tracy Wilson

From: David Peters
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting - Item #7
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:34:07 PM

I am gravely disappointed that the commission has not yet incorporated the extensive public feedback provided at the 10/13/21 initial Commission public hearing regarding the northern boundary of District 3. Despite this public input, EVERY MAP uses 580 as the northern boundary of D3 between San Pablo and the 980/24 junction. This despised boundary - a legacy of the destruction and dividing of West Oakland in the 50's - continues to be institutionalized in all of the current maps, and is a constant reminder of the division and lack of power of my community. All of these maps divide Grove-Shafter park - as testified in public comment on 10/13 - which violates a principle articulated in development of these maps. It also cleaves my community of interest whose boundaries may be Apgar, 40th or McArthur, depending on whom you ask.

I support Map F with the following modification: extend the boundary northward to McArthur boulevard with a corresponding decrease in Adams point. D3 communities of interest has much more in common with the historic - and still present but declining - Black population in the primarily single-family home Longfellow neighborhood than it does with the multi-unit neighborhood of Adams Point. In my opinion, all of Adams Point should be grouped with the rest of the Lake in D2/D1, and the boundary of D3 extended northward along the San Pablo, Market, West & MLK corridors aligning with the current and historic communities of interest.

David Peters, 3rd generation Hoover-Foster resident

Best,

David Peters
Founder/Managing Director
West Oakland Cultural Action Network
Black Liberation Walking Tour
Alkebulan Financial Solutions LLC
Alkebulan Fiscal Sponsors

From: Alicia Simba
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redrawing of District 3
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:39:13 PM

Dear Corey Alvin,

VanCedric Williams is an outstanding, engaged, and loved representative for my school, the historical Prescott School in West Oakland. Please keep District 3 lines as they are now to protect his presence.

Most of the new maps proposed include changes that will negatively impact District 3 and our West Oakland public schools by removing our School Board director from D3, which is not acceptable. West Oakland currently has two strong, community backed Black representatives, which is particularly salient to me as a Black women teaching at a historically Black school with a predominantly Black student body and staff.

Redrawing is not necessary! By redrawing these lines for District 3, there is the risk of disenfranchising D3 voters and harming the West Oakland schools that have been underinvested in. Finally, we have a school board member who is an advocate for our schools. Please don't allow the redrawing of district 3 to harm Black and Brown voters in this district.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

From: Penny Righthand
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Map comments
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:55:12 PM

I truly appreciate the work the commission has been doing to try and satisfy the many different and sometimes competing community needs.

I reiterate what I said Monday. It behooves you to put the Lake Merritt communities in one district because 1) the entire city benefits from this area being well-represented and maintained, and 2) the neighbors and commercial areas adjacent to the lake all have similar interests that have, until now, been only partially represented by two or more council members whose agendas have been otherwise oriented by the other communities they represent.

I recommend map F or 9087 which was recently submitted by a member of our community.
Thank you

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Penny

From:	Noha Aboelata, MD
To:	Alvin, Corey
Subject:	Re: Submitting Public Comment on Agenda Item #7 Redistricting Commission Meeting
Date:	Wednesday, December 8, 2021 4:12:15 PM
Attachments:	image.png image.png image.png

December 8, 2021

To: Redistricting Commission

The East Oakland Black Cultural Zone (BCZ)
is a critical community of interest (COI). We have previously submitted the BCZ as a critical COI on your website, as it consolidates our voting and economic influence. The BCZ also fully encompasses a 40x40 block area that our three organizations - The Brotherhood of Elders Network, Roots Community Health Center, and the Black Cultural Zone Community Development Corporation - have joined together, along with community residents, to preserve and support, as this area disproportionately suffers the consequences of historical disinvestment and inequity. Our COI is confronting a unique set of pressing and imminent challenges including segregation and disinvestment, displacement and demographic shifts, disproportionate pandemic burdens, and the current crisis of gun and community violence. Therefore, it is vital to protect the political voice, influence, and representation of this COI. A "hills-only" district, which removes the hills from our districts, divides our area, our voting influence, our schools, and our community.

With this in mind we would like to present our support for Map F of the current proposed maps based upon its East Oakland configuration. This map centers the BCZ primarily across two districts where African/African Ancestry community members have substantial voting power (45-49% of the voting-age population in Districts F6 and G7 are AA/Black), covers a third district with significant Black representation (27% of voting-age population in District E5 is AA/Black), and touches a fourth district where black voices are also represented (12% of voting-age pop in District D4 are AA/Black). Also, maps drawn without using current district boundaries counteract years of community building and organizing in these areas. With these considerations in mind, we believe Map F is the most reasonable way to preserve and protect African/African Ancestry voices.
We thank you for your continued efforts, and for your attention to maintaining our community's voice in East Oakland, and in this process.

Respectfully,
Carolyn Johnson, Executive Director, Black Cultural Zone Community Development Corporation
Gregory Hodge, Executive Director, Brotherhood of Elders Network
Noha Aboelata, MD, CEO, Roots Community Health Center

On Wed, Dec 8, 2021 at 4:06 PM Alvin, Corey <CAlvin@oaklandca.gov> wrote:

> I am having trouble opening your attachment. Would you kindly post the contents to the body of an email?
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> Thanks,
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> --Corey
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> **Corey Alvin,** Environmental Coordinator | City of Oakland | Bureau of Planning | 250 Frank H. Ogawa, Suite 3315 | Oakland, CA 94612 | Phone: (510) 238-6316 | Email: calvin@oaklandca.gov | Website: www.oaklandca.gov
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> **From:** Noha Aboelata, MD <drnoha@rootsclinic.org>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:55 PM
> **To:** Alvin, Corey <CAlvin@oaklandca.gov>
> **Cc:** Carolyn Johnson <carolyn@blackculturalzone.org>; Gregory Hodge <greg@brotherhoodofelders.net>
> **Subject:** Submitting Public Comment on Agenda Item #7 Redistricting Commission Meeting
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> Gregory Hodge, Executive Director, Brotherhood of Elders Network
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> Noha Aboelata, MD, CEO, Roots Community Health Center

From: CANDICE & LARRY WRIGHT
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting opinion
Date: Friday, December 10, 2021 12:10:01 PM

To whom it concerns:

Our choice for redistricting is either for map F or I. We want the areas of our neighborhood where we shop, walk, use the post office, library, parks and have common concerns with my community members to be reunited again. We are still angry at the decision 10 years ago to politically separate the Laurel from Dimond/Glenview areas and the impact it had on our city council representation. It makes sense to have the Glenview, Laurel, Dimond and Redwood Heights together. These are economically and racially diverse areas with mutual interests.

We found using the committees map graphics difficult to understand. We wanted to be able to focus in to see street names to determine more exactly where the borderlines were. The maps should be as useful as Google Maps.

[redacted]

From: debbie bardon
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Sunday, December 12, 2021 9:26:49 AM

Of the four proposals currently on the table, I believe Plan F will best represent the interests of my district and that of all of us who live in the "Hills" areas.

Debbie Bardon

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December 12, 2021
City of Oakland Staff:

- Richard J. Luna, Deputy City Administrator (rluna@oaklandca.gov)
- Corey Alvin, Planner IV (calvin@oaklandca.gov)
- Mitesh Bhakta, Esq., Deputy City Attorney (mbhakta@oaklandcityattorney.org)

This letter is transmitted via email to city staff indicated above.

Re: Agenda Item 5 for the12/13/21 Meeting of the Oakland Redistricting Commission

Dear City Staff Members:

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Oakland, I would like to ask for clarification regarding Agenda Item 5 which states: *Oakland Rising Presentation The Commission will receive a presentation from Oakland Rising on public input the organization received through town halls conducted prior to this meeting.*

From the language of the agenda item, we cannot tell whether the "public input" on which Oakland Rising will report is COI testimony or not.

Our concern is whether this presentation would give added weight and influence to a subset of the maps and COI testimony submitted by the public. Our understanding from attending meetings is that the maps and COI testimony provided by attendees at Oakland Rising's town halls have already been submitted to Redistricting Partners and the Commissioners in the same fashion that other public maps and testimony have been submitted. That is either through the website or otherwise by individual residents and by various groups and associations.

Transparency as to the rationale for Item 5's inclusion and clarification that all COI testimony is being presented according to the same process would be very helpful.

We would appreciate it if comments could be included during the upcoming meeting that clarifies this.

Respectfully submitted,

Viola Gonzales, President
League of Women Voters of Oakland, Inc.

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Item 5 on the December 13, 2021 agenda was placed on the agenda by the Redistricting Commission's Chairperson, Lilibeth Gangas. Staff does not have any information regarding the rationale for Item 5's inclusion on the Agenda or any information regarding the content of Oakland Rising's presentation other than the information included in the agenda materials.

Mitesh Bhakta, Deputy City Attorney
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From: morris baller
To: Alvin, Corey
Cc: Bruce Boyer
Subject: Oakland redistricting - comment on proposed maps
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 4:14:21 PM

Dear Mr. Alvin,

As the Redistricting Commission finishes its work, I understand it to have recognized the appropriateness and need for combining the areas around Lake Merritt, including Lakeshore, Grand Avenue and at least a portion of Adams Point into a single Council district, as these areas share a strong community of interest around the Lake area with strongly similar concerns regarding residential, commercial, and recreational uses of the area. I strongly agree with that goal and hope that the Commission will keep it front and center in its final deliberations. I live and work in this area, and frequently use its outdoor and recreational resources, as well as its shopping and cultural offerings. In examining the various maps under consideration by the Commission, I believe that previously proposed Plans F and I come closest to recognizing the community of interest surrounding Lake Merritt, as well as other such communities of interest throughout the City.

However, improvements on Plans F and I are both possible and desirable. Mr. Bruce Boyer, a resident of the Lake Merritt area, has developed and submitted to you three such improved maps, in an email sent to you earlier this afternoon. He has identified those maps as Map 1 (based on and altering Plan I, map # 90971), Map 2 (based on Plan F, map # 90983), and Map 3 (based on Plan F, map #90987). In my opinion, all three would be good options for the Commission to adopt. Of the three maps, the one that best serves the interest of both the Lake Merritt and other communities is Mr. Boyer's Map 3, with Map 1 a close second. If the Commission were inclined to adopt a map similar to Mr. Boyer's Map 1 but concerned about the moderate population disparity between the two adjacent districts shown in purple (D) and light blue (E) on his map, it could easily shift some population from E to D by moving their common boundary line slightly to the north while preserving the compactness and contiguity of both districts as well as their community of interest.

I urge the Commission to adopt Mr. Boyer's Map 3, or in the alternative his Maps 1 or 2, in that order of preference.

Morris J. Baller
[redacted]

From: PHILLIP DAVIS
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: leave Millsmont as is
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 4:48:57 PM

Hello my name is Phillip Davis : To you Mr. Corey Alvin, I have been living in Millsmont for over 30 yrs.I like my community and my neighbors, and I want my interest to remain intact.I care about public education and safety, gun violence and illegal dumping amoung other things.Map K divides our community and puts us in D4, the all hills district which will silence our voices by grouping us with people who do not share the same interest or concerns.Mills College is a part of my community of interest.My cousin had his wedding there.My sons went there for various educational work shops,i can go on and on,but my point is that I do not want things to be divided.So please leave as is.Please keep Millsmont intact and Mills College attactched to this communityThe borders for my community of interest are Macarthur Blvd, the 580 freeway and 73rd Ave./ Edwards Ave. Thank you. Sincerely Phillip Davis

From: Elaine L
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 7:08:46 PM

I have lived in Millsmont since 1998 and want my community of interest to remain intact. Millsmont is 50 percent African American with a median household income of $62,000. We're concerned with public education and safety, gun violence and illegal dumping among other things. Map K divides our community and puts us in D4 — the "all hills district" — essentially silencing our voices by grouping us with people who don't share our concerns. Montclair is a wealthy, predominantly white area with a median household income of $190,000. Some of their concerns are fire safety, corporate charter schools and their interests often align with those of developers.

Mills College is also part of my community of interest. It's where my neighbors and I swim, bike and walk. It's our "park".

Please keep Millsmont intact and Mills College attached to this community and BOTH Mills College and Millsmont connected to its neighbors west of the 580 freeway. The borders for my community of interest are Macarthur Blvd., the 580 freeway and 73rd Ave./ Edwards Ave.

Thank you
Elaine Lemay

From: Mary Forte
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Please keep the Coliseum in the current District 7
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:13:32 PM

Corey Alvin,

I would like to see the Coliseum kept with the neighboring community within the current District 7. As far back as 2014 and 2015 the residents of D7 have identified Community Benefits for Coliseum City Area Specific Plan and it is only fair that now the African American Sport and Entertainment Group has been awarded the Coliseum Exclusive Negotiating Agreement that the current D7 residents continue the work.

Thank you,

Mary Forte, Oakland Native in District 7

This is the day the Lord hath made, be glad, give thanks, rejoice!

From: Joa ninha
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 10:23:17 AM

Dear Commissioners,

Your interest and attention to public comments are most appreciated as Oakland residents know precisely where their communities of interest are.

It has been emphasized in the public comments that **highways should not be used as boundaries** for districts. This is especially true at Hwy 580 and Fruitvale where Farmer Joes, Diamond Park and Diamond Branch Library are located. This is the community center of Upper and Lower Diamond, Laurel, and Glenview neighborhoods.

A few years ago when the Diamond Branch Library needed donations to buy new furniture. Our neighborhoods united in fundraising for our library.

I urge you to keep Laurel, Upper and Lower Diamond together by extending the boundary of this district south of Hwy 580.

Both Map F and Map I keep these neighborhoods together and I strongly favor these maps. As several residents have pointed out there is a long history of these neighborhoods uniting and working together.

I strongly oppose Map K and Map H which divide Diamond and Laurel.

I live in Glenview and am a renter in a senior building on Park Blvd. There are a number of Chinese tenants in our building and even with language barriers we have joined together for a common cause. This is how I want the future of Oakland to be.

From attending every public meeting I have been encouraged by your discussions and response to the comments from local residents. Please keep the above points in mind when you draw the final district lines.

Thank you,

Ms. Joaninha

Luna, Richard

From: Alton Jelks [redacted]
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 9:29 AM
To: Luna, Richard
Subject: Map F

Commissioners, I am resending my email with the correction that instead of incorrectly referring to "Map 4," I now refer to it as "Map F."

Dec. 9, 2021

Special Redistricting Commission

Members of the Commission:

As someone born and raised in Oakland, I am well aware that neighborhoods have always been a core element of the social and cultural identity of our city and its citizens. Many elements go into developing a sense of neighborhood, including local shops, schools, churches, and various services, to name a few. One of the most powerful elements is political. The advantage of a solid, long-established neighborhood is that people know each other and can gather together and discuss critical issues and take action when warranted. Consequently, decisions relative to redistricting must consider the effect of such redistricting on the neighborhoods they embrace.

I am addressing Map F and recommend that it be adopted.

It is vital to keep Glenview, Dimond and Laurel areas together. Many citizens from these neighborhoods currently join together on a range of topics, such as parks, public safety, local merchant viability, libraries and so forth, including public policy and political issues. They share many of the same concerns and have developed a solid rapport with each other. This should be allowed to continue.

Map F is also appropriate as it reduces the prospects for an all-hills district. The "hills vs. flatlands" division has been a contentious issue for my entire life in Oakland. We need to reduce this artificial description of our city and instead enhance the ability of Oakland citizens no matter when they live to join with others to discuss the future of Oakland and take action together. Map F has the most potential to allow this to happen. It has exciting possibilities for renewed and more effective citizen engagement.

Finally, I again make the point that a city consists of neighborhoods, some small, some large, some wealthy, some less so. But fundamental to this idea is the realization that neighborhoods are fragile. Cities across America are filled with neighborhoods that have faced difficulties and succumbed. Oakland has strong and vibrant neighborhoods, in spite of contemporary challenges. This speaks well for the citizens of Oakland, a city known as the most diverse in the country. Stable, well-drawn political boundaries are important to this strength and Map F best responds to this need.

I mentioned I grew up in Oakland, East Oakland specifically. Neighborhood was everything to us. Even then, people got together to discuss local issues. It's a tradition in our city. It is my hope that the Special Redistricting Commission can

effectively balance the focus on numbers to also embrace a vision of supporting and enhancing the concept of strong neighborhoods in Oakland. Please select Map F as part of your final decision.

Alton Jelks

Park Blvd.

From: CANDICE & LARRY WRIGHT
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting opinion
Date: Friday, December 10, 2021 12:10:01 PM

To whom it concerns:

Our choice for redistricting is either for map F or I. We want the areas of our neighborhood where we shop, walk, use the post office, library, parks and have common concerns with my community members to be reunited again. We are still angry at the decision 10 years ago to politically separate the Laurel from Dimond/Glenview areas and the impact it had on our city council representation. It makes sense to have the Glenview, Laurel, Dimond and Redwood Heights together. These are economically and racially diverse areas with mutual interests.

We found using the committees map graphics difficult to understand. We wanted to be able to focus in to see street names to determine more exactly where the borderlines were. The maps should be as useful as Google Maps.

[redacted]

From: debbie bardon
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Sunday, December 12, 2021 9:26:49 AM

Of the four proposals currently on the table, I believe Plan F will best represent the interests of my district and that of all of us who live in the "Hills" areas.

Debbie Bardon

From: Andrew Norton
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Sunday, December 12, 2021 11:10:20 AM

Regarding maps F, H, I, K:

My wife and I both dislike cutting any of Dimond/Laurel out of District 4. This makes no sense and is incoherent. To that end, maps F and I we could support, maintain Dimond/Laurel as part of D4.

Andy Norton/Debbie Koppman

From: Chris Harper
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Sunday, December 12, 2021 11:34:39 AM

Hello,

Maps H and K are not acceptable because they split the Dimond Merchant district along Fruitvale Avenue. This will create unnecessary confusion and inefficiencies that will make local support of the Dimond District much more difficult for local organizations, the City Council, and the City of Oakland.

Thanks for all the valuable work done on this process.

--Chris Harper

Chris Harper, Board Member
Dimond Improvement Association
Involvement Builds Community

From: Joa ninha
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Sunday, December 12, 2021 4:49:32 PM

Dear Commisioners,

I am in favor of maps F and I because these maps keep Laurel, upper and lower Diamond together and include Glenview where I live. The street boundaries I recommend are:

Grover Shafter Way in the northwest
Trestle Glenn Road in the west
Brookdale Avenue in the south
The Warren Freeway/Redwood Road In the east

These street boundaries keep the entire community of interest together.

Using Hwy 580 as a boundary would cut through the heart of this community of interest. Diamond Library, Diamond Park, and Farmer Joe's as well as a US Post Office, specialty shops and restaurants are located at Fruitvale and Hwy 580 and frequented by residents on both sides of Hwy 580. Please keep this in mind and keep the center of our community together.

I strongly oppose Map H and Map K because they divide the Laurel and Diamond community and would dilute our community which has a long history of being together.

Thank you,

Joaninha

From: Zenobia Breaux
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Input
Date: Sunday, December 12, 2021 8:05:32 PM

i am info my opinion on why I feel strongly about map F.
both district have approx. 49% blacks of which the majority
vote there by supplying these and their flatland constituents
the benefit of united power. please support my subjestion
thank U. Richard Breaux

From: sandra shawhan
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Fw: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Sunday, December 12, 2021 8:08:25 PM

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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Sent: Sun, Dec 12, 2021 at 7:01 PM
Subject: Fw: Redistricting Map Feedback

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To: calvin@oaklandca.gov <calvin@oaklandca.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2021, 04:49:18 PM PST
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback

I strongly support Map F and oppose map K & map H.

These street boundaries keep the entire community of interest together.

Using Hwy 580 as a boundary would cut through the heart of this community of interest. Diamond Library, Diamond Park, and Farmer Joe's as well as a US Post Office, specialty shops and restaurants are located at Fruitvale and Hwy 580 and frequented by residents on both sides of Hwy 580. Please keep this in mind and keep the center of our community together.

I strongly oppose Map H and Map K because they divide the Laurel and Diamond community and would dilute our community which has a long history of being together.

Thank you,

Sandra Shawhan

From: Elaine Ginnold
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Sunday, December 12, 2021 8:46:47 PM

I prefer draft maps F and I. The districts look compact and sensible. Draft maps H and K, with the packing of most of the hills area in one district, looks like gerrymandering to me.

Elaine Ginnold

From: Allie Whitehurst
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Support for Map F
Date: Sunday, December 12, 2021 10:30:41 PM

Mr. Alvin, I live in the Malcolm Hills in District 7. Please communicate to the Commissioners that I am in favor of map F because it keeps the Malcolm Hills community intact, but it also allows for the community in the East Oakland Hills to collaborate with and support our sisters and brothers in the "flatlands". I know some would rather have one council person focusing on a particular area of the city (i.e. most of the Oakland Hills as in Map H), but I see Map F as an opportunity for council representatives from two districts to collaborate and work with citizens to address the needs of those in the hills and those in the flatlands. I am an active member of Allen Temple Baptist Church and many of our members, especially our seniors live in the flatlands of Districts 6 and 7. It is important to keep as many of the members of Allen Temple who live in the hills with those who live in the flatlands. Map H and now map K divide the African Americans who live in the hills from those who live in the flatlands although we share common cultural, social, religious and economic interests.

Thank you!

-***Allie Whitehurst***
Collaborative Organized for Results in Education (CORE)
"Preparing youth for their future and ours"

From: morris baller
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Sunday, December 12, 2021 10:35:53 PM

Dear Mr. Alvin,

Of the four maps listed as draft proposals by the Redistricting Commission, Map F is the only one that meets the essential criterion of keeping the Lake Merritt area together in one district (B2 on that map). I strongly support that map for the reasons stated in my prior, lengthy email on this subject - briefly, because the area around Lake Merritt - not just one side of it - constitutes a strong community of interest deserving of inclusion in a single City Council district. None of the other proposed maps respects that compelling interest.

Morris J. Baller
[redacted]

Item 5 on the December 13, 2021 agenda was placed on the agenda by the Redistricting Commission's Chairperson, Lilibeth Gangas. Staff does not have any information regarding the rationale for Item 5's inclusion on the Agenda or any information regarding the content of Oakland Rising's presentation other than the information included in the agenda materials.

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From: Chuck Ervin
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Public comment on redistricting / District 2
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 5:55:55 AM

Dear Commissioners,

First of all, thank you for this important—and difficult—work. It's important.

I'll keep this brief:

I favor Plan K, primarily because I think it helps keep Oakland's disparate communities, and their voting blocs, intact.

For that reason, I would favor these adjustments from the current Plan K map for District 2, where my wife and I have lived since the mid-1990s:
—Move the northern border from E. 27th Street up to (or nearer to) MacArthur Boulevard.
—Use 25th Avenue as the eastern border (instead of 23rd Avenue) between District 2 and District 5.

Thank you for reading, and thank you again for your good work.

Sincerely,
Chuck Ervin
[redacted]

From: Meredith Florian
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 8:36:44 AM

Hello,

I am writing in support of map F. Please do not undo long held alliances and create more racial inequity by diving hills from flatlands!

Thank you,
Meredith Florian

Sent from 20,000 Leagues Beneath the Sea
Meredith Florian

From: Sarah Leonard
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 9:00:35 AM

Dear Oakland City Council,

I am a longtime resident of the Laurel. I first lived below 580 on Hageman street starting in 1977, at that time, my child attended Laurel Elementary. I moved to Brown Ave in 1985 and then 39th Ave in 2006. All of these addresses are in the Laurel, which is what I consider my district. Please do not cut this district up.

I strongly favor map F, as it keeps the Laurel and upper and lower Dimond together.

Thank you, Sarah Leonard

Sent from my iPad

From: John Klimek
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: City of Oakland Redistricting
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 12:50:43 PM

Dear Commisioners,

I am in favor of maps F and I because these maps keep Laurel, upper and lower Diamond together and include Glenview where I live. The street boundaries I recommend are:

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I strongly oppose Map H and Map K because they divide the Laurel and Diamond community and would dilute our community which has a long history of being together.

Thank you,

John Klimek
[redacted]

From: Leeann Alameda
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Re: Oakland redistricting
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 12:53:53 PM

Hello,

I am writing to strongly urge the redistricting commission to change the current maps being considered to include Lake Merritt and the surrounding neighborhoods in one district. I am the chair of a group of 160 neighbors from all sides of the Lake that are concerned about and impacted by the same health and safety issues. Having two council members makes our efforts time-consuming, duplicative, and less effective.

Currently, map F is the best but still excludes Adams Point and those streets are directly impacted by what happens at the lake and are part of the greater Lake Merritt community of interest. We prefer that the Lake be in District 2.

Maps, I, K, and H that put the lake surface mostly in District 3, including Lakeshore Ave. but leaves the rest in another district are the worst by far and would greatly fragment our community of interest and our effectiveness to advocate for resources.

Thank you for addressing this concern.

Best,
Leeann Alameda
District 2 resident

From: Mrs. T
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Public Comments
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 1:13:42 PM

Mrs. Joel Tolbert, SR

(District 1 Resident)

December 13, 2021

Redistricting Commission
City of Oakland
Oakland, California

Dear Commission,

As you are aware, Oakland has been touted as one of the most culturally diverse cities in the nation. Therefore, this process has raised two questions regarding this issue, along with a few more. They are:

1. What are the implications for cultural diversity? Will we become more culturally isolated as a result of the map selected?
2. Are there potential economic impacts for districts? Will certain districts become poorer as a result of the map selected?
3. Are there any systems in place to mitigate possible adverse impacts on communities and neighborhoods as a result of the map selected?
4. Is the Commission working with the Oakland Unified School District in the redistricting process?
5. What citywide public education services (i.e., announcements, mailers, public meetings) are planned to inform the public once the Map is selected?

I know that your task is neither easy nor simple, and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Mrs. Tolbert

Sent with ProtonMail Secure Email.

From: Anna Audrey
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Oakland redistricting - My vote is for Map F
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 1:38:20 PM

I vote for Map F

From: Karely Ordaz
To: Lili Gangas; Luna, Richard; Alvin, Corey
Cc: Chris Iglesias; Karla Guerra
Subject: The Unity Council"s Position on Oakland Redistricting
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 1:49:04 PM
Importance: High

Dear Commissioners:

First, thank you for your work, diligence and patience with the Redistricting process.

The purpose of this email is to share The Unity Council's position. Please let us know if you have any questions. We will be listening tonight and sharing our position via public comments as well.

The Unity Council's position

- **We strongly oppose Map K because it dilutes the Latino voting power** with the addition of the Dimond and Laurel Districts.
- **If the San Antonio neighborhood boundary is expanded past 23rd Avenue, please ensure it does not reach past 27th Avenue**. The Unity Council is slated to build 74 units of affordable housing units located at 2700 International Blvd that will provide Oakland residents high quality new housing. We would like to keep this development in District 5.
- **Please keep the following schools in District 5** as they are essential neighborhood schools in our community:
    - Think College Now (TCN) located at 2825 International Blvd
    - Fremont High School located at 4610 Foothill Blvd

About The Unity Council

The Unity Council is a non-profit Social Equity Development Corporation with a 57-year history in the Fruitvale neighborhood of Oakland. Our mission is to promote social equity and improve quality of life by building vibrant communities where everyone can work, learn, and thrive.

Our programs aim to provide the community with the tools, knowledge, and resources to transform their lives and ultimately achieve their long-term educational, career, and financial goals. These holistic programs and services reach **more than 11,000 individuals and families annually in five languages.**

The Unity Council employs a diverse workforce of **more than 290 people** who reflect the linguistic, cultural, and ethnic identity of the communities we serve.

Over time, The Unity Council has invested **over 100 million dollars** in community assets, including affordable housing and community benefit developments like the Fruitvale Transit Village—a nationally recognized transit-oriented development project. Other real estate and

small business assistance activities include:

- Community Resource Center at 1900 Fruitvale: community benefit office building
- Affordable Senior Apartment Homes: 188 units of senior affordable housing- Posada De Colores, Las Bougainvilleas, Casa Velasco
- Fruitvale Transit Village (Phase I): Award-winning transit-oriented development, over 150,000 square feet of retail, commercial and residential space
- Casa Arabella (Fruitvale Village Phase II-A): 94 units of affordable housing with permanent on-site supportive services for residents and veterans
- Fruitvale Transit Village (Phase II-B): Currently in development of 181 units of affordable housing with permanent supportive services provided by Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
- Public Market and Historic Masonic Temple: 11 small businesses, the planned Juntos Fruitvale a co-working, community, and cultural arts space
- High-quality property management services
- Business Improvement District management of 396 businesses
- Small business support services

Thank you!

Karely Ordaz (she/her)
Chief of Staff
[redacted]

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Want to chat? Let's talk - Calendly - Karely Ordaz

From: W Jung
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Oakland Redistricting
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 1:57:39 PM
Attachments: image002.png

I vote for Map F so that more businesses are included in our district. The tax revenues generated by those entities will improve the quality of life in our neighborhood, and combat blight.

Wendy Jung

San Antonio Park Steward

Wendy Jung
[redacted]

From: steve rochon
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Lake Merritt Neighborhoods
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 2:13:01 PM

Hi,

Please consider making the neighborhoods around the Lake in the same district.

The areas around the lake have experienced issues unique to our area and should be able to speak as one voice. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sally Park Rubin
To: Luna, Richard; Alvin, Corey
Subject: The redistricting maps
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 2:50:42 PM

Dear Mr. Alvin and Redistricting Committee,

My name is Sally Park Rubin, and I have lived in Oakland for most of my adult life, specifically in Montclair, adjacent to the Laurel/Lower Dimond/Bartlett area.

I was one of the earlier contributors to the feedback discussions. I felt then and still maintain the importance of the integrity of these communities, and I was initially very happy when the committee for Redistricting agreed to prioritize the preservation of them in your criteria.

That is why I was dismayed to see how many of the current maps—especially map K—do not do that.

My clear intent, which I believe is shared by my many neighbors who spoke at the meeting, was that we should remain politically contiguous with not only our immediate neighbors, but with the broader Dimond, and the rest of what is now District 4. Our communities stretch over these lines, and the parks, businesses, programs, and other vital areas are something we both depend upon, have fought for at the district level, and deserve to have a say in going forward.

Maps excising us from those historical ties do NOT fulfill our request, which we had understood you would be adopting as a rule in future maps; neither I nor my neighbors feel that a semantic fulfillment of that is sufficient or right, and I would be appalled to know that our words had been misinterpreted or misused to effect the opposite of our community's desires.

So I am writing (again) to ask that the committee uphold the intent of its commitment to us by selecting Map F.

Taking into account the needs I have heard from other neighborhoods in other parts of the city, I believe it is the only one that equitably preserves both of our communities.

I remain concerned and opposed to the creation of an all-hills district, and to the strengthening of those areas at the expense of others, and I further wish to echo the concerns of many other individuals and organizations regarding the negative effects

on racial and economic equity that may cause.

Thank you for your time and effort. **To be clear: Please select Map F in your final deliberations.**

Sincerely,

Sally Park Rubin

From: Cherry Gibson
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 2:59:44 PM

I/ We prefer to use maps F and I because they keep the Millsmount and Mills College neighborhoods west of 580 intact& connected to their neighbors west of 580. We don't want maps 5H or "K" as they divide our community of interest & puts us in D4, silencing our voices.

Thanks for your consideration..

Cherryl Gibson
Deborah Jackson

Sent from my iPhone

From: rklahti@aol.com
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Piedmont Avenue Merchant Association
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 3:11:34 PM

Since the 1930s the Piedmont Avenue Merchant Association (PAMA) has represented the businesses within the Piedmont Avenue neighborhood. The boundaries for the Piedmont Avenue Merchant Association are and have been much the same as the Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood Improvement League (PANIL), and OPD's Beat 9X -- Broadway, Oakland Avenue, the city of Piedmont border, Mountain View and St. Mary's cemeteries, and the Ridge Shopping Center.

Mountain View Cemetery, St. Mary's Cemetery, and the Jewish Cemetery should all be in the same district. Our member, Mountain View Cemetery at 5000 Piedmont Avenue, is located at the top of Piedmont Avenue and represents one of the borders of our Community of Interest. Their funeral home is located outside their gates and fronts on Piedmont Avenue with their service entrance on Ramona (which is perpendicular to Piedmont Avenue). 5000 Piedmont Avenue also provides the only access to the Jewish Cemetery situated within Mountain View's property, while access to St. Mary's Cemetery is via 4529 Howe Street. Howe Street is considered part of the Piedmont Ave neighborhood and should remain within the same district.

Events and projects at the three cemeteries and the Ridge have had and will continue to have a direct impact on Piedmont Avenue businesses and having to deal with two different council members has the potential to complicate matters. Please keep our Community of Interest whole.

Thank you for attention and the work of the commission.

R. K. Lahti
Piedmont Avenue Merchant Association
[redacted]

From: Bruce Boyer
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Comment for 12/13 Redistrict Commission Meeting Agenda Item 7
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 3:35:41 PM

I support maintaining the greater Lake Merritt neighborhood within a single council district and keeping the Adams Point neighborhood intact.

Of the draft maps still under consideration, Map F is the best at achieving these goals though it still splits the Adams Point neighborhood into two council districts. Maps H, I and K omit unacceptably large sections of the residential areas adjacent to the Lake, splitting the Lake neighborhood itself into two council districts.

All of the Maps F, H, I and K, with minor adjustment, are capable of substantially achieving the above goals. I (and others) have submitted several maps using the Districtr tool that demonstrate this (e.g., map 93001). Creation of these maps has demonstrated that the simplest way to preserve the Lake neighborhood is by moving it completely into what historically has been District 2.

I urge the Commission to adopt Map F with adjustments to keep the Adams Point neighborhood intact. If the Commission adopts Map H, I or K, then adjustments should be made to move the entire Lake and its adjacent neighborhoods into the single district to the east, as shown on submitted map 93001.

Thank you,
Bruce Boyer

From: Cat Brooks
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map recommendations
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 3:36:00 PM

Hello,

My name is Cat Brooks and I am the executive director of the Justice Teams Network, as well as the co-founder of the Anti Police-Terror Network. I am writing to you today with some recommendations for the redistricting process that is rapidly approaching it's conclusion. Redistricting Oakland will have a huge, long-lasting impact on Oakland community members, especially those who are most marginalized. If it is done the wrong way, that marginalization will be horribly exacerbated. With that said, here are the recommendations I support for the new map -

1) I support Map H moving forward for final consideration, with some important caveats (see below)
2) I support a hills-only district because all the other maps will dilute the Black vote significantly. This would be a disastrous move. In addition, having a hills-only district will allow for candidates and elected officials to focus on flatland residents
3) Specific changes or Communities of Interest (COIs) that have my full support -

- Expand B2 to 27th Ave to keep San Antonio neighborhood whole
    - This neighborhood is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in Oakland and should stay together; splitting it down 23rd splits the voice of the community.
- Keep neighborhoods surrounding the Coliseum whole Neighborhood is defined as Seminary to 85th Ave and from the water to International) and suggest moving it to F6.
    - 1) G7 has the Airport and
    - 2) otherwise there are too many corporate polluters in one district

- Keep Lake Area in two districts.
    - 1) one whole Lake district would be too large for one CM to manage
    - 2) different sides of the Lake have very different needs
    - 3) everyone in the city enjoys the Lake and more representation assists with divergent needs
- Expand c3 on Map H to include Westlake up Broadway and 580 freeway south to the proposed border.
    - It is absolutely unconscionable that this commission has failed to consider the impact of its decision making on the public schools, students and families.
    - By removing Westlake, a school that serves a majority Black population in a rapidly gentrifying area, from it's natural base of families who live in and around Westlake and west Oakland, and instead including it in a district which is more white and more affluent will almost certainly have a negative impact on those schools and the students that they serve.
    - Half of all Westlake students come from the neighborhoods of current district three, half of its students are Black and 87% are eligible for free and reduced price lunch. By contrast, the middle schools in the area that you would place them in serve just 15% Black students and just 25% of students are low income.
    - This action would almost certainly negatively impact the Black students at Westlake and escalate the gentrification of its neighborhood, pushing out more Black students and families.
    - Westlake students deserve to have representation in a district where they have some electoral power; pushing them to a North Oakland aligned district would mean they would go from a district where the

greatest voting block is Black to one where more than half of the voters are white.

- Neighborhood surrounding Mills College to above 580 and through lower portions off Keller Drive by 580 to stay in F6
    - They identify more with the flatlands and not the hills.

Thank you for your time, I trust that you will take these recommendations under serious consideration as it is imperative that the right decisions are made to empower, rather than further disenfranchise, marginalized communities in our city.

Thank you,

Cat Brooks

From: Chicano Turtle Island Native
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Agenda Item Number 7, Public Testimony Regarding Redistricting
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 3:40:33 PM

Hello Mr. Alvin and Members of the redistricting process,

My name is Gregorio Elliott Gutierrez. I am a teacher at Westlake Middle School, and a member of the Oakland community (I live in the Diamond District). I am responding to the proposed redistricting of Westlake out of Cluster 3 (West Oakland) where it currently resides, and into Cluster 1 (North Oakland).

Speaking to the issue I have the following input:

1. Westlake serves a primarily Black (over 50% of the student body is African American or Black) and Brown student population. 87% of the student body are eligible for free and reduced price lunch. These basic statistical facts on paper do not tell the whole story, but offer a glimpse of the community that is Westlake, and that community is more in line with the culture of West Oakland (Cluster 3).
2. The proposal to move Westlake Middle School into Cluster 1 (North Oakland) presents an opportunity for negative outcomes for the community Westlake currently serves. Cluster 1 is that about 15% of the students in that cluster are Black, and about 25% of those students are low income.
3. This issue is impacting not only the racial makeup of the school, but also the socio-economic issues of the school.
4. Currently Westlake is part of a voting block that is majority Black, and moving Westlake/Re-aligning the lines would place Westlake, and the community around it, into a majority White voting area.
5. Oakland in general has been experience gentrification, and redrawing lines after a Black man was just elected by voters to represent this district in a way that that person would no longer be in the district that elected them, and Westlake would be clustered with schools with a significantly different racial and SES composition does not seem fair. To be honest, it could easily be viewed as gerrymandering by voters of Oakland.
6. **To summarize**, this move could negatively impact Black/African American students in OUSD, disenfranchise the Black voice in this community, and hasten the gentrification of this part of Oakland (the area around Westlake).
7. I view the expansion of Cluster 3 (C3) on Map H to include Westlake up Broadway and 580 freeway south to the proposed border as in line with the democratic ideals of community input to redistricting lines in an equitable way.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Gregorio E. Gutierrez

From: rklahti@aol.com
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Piedmont Ave Neighborhood
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 3:45:25 PM

I wish to associate myself with the comments made by Valerie Winemiller in her 12/8 submission to the commission.

I live at 47 Ramona Avenue and as she pointed out:
"Ramona Ave is a substandard width street, less than two lanes wide, yet neighbors across the street are proposed to be in a different district. The street's only entrance is from Piedmont Avenue"

Residents of Ramona, Pleasant Valley Court North, and Pleasant Valley Court South consider our four block area a sub-set of the larger Piedmont Avenue neighborhood Community of Interest. We communicate with one another on a daily basis through our email list and regularly come together for events such as National Night Out, garage sales, and block parties. We would like to see this block of 14 homes remain in our current Community of Interest. Please keep our neighborhood intact.

Ronile Lahti
[redacted]

From: Sharon Jackson
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 3:50:07 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I live in Millsmont. My first choice is Map F and my second choice is Map I because they keep Millsmont and Mills College intact and connected to their neighbors west of 580. They also keep the Oak Knoll-Golf Links area connected to their western neighbors with whom they share concerns. This area is 60 percent black with a median household income of $88,000. It's approximate boundaries are 82nd Ave., Golf Links and the 580 freeway. And, again, my concerns are that their needs won't be addressed if they're grouped with the well-educated, affluent white population in the hills. Thank you for your hard work and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sharon Jackson

Sent from my iPhone

From: Michael Loeb
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 4:34:15 PM

I live in an apartment at 565 Bellevue, across from Lake Merritt, off of Perkins near Grand.

I write to urge the Commission to adopt Map F, as this is the only map which combines the residents of both sides of the Lake in one district. Maps, H, I and K continue to keep these residents separate, though these residents share a strong community of interest arising from the many conditions arising from living near the Lake, and the Grand and Lakeshore shopping areas.

Alternatively, the remaining maps under consideration could be adjusted with relative ease, as suggested by Bruce Boyer (who has submitted revised maps and comments to the Commission).

It is difficult to understand why the residents of the area near the Lake, off of Grand, are part of a large proposed district stretching through West Oakland. We are at the far end of the district, separated from the neighborhoods in a different district, with which we share much more substantial interests. The maps, other than F, if not amended, will continue to isolate us in a district which does not share many of our concerns. This isolation, in reality, deprives us of meaningful representation.

I urge you to adopt map F, or revise Maps H, I, or K accordingly.

Michael Loeb

Sent from my iPhone

From: Brigitte Nicoletti
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Support of map F
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 4:59:28 PM

Hello,

I'm a resident of the flatland-side of District 1, and work at a justice-oriented legal nonprofit that serves Oakland's most impacted communities. I support Map F because it's the only one that promotes racial and economic equity in Oakland. Which is why dozens of neighborhood associations across the city, the Black Cultural Zone, former Youth Commissioners from East Oakland, progressive social justice leaders, among so many others support this map. This is a pivotal time in history where we need to actually listen to Oakland's most impacted communities - not substitute their opinions with what others -not from Oakland- think are best for us. Thank you.

Brigitte

From: Melvin Mackay
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Map -F
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 5:11:28 PM

My name is Melvin Mackay I've been is Oakland all my life, I truly don't see the reason to redistrict the hills keeping with Map -F would be ideal for people who live in as we know it, and have known it for years I don't believe it would be in the best interest for the rest of the Oaklanders as well as myself!
Thank you in advance
Melvin Macky

Sent from my iPhone

From: Vignesh Ganapathy
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Public Comment in Support of Redistricting Map F
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 5:51:20 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I'm a resident of Adams Point in Oakland and would like to offer comment in support of Redistricting Map F.

Unlike the other maps, Map F keeps historic communities intact and ensures that our communities of color are not disenfranchised. That's why we've seen support from neighborhood associations across the city and nonprofits such as Black Cultural Zone.

The other maps create a district entirely made up of Oakland Hills residents and that could harm communities in the flats, and invite outside influence into Oakland politics.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cheers,

From: Otto Pippenger
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Comment
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 10:09:39 PM

Dear Mr. Alvin & Redistricting Committee

My name is Otto Pippenger, I am a d4 resident, specifically in the Laurel/Bartlett/Dimon area under so much discussion, and more particularly for this comment, a lifelong renter.

I wanted to make this comment in response to the closing points of public comment on the night on December 13th's meeting- I had raised my hand but apparently was not included in the line.

Many points were raised by Oakland Rising members and a few individuals in opposition to Map F, making claims about the wellbeing of renters.

As a lifelong renter, and one of what seemed to be majority or significant plurality of renters giving comment who are in favor of Map F, I want want to raise a few points with regards to why maintaining my neighborhood in District 4 is beneficial to renters.

Laurel/Bartlett/Dimond has the highest amount/percentage of renters in the district so far as I am aware- our presence in D4 has meant that we have had a voice in city council, electing representatives who have listened to us- to enact the eviction moratorium, expand tenant protections, and more.

These are the reasons we want to remain both physically and politically connected to the greater district; the distriubution here has won us victories that we will not be able to effect in D5, and will weaken the power of renters in D4 and citywide through the absence of our COI/Demographic.

I am greatly worried for the future of tenants rights in this city, and proposed maps, K, K2, H, H2, and I/I2 are all significant threats; to say nothing of delaying our ability to HAVE any say in council elections until the end of the year after next! And this with the pandemic causing an unprecedented eviction and housing shortage, on top of the already disastrous situation for us throughout the Bay Area and East Bay.

For this reason, I renew my appeal for you to honor your commitment to my neighborhood, which the aforementioned other maps do not fulfill, and to select from among F/F2/ or 92965.

Thank you again.

-Otto Pippenger

From: Beth Gunston
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Feedback on Redistricting Maps
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 8:46:28 AM

Hi Calvin,
What an exciting and historic moment that we are in where Oakland will be creating new district lines with an independent redistricting commission for the first time. This is the Town's opportunity to bring lasting change around representation and funding for our most marginalized communities.

I'm writing to encourage the Commission to adopt map H with the following considerations:

- Support Hills-only district since other maps dilute the Black vote significantly
- Expand District 2 to 27th Ave to keep the San Antonio neighborhood whole. This neighborhood is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in Oakland and should stay together; splitting it down 23rd splits the voice of the community.
- Keep neighborhoods surrounding the Coliseum whole (neighborhood is defined as Seminary to 85th Ave and from the water to International) and suggest moving it to D6. Otherwise there are too many corporate polluters in one district
- Keep Westlake community up Broadway to the 580 and over to the suggested South border to allow West Oakland students who attend Westlake Middle School to stay.
- Keep the Lake Merritt Area is two districts. One whole Lake district would be too large for one Councilmember to manage, and the different sides of the Lake have very different needs.
- The neighborhood surrounding Mills College to above 580 and through lower portions off Keller Dr by 580 should stay in D6. Residents identify more with the flatlands and not the hills

Thank you for your consideration.
Beth

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Beth Gunston
Strategic Partnerships Director
She/her
[redacted]

From: Kent Lewandowski
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Comments for Redistricting Commission
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 9:27:24 AM

Dear Redistricting Commission Members,

Thank you for your service during the pandemic attending so many meetings to help redraw Oakland's council district lines, as is mandated every 10 years. I would like to share my input below.

In my opinion, the existing district boundaries should be changed as little as possible. The City did a good job creating the council districts in 1993 and making minimal changes every 10 years thereafter. I believe the redistricting commission should stick to this minimal-change approach. The current districts are designed to include a mixture of incomes and property types, which reflects an egalitarian approach. This results in each council district having to deal with problems affecting all income levels. The current district map attempts to distribute parks and open space so that each district has several larger parks assigned to it, resulting in a city council that is in theory, equally invested in maintaining our open space and parks. I do not agree that the maps should be changed significantly to group "Communities of Interest" into the same council district. That sounds like a recipe for dividing the Town along racial, ethnic or economic lines. My preference is Map F, because it seems to reflect the existing maps most closely. The other proposals H, I and K appear to create a "Hills only" district, which in my opinion goes against the original design of the districts which was to spread Oakland's economic and natural resources among all the districts. Please support Map F or else create a new map that more closely resembles the existing districts. Thank you

Kent Lewandowski
[redacted]

From: jongabe[redacted]
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Oakland redistricting
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 11:19:03 AM

I live in District 1 of Oakland. I have looked at the proposed maps for City Council, and I would prefer any of the maps H, I, or K. All three retain my Rockridge neighborhood within District 1.

Regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Ralph Kanz
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Commission Meeting Notice
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 2:14:19 PM

I spoke at the meeting last night explaining that the agenda was not sent out to agenda subscribers. I have confirmed with others that they did not receive the agenda. The meeting was not noticed in accordance with the Sunshine Ordinance. The meeting must be re-noticed and the public given a chance to participate. Further it sounded like there were agenda related materials the members of staff and the commission had access to but not the public. This is also contrary to the Sunshine Ordinance. How do you propose proceeding?

Ralph Kanz

From: Michael Lighty
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting maps Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 3:29:44 PM

Dear Corey Alvin,

I write in support of Map F for the redistricting of Oakland City Council. It's important in my view to keep the Dimond/Laurel/Glenview/Redwood Heights areas united, and to avoid an "all-hills" district. Oakland's economic and demographic diversity should be reflected in any redistricting. I join with the Black Cultural Zone in supporting Map F for keeping East Oakland neighborhoods united and ensuring maximum racial equity. As you know, it's also the map supported by dozens of neighborhoods associations across Oakland, including Lake Merritt, Elmhurst, Piedmont, Pines, and many others.

As a current District 4 residents, I believe Map F will ensure a vibrant District going forward.

Thank you for your consideration,
Michael Lighty
[redacted]

From: Lisa Zemelman
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Procedural issues at December 13 Redistricting Meeting
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 6:34:09 PM

Dear Mr. Alvin,

Please forward my comments to the Commissioners and those individuals responsible for the Redistricting Public Meetings.

I have attended most of the public Zoom meetings regarding redistricting and appreciate the time and efforts of those involved in this complex and important endeavor.

I am writing to draw attention to a major problem with how the Redistricting meeting on December 13th was conducted in terms of the public comment sections: several people were allowed to speak off-topic during every single agenda item, even though they often just reiterated their comments regarding specific maps, comments that should only have been aired during agenda item 7. This even happened during Agenda item 5, when Oakland Rising was scheduled to speak, but did not do so. The result of this was twofold: the meeting dragged on for hours, and many people who waited to speak to the mapping topic during item 7, were silenced because of the limited time allotted to "raise their hand" during this item. Even then, those who are clearly more savvy at gaining time to speak during public meetings, were able to speak again, even if they had already stated the same views several times previously. In short, some individuals had 8-12 minutes to speak while others had 0-2 minutes. Because this was the last public meeting to be held before the Commission whittled down redistricting choices to two maps, this was particularly unfortunate.

It was also disturbing to have so many Commissioners leave because the meeting dragged on for 7 hours. I am not criticizing them, (I sympathize) but if the entire meeting had moved forward more expeditiously, the most important decisions would not have been made by an exhausted, diminished panel, not to mention a weary Consultant.

I realize that the Commission Chair and Facilitator wish to be respectful towards everyone, and the City Attorney (?) wants to ensure that formal rules are followed, but surely people—particularly those who speak again and again or are clearly off-topic—could be politely interrupted and asked to hold their comments until the appropriate agenda item is reached?

I hope that the December 30th meeting will be conducted with more consideration and fairness to everyone involved.

Sincerely,

Lisa Zemelman
District 5 resident

From: Gary Barg
To: Alvin, Corey
Cc: Gary Barg
Subject: Fwd: Redistricting map for Rockridge area of Oakland
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 4:55:38 PM

I'll keep it short...

I strongly favor the map that keeps Rockridge together as a single district. Breaking it apart as Map D does is a BAD idea for the Oakland residents in Rockridge.

Thank you,
Gary Barg
[redacted]

From: John/Katherine Gueldner
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021 5:40:44 PM

Dear Commissioners

We request that you adopt Map F3 and preserve the concept of districts going from rhe hills to the bay.

John and Katherinre Gueldner

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From: Robin Walker
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021 6:25:55 PM

I like F3 because it breaks up the bills and it expands the lake area under one district.

Nannette Walker- district 3 and 2

Sent from my iPhone

From: David Peters
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021 6:39:23 PM

While both maps unify the Hoover-Foster neighborhood divided by 580, and put Mosswood Park in D3, I prefer map F3. I'm a multi-generational Oakland resident, lived in the Deep East for years, and my Black family and friends that live in East Oakland overwhelmingly prefer F3. I think that was reflected by the East Oakland Black voices and leaders that I know and heard at the 12/13 hearing.

I thank this Commission very much for its hard work, and appreciate the leadership by Commissioner Gangas. Thank you for hearing us, and not allowing 580 to continue to be used to divide our community.

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Best,

David Peters
Founder/Managing Director
West Oakland Cultural Action Network
Black Liberation Walking Tour
Alkebulan Financial Solutions LLC
Alkebulan Fiscal Sponsors

From: Ryan Lester
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Fwd: City of Oakland Redistricting: Final Map Options Released!
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021 8:09:17 PM

I'm a strong supporter of Draft Plan K3. It seems to do the best job of keeping districts compact and groups together communities of interest well.

For example, the district that I'm a resident of (D2) is now entirely below 580 and will hopefully elect representatives that live closer to the heart of the neighborhoods they represent (currently our city councilmember lives in a very affluent neighborhood north of 580 that has few of the challenges that the rest of the district faces).

Respectfully,

Ryan Lester

---------- Forwarded message ---------

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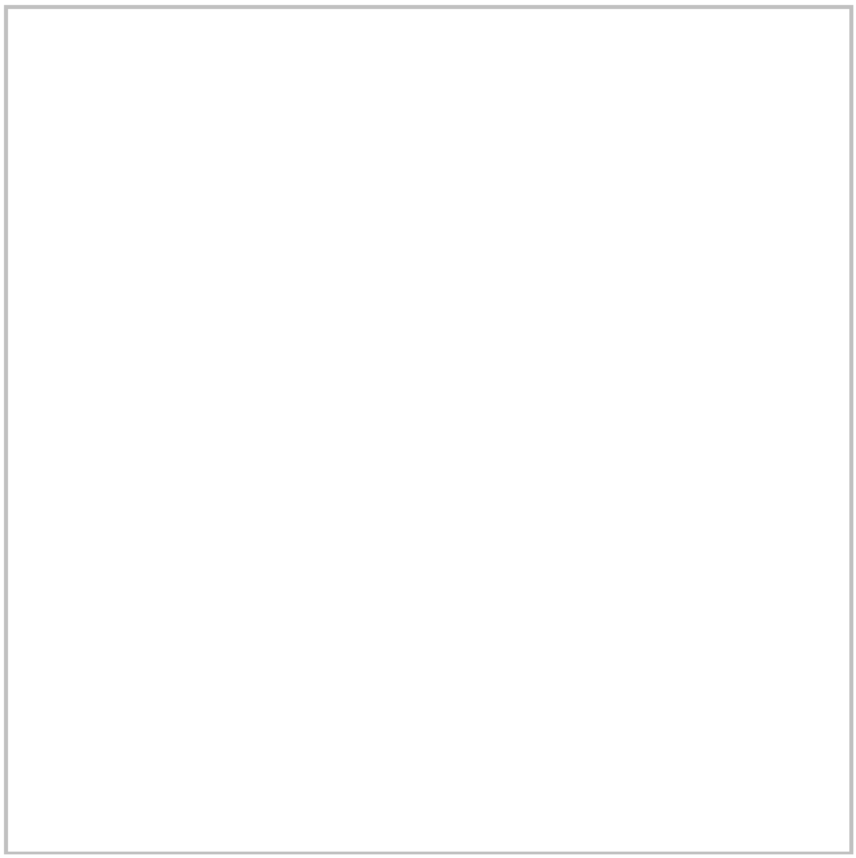
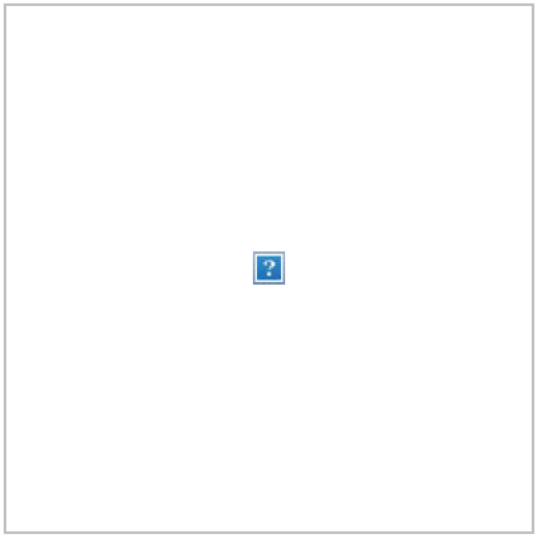
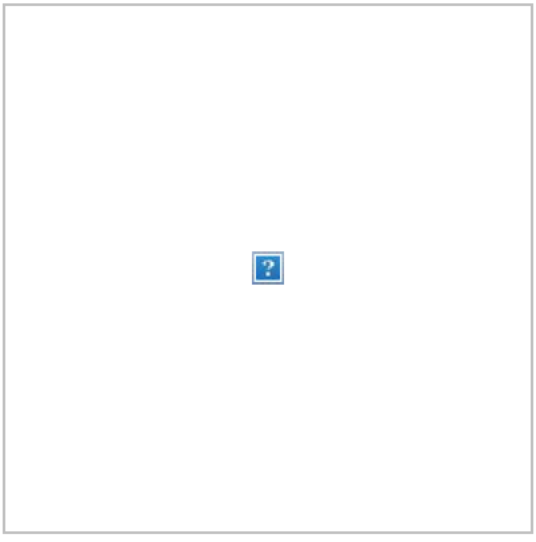


Hello Community Members!

During the December 13th public hearing, the Redistricting Commission narrowed down the final options to two maps: F3 and K3! Learn more about each map option here.





The next step in the process is the **two-week public comment period**, which runs from **Wednesday, December 15** through **Thursday, December 30.** No further changes will be

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Ryan Lester

made to the boundaries from here on out. We encourage you to consider both maps closely and **let the Commissioners know which one you prefer and why!**

Following the two-week public comment period, the Redistricting Commissioners will vote to adopt the final map during the final public hearing on December 30.

To share your map preference, send an email with your input to CAlvin@oaklandca.gov, fill out the online survey, or attend the final public hearing on December 30. Written comments are due by 4 pm on the 30th and pubic testimony will be taken during the hearing.

Final Commission Hearing

Please make note of the last Commission hearing* (starting at 5 pm) to share your input and hear other public input, before the Commissioners adopt the final map:

- Thursday, December 30, 2021

*Spanish language interpretation will be provided.

You can learn more about past and upcoming outreach events planned by the Commission and the EastSide Arts Alliance and Outreach by Design Redistricting Outreach team here. You can find more information on the City's Redistricting process at www.oaklandca.gov/redistricting.

Best,
Whitney Francis

Help us spread the word by giving this newsletter a share!

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Have questions, comments, or want to connect with the EastSide Arts Alliance and Outreach by Design Redistricting Outreach team?
Please email whitneyfrancis@berkeley.edu and outreachxdesign@gmail.com.

From: Elaine Ginnold
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021 9:03:17 PM

I prefer Map F3 because the districts are more compact and it doesn't pack all of the hills area into one huge gerrymandered district. Map F3 is more equitable beause the proposed districts include areas with high voter turnout along with areas that have lower voter turnout. If Map K3 is adopted, the hills area will dominate city elections because it includes the bulk of the frequent voters in Oakland. Another reason that I prefer Map F3 is that it doesn't redistrict my city council representative out of the district he represents.

Elaine Ginnold
D6

From: Olivia Johnson
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: In Favor of Draft Plan F3
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021 9:22:58 PM

Hi Calvin,

I wanted to submit my comment in favor of Draft Plan F3 over K3.

As a current resident in the F6 area, I am concerned that the new K3 boundaries will increase the public safety and income disparities that our area currently contends with. In general, folks who live higher up the hills in this area are wealthier and enjoy safer community environments. By restructuring this area to end at 580, there will almost certainly be higher rates of crime per capita, which will further tax the insufficient police support we currently have and make it more difficult to get help when needed.

Keeping the F6 area integrated up through the hills means a more equitable distribution of power and resources across economic lines, which is why I'm strongly in favor of Draft Plan F3.

Best,

Olivia

From: Andrew Norton
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021 9:47:47 PM

I beg you to go with F3 and not K3. I live in District 4 in Dimond and Dimond should remain in D4 as is.

Andy Norton, Dimond

From: Josh Frank
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Strong Preference for Map F3
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021 9:25:28 PM

I am a resident in D5, in Glenview. I am writing to express support for Map F.

Dimond Park is a park that connects several local neighborhoods. Essentially everything around Dimond Park is one community of interest. Putting neighborhoods around Dimond Park in different districts **(as seen in map K)** would be against the stated intention of creating districts around "communities of interest." Map F lives much closer to that aspiration. It would ensure a community of interest around the Park, with a unified community to advocate for improvements to the Park and maintenance of the park.

Thank you,
Josh

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Josh Frank
[redacted]

From: Margaret Plageman
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: District representation
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021 10:30:10 PM

Please leave the district map the way it is. We need more representation,not less, in the hills. I feel we are already short-changed up here .. do not dopt the broader one council member for all the hills. Margaret Plageman

Sent from my iPad

From: Mike E
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Friday, December 17, 2021 5:30:46 PM

Good Evening CAlvin,

Would you please tell me which district Bayo Street is included in map K3?

My family and I live on Bayo Street, and it is important for my comment to know where the commission proposes to place our representation.

Thank you,

Michael Evans

From: Brian Smalley
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Thank You
Date: Friday, December 17, 2021 6:59:34 AM

Mr. Alvin,

Thanks to you and the committees for this arduous task. I favor map K-3.

Pax Obama,
Brian Smalley
[redacted]

From: Nancy Franklin
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: map I prefer
Date: Friday, December 17, 2021 8:30:18 AM

Hello,

I vote for the F3 map. Keep hills districts the same please.

Thank you,
Nancy Franklin
[redacted]

From: marshasta@aol.com
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Friday, December 17, 2021 9:18:32 AM

I am a 2nd generation Oaklander, public school graduate from Skyline High School and able to observe the effect of the redistricting the schools to add Skyline. I strongly encourage the new districting maps NOT repeat the same choice. Further promoting the division of the races and financial differences in such a diverse city doesn't help.

From: Susan Feinstein
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Proposed maps
Date: Friday, December 17, 2021 11:47:57 AM

On map K3 you take our street, Contra costa rd, a cul de sac and divide it into Two districts. You will also divide our neighborhood, Rockridge Terrace , that consists of Contra Costa rd., contra costa place, buena vista, acacia and golden gate ave. We need one council person to help with our united problems, fire and narrow streets. This division of a street is unacceptable and appears arbitrary. We on Contra Costa are a neighborhood.

oh as someone just said at your meetings, since everyone seems to want to disregard the hills why not put our street divided into all seven districts so everyone can moan about"those" people" did this to get more power.

Do not Divide our neighborhood. Looks like no one came to physically look at our street or neighborhood.

I am against map K3…but it could be amusing talking to two council people about our narrow streets and fire danger. I assume this was also done to give the council person in d4 an ability to stay in his district. Shame on you.

a mad citizen,
Susan Feinstein
Suesusan@comcast.net

From: jongabel@rcn.com
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Preference on latest City Council District Maps for Oakland
Date: Friday, December 17, 2021 12:07:44 PM

I have been informed that the choice of maps is now down to F3 and K3. My preference is for F3. I live in Rockridge, District 1, and F3 would include the northernmost hills area in my district.

Regards,

Jonathan Gabel
[redacted]

From: Lisa
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Public comment - draft maps
Date: Friday, December 17, 2021 1:34:25 PM

Hello – I would first like to say that this process has been frustrating and sadly, an exercise in futility. I've provided feedback in multiple formats and spent many hours attending meetings waiting for my 2 minutes. The frustration is that there has been no acknowledgment from the commission that my input was considered, let alone adopted onto the maps.

My input throughout this process has been that the Lakeshore Homes Association is a Community of Interest and should not be split into separate districts. I've provided street addresses, and yet 1 of the 2 maps now being considered creates a large split through the association. Map F3 removes the streets of Grosvenor, Trestle Glen, Holman, Bates, Barrows, & Creed from the rest of the association. Did the commission receive feedback from any participants that they felt heard through this process?

I am forced to vote in favor of Map K3, though this does exactly what many Oakland residents were not in favor of, creating a "hills district" that our neighborhood gets lumped into.

Lisa Ray

Lisa Ray | Administrator
E office@lakeshorehomes.net | [redacted]

From: debbie bardon
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Friday, December 17, 2021 3:15:54 PM

I believe that F3 is the only viable and fair redistricting plan left on the table. It will be a travesty if the entire Hills area is lumped into only one district with representation by a single Council Member.
I urge you to vote for plan F3.
Respectfully,
Debbie Bardon
[redacted]

From: Mary Griffin
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Fwd: City of Oakland Redistricting: Final Map Options Released!
Date: Friday, December 17, 2021 4:02:20 PM

I'm deeply concerned about both these maps. It drastically breaks up Adams Point which already is facing concerns of dumping, violence and crime. We would no longer have the attention of one council member and would have to fight for the attention of 2-3 different Council Members.

This is the most populated neighborhood in the city why would we break it into multiple districts?? We need a unified neighborhood and corresponding unified representation.

Otherwise, this feels like the city no longer wants Adams Point to exist. Making this a transient no man land only to cause more problems including dumping, crime and violence.

Concerned resident,
Mary

MG

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> **Date:** December 16, 2021 at 5:43:55 PM PST
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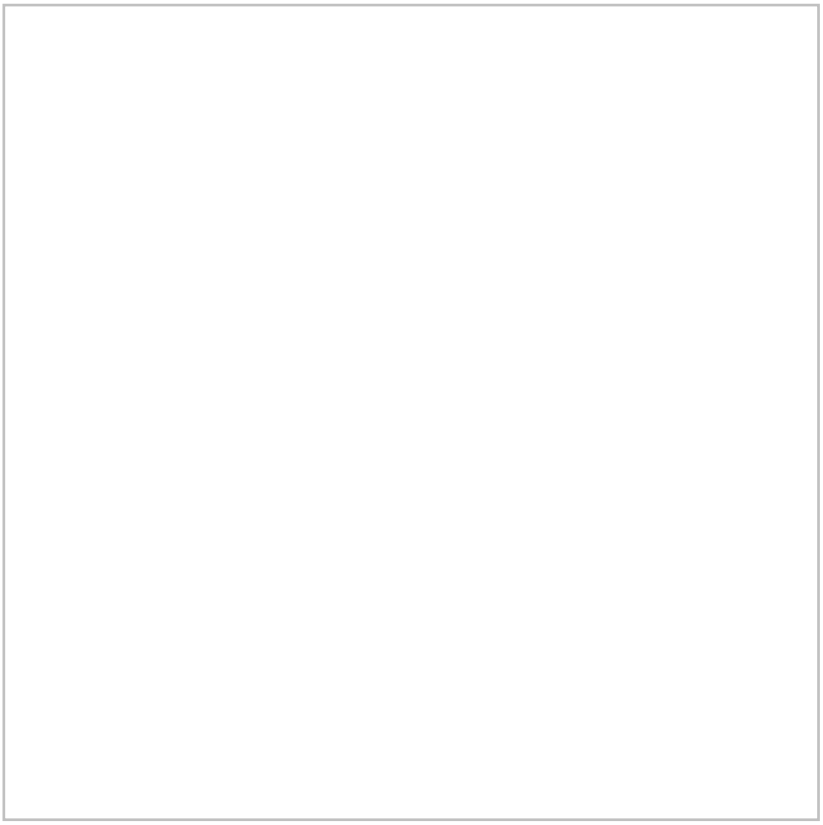

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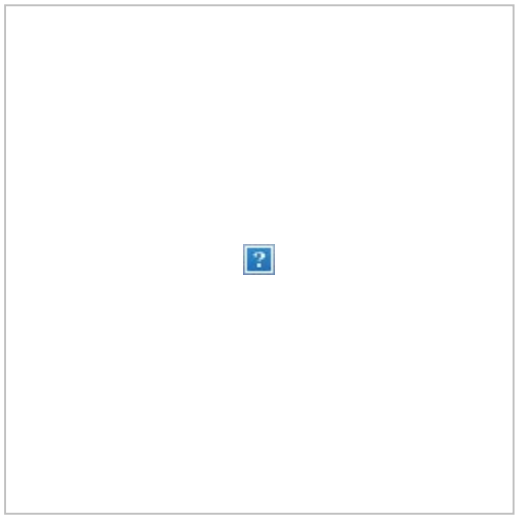

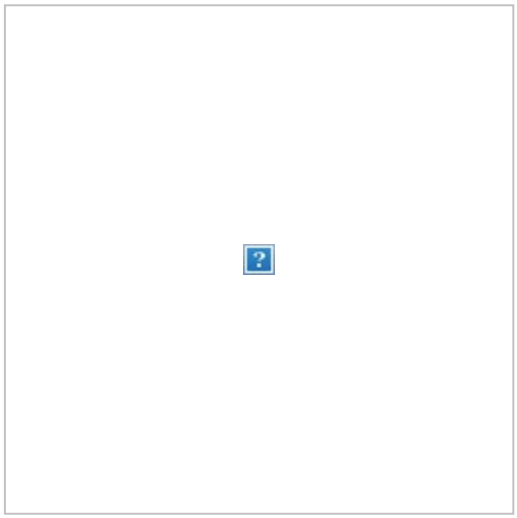

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Best,
Whitney Francis

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From: Adams Point
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Friday, December 17, 2021 4:09:40 PM

Having Adams Point redistricting split in both final options doesn't seem like it will work well for our neighborhood.

Our neighborhood runs from Macarthur to Grand to Harrison.

Why doesn't one of the two options allow the Adams Point neighborhood to remain part of the same district? How did that happen?

In F3 we are divided by A1 & C3 and also B2 as many of our residents are impacted by decisions at Lake Merritt.

In K3 we are dived by B2 & C3. Adams St is not even included in Adams Point here?

Our annual holiday party was on 12/13 at Fairyland (photos attached) so our council and many active neighbors couldn't' be in attendance at the re-districting meeting to stress the importance of this. Please know we think it is problematic for our neighborhood.

Questions:
- How would we proceed as a neighborhood voice under either of these districts? Would our "neighborhood" stay intact? Would we seek to work with multiple council members to have our voice heard?
- Is the commission assuming neighborhoods would work with multiple council members, or in our scenario is the commission thinkings we would form multiple neighborhood groups/councils under the new lines? Would NCPC lines change? Would the Oakland Police Beats change based on these lines? Was Oakland's Community Policing Advisory Board included?

Adams Point is working hard to promote community building, neighborhood beautification, and violence/crime prevention in our neighborhood and business district and we encourage the commission to consider how the new district divisions in our neighborhood will impact Adams Point.

Anders Peterson
Chair Adams Point Neighborhood Council
https://adamspointneighbors.org

From: pamela eguchi
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Saturday, December 18, 2021 10:05:29 AM

I vote for Draft Plan F3. I've also filled out the online survey if contacting you is redundant.

Thank you to all for your hard work in drafting and whittling down the plans.

[redacted]

From: Susan Feinstein
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Support of map F3
Date: Saturday, December 18, 2021 10:27:46 AM

I am writing to support map F3. It keeps our neighborhood together. Our neighborhood is Rockridge Terrace. The streets are Contra Costa Rd, Contra Costa Place, Buena Vista, Hill, and Golden Gate. Also F3 keeps us with the Rockridge and Piedmont area shopping districts.

I should also note that your map shows the different paths in our neighborhood which are stair cases and not driveable streets. For example in map K3 you divide our street , Contra Costa Rd at Arbon Path, a staircase. Our street is very narrow, one side of the street parking, with only one way out. Contra Costa rd has about 100 homes.

In conclusion I support Map F3 and reject map K3.

From: Ryan Eney
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Plan F3
Date: Saturday, December 18, 2021 11:39:33 AM

I support redistricting plan F3.

Regards,
Ryan Eney
[redacted]

From: Mike Bradley
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Saturday, December 18, 2021 3:41:15 PM

F3

I live in district 5.

+ Mike Bradley

From: Quandra Ringold
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Saturday, December 18, 2021 10:55:43 PM

Good day
I prefer map F3 for redistricting.
Best regards,
Quandra Ringold

From: Meg Bowerman
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: I vote for F3
Date: Sunday, December 19, 2021 9:04:50 AM

Hello, I live in the Dimond District and I vote for the map F3 for our community
Meg Bowerman

From: Sue Morgan
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Dimond District Map
Date: Sunday, December 19, 2021 9:17:24 AM

The F3 map keeps Dimond Park, Glenview and the Dimond District together which makes the most sense to me. As a Dimond resident for over 42 years the idea of separating Dimond Park from the Dimond business district makes utterly no sense. Dimond and Fruitvale are 2 very different areas of Oakland. Let's not break up what has been together for so long.

[redacted]

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More birding ...

Pls use my new email
smorgan8455@gmail.com

From: sandra morey
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Proposed plans for redistricting Oakland
Date: Sunday, December 19, 2021 9:52:22 AM

My husband and I have lived in Oakland district 4 since 1978. We would very much prefer to have redistricting plan F3 which keeps our Dimond district with Glenview as we participate with them in many of the Oakland things we do.

Also, we are members of Friends of Dimond Park and would prefer to keep these two neighborhoods together and the other plan splits the park between F3 and K3. There are always times when we work as a team for the benefit of the park. splitting us up will bode ill for our beautiful park and our rangers as well.

Thank you for your kind attention.
Mr. & Mrs. Norbert K.Farrell
Sandi Morey-Sing Thing Family Singing (49 years in the Dimond)

From: deutsch.stan@gmail.com
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Oakland Redistricting Maps
Date: Sunday, December 19, 2021 11:17:01 AM

Dear Sir:

My wife and I are long-term residents of Oakland City Council District 4. We have reviewed the proposed redistricting maps and we think that Draft Plan K3 will best meet the needs of our community. The issues that affect the residents of the Oakland Hills are, in many cases, unique to the area or have a different slant. For example, the threat of fire is unique to the area. While crime may be a concern for all Oaklanders, the nature of the crime threat in the Hills is different. We have very little street crime but much more home invasions, burglary and car break-ins. There is virtually no Oakland PD presence in the Hills. There has been hardly any street repaving in our neighborhood.

We believe that having a Councilmember who is knowledgeable about and responsible for addressing these and other issues that affect residents of the Oakland Hills is the best approach to dealing with them.

We urge the Redistricting Committee to approve Draft Plan K3.

Sincerely,

Stan Deutsch and Cheryl Littauer
[redacted]
[redacted]

From: Marvin Schwartz
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: vote for Plan K3 District 4
Date: Sunday, December 19, 2021 12:03:39 PM

I filled out the survey and am in favor of plan K3 which covers most of the Oakland Hills above route 13. I noted these reasons:

"My major Community of Interest for redistricting purposes is those living above Route 13. Housing is similar and concerns regarding housing density are similar. Issues regarding police response are similar. Understanding fire risks is similar. Road paving, parking, issues regarding commerce, types of business permitting, and more have a similar impact on neighborhoods above route 13. So we need representation in Oakland City Government that will hear about and respond to our concerns as situations arise."

So please enact the D4 map of the K3 plan.

Marvin Schwartz [redacted]

From: Kathleen Hirooka
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Final New Council maps
Date: Sunday, December 19, 2021 3:48:16 PM

Hello,
I would like to again add my comments regarding the final two proposed district maps. I currently reside in District Four and, of the two finalists, I much prefer F3, which is closer to our present boundaries and which does not seclude the Hills area (about Hwy. 13) into one single long district. I think isolating the Hills into a single interest group is not well thought out, as in many ways, the Montclair district in which I live has more connections to the Dimond and Glen Park neighborhoods between Hwy. 13 and Hwy. 580. I personally do a lot of my shopping in those areas and use the Dimond branch, as well as the Montclair branch library.

Ensuring that the council members interact and represent more socioeconomic communities and interests is a good thing for our city, and that would be a good argument for adopting F3 map; rather than K, which is also being considered.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Hirooka
[redacted]

From: Meena Eye
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Please Vote Map F3
Date: Sunday, December 19, 2021 4:43:22 PM

Dear Commission,

I am writing this email to request you NOT to divide the community of Dimond. Only Map F3 keeps us whole. The other map unfairly cuts off Dimond at Damuth and Heart, even though the streets beyond are very much part of the Dimond. The other map also divides our Dimond Park. My community - including those below the 580 freeway - are all one Dimond, deeply connected to the parks and small businesses, and don't deserve to be divided.

Please do not divide our community. Please pick Map F3 only.

Sincerely,
Meena

From: Judith Schonebaum
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Sunday, December 19, 2021 4:43:42 PM

Dear Commission,

I would definitely prefer map F3, so the neighborhood would not be divided….especially the area around Dimond Park and the shopping district.

Thanks,
Judith Schonebaum

Judith Schonebaum
Oakland, California
[redacted]

From: Jared O"Leary
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Adopt Map F3
Date: Sunday, December 19, 2021 7:23:31 PM

Hi Corey:

My name is Jared O'Leary and I'm a West Oakland resident.

Please adopt Map F3. It's the only map that keeps communities I care about together.

In addition, most of the *actual* flatland residents in both the East and West of the city are very opposed to an "all-hills" or "mostly-hills" district, as you propose in Map K3. My neighbors and community members all feel this way.

So please respect our voices, not those of outside groups. Pick Map F3.

Thank you for reading this and please do the right thing.

Best,
Jared

From: Nathan Moon
To: Alvin, Corey; Luna, Richard; Verdin, Felicia; Moore, Angela
Subject: Ujima Friends Beat 8x Neighborhood Council endorses draft map F3
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 8:01:34 AM

All,

Beat Ujima Friends Beat 8x Neighborhood Council officially endorses the draft map F3 from the two finalists.

warmest regards,

Nathan Moon
Advocacy Director
Ujima Friends
Our 8x Community
[redacted]

From: Justin McDavid
To: Alvin Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 1:03:14 PM

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Hello, and thanks for all your hard work on this.

In my view, the redistricting boundaries of Draft Plan F3 are less contorted and more representative of contiguous communities than those of K3. My hope would be for the adoption of F3.

Thank you,
Justin McDavid (Currently District 4 of Oakland)

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From: Joan Warren <joanwarren@sbcglobal.net>
Date: December 20, 2021 at 12:32:36 PM PST
To: Whittle List <whittle@grommit.com>
Subject: Fwd: City of Oakland Redistricting: Final Map Options Released!

Hi Whittle,

Below is info about the final two Oakland redistricting maps options, with links to comment on which you prefer. One of them divides up our area more than the other, but both cut up our area less than previous options. The Comment Period ends December 30.

Happy holidays,
[redacted]

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From: Whitney <whitneyfrancis@berkeley.edu>
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Best,
Whitney Francis

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From: Kimberly Reifel
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistributing opinion
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 1:08:25 PM

Hi:

I strongly support the F3 plan over the K3 plan. Thank you.

Kimberly M Reifel

From: kathryn pielage
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting vote for dec 30,2021
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 1:17:54 PM

Please make my choice to be entered in the records that I am in favor of the F3 REDISTRICTING PLAN

Kathryn pielage

[redacted]

From: Sharon Gillars
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Draft Map F3 and Draft Map K3.
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 1:19:09 PM

Dear Calvin,

I'd like to express my support for map F3 to keep our community more diverse and not separate us more between upper hills and lower hills.

Thank you,
Sharon Gillars

From: Susan Wootan
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Regarding the redistricting proposal
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 1:36:24 PM

I agree with the Redwood Heights Association's following summary

"The Redwood Heights Association board is grateful for the commission's work, and applauds the effort to remove the redistricting process from the political realm.

After consideration of the proposed maps, the RHA board endorses Map F3 for the following reasons:

- It preserves the connection and relationships between Redwood Heights and the adjacent neighborhoods developed over the last ten years
- D4 would remain a diverse and multifaceted district, reflecting the cultural mix of the City of Oakland, as all districts should.
- We reject Maps K because it creates a significantly affluent, all-hills district. The effect on the Redwood Heights neighborhood would be to separate us from our communities of interest, especially the Laurel district, whose partnership and collaboration we value immensely. "

The diversity within neighborhoods is what makes Oakland special, anything that works against that is in my opinion a long term negative towards the city.

Sue

--
Susan L. Wootan, Architect
[redacted]

From: INA POTTER
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Maps
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 1:39:27 PM

Hello -

I am a longtime resident of the Laurel/Redwood Heights neighborhood. I have reviewed the possible redistricting maps, F3 and K3, that include my neighborhood. I have also reviewed the comments submitted by the Redwood Heights Neighborhood Association and am in complete agreement with their analysis and with their support for Map F3. Critical factors in favor of Map F3, as stated by RHNA in their comments are:

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Please make the right choice, for our neighborhoods and for Oakland.

Thank you.

Ina Potter
[redacted]

From: John and Jo-Ann Donivan
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 1:42:35 PM

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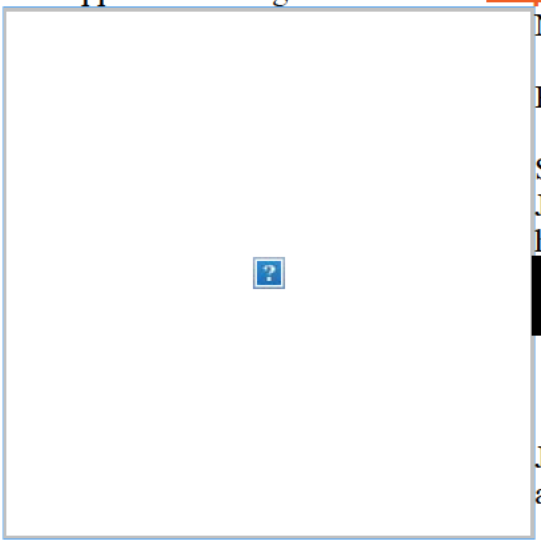
Corey Alvin,

We support this change in District #4 **Map F3**..



No other options will work!!!!

Please make sure that we have F3..

Sincerely,
Jo-Ann & John Donivan
homeowners--
[redacted]

Jo-Ann Maggiora Donivan is a native to this area and supports F3.

From: Betsy Littell
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Maps
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 1:57:34 PM

Hello - I live on Aspen Place, a location that gives me strong ties to the shopping districts in both the Dimond and Laurel shopping areas. It also puts me in a strong communal relationship with people living on both sides of 35th avenue and from the 580 freeway up to the 13 freeway. I feel well-represented by having this entire area within one district as represented on the city council. I would strongly encourage you to vote FOR the map (F3) that would retain the integrity of this area and AGAINST the map (K3) that would divide in a number of ways.

Thank you for your consideration.
Elizabeth Littell

From: Richard Cowan
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Feedback on Redistricting Maps
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 1:59:55 PM

Mr. Alvin,

I wish to express my strong support for Map F3, with one modification, which I will get to in a moment. As a resident of D4, I feel it crucial that the Commission preserve existing neighborhoods, which in many ways represent Communities of Interest, places where we shop and most frequently interact with residents. Thus I support Map F3 because it best preserves the relationship of Redwood Heights and the Laurel, best preserves the entire Dimond District, and best addresses the Glenview district. Map K3 does not do this nearly so effectively, and in addition flies in the face of the important principle that each Council District should reflect Oakland's diversity, in that it creates an artificial all-hills D4. In doing this, Map K3 is antithetical to the ideal that each Council District represent the whole of Oakland, not just hills or not just flats.

The one modification that I would suggest is that Map F3 be revised to place the Coliseum back into D7. The Coliseum has long been an economic engine for the D7 residents living close by. To put it in D6 would destroy a significant D7 community of interest.

Thank you for soliciting our input. I look forward to hearing from you.

Richard Cowan
Dunsmuir Avenue

From: Frances Aubrey
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: I support K3 map
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 1:59:56 PM

Dear Calvin,

I support the K3 map because it will force reps to consider a wider array of needs of Oakland residents. Thanks!

Frances Aubrey
[redacted]

From: Suzanne Frank
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Final Redistricting Map
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 2:16:38 PM

Dear Mr. Alvin,

I live in the Laurel / Redwood Heights neighborhood. I would prefer the K3 Map to be approved for my area.

Thank you,

Suzanne Frank
[redacted]
Oakland, CA. 94619

From: Anna Audrey
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: I vote for Map F3
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 2:26:37 PM

I vote for Map F3. Thank you.
Anna

From: Chez Laure
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Vote for F3
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 2:45:56 PM

Dear Calvin,
Please note my vote for the F3 redistricting map.

Thank you,
Lauren Blanchard
[redacted]
Oakland, CA 94606

From: Marlon T
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: F3 map
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 2:48:11 PM

Dear Calvin,

I live in San Antonio district. Please note my vote for the F3 redistricting map.

Thank you,

Marlon Tan
[redacted]

From: Bonnie Richman
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: redistricting maps
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 2:54:38 PM

Hi Mr. Alvin,

As a member of the Laurel neighborhood, I want to express my preference for the F3 map, which leaves us connected to the Dimond district. I am opposed to creating an 'all hills' district, in that I already suspect that people who pay more taxes get more for their money than we in the flats do... and we value diversity even if some folks don't.

thanks for counting my preference as a vote!
Happy holidays. Be well.

Yours, Bonnie Richman on Selkirk St.

From: Margaret Langston
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 2:55:22 PM

Dear Corey Alvin,

Here's another vote for the F3 redistricting map. I live in the Upper Dimond neighborhood, and consider it important to keep Dimond, Glenview, Laurel and Redwood Heights in the same district, since we share a lot of the same concerns. I also consider the "all-hills" district proposed in map K3 to be a regressive idea.

Thanks for the opportunity to put in my 2 cents worth.

Margaret Langston
Scenic Ave
Oakland 94602

From: paul makela
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 3:28:04 PM

Please vote & implement MAP F-3
Thank You, Paul & Diane……

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jude Rowe
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 3:37:31 PM

Hello,
I reside in Piedmont Pines at 6832 Wilton Drive. It is my sincere hope that the F3 redistricting map will succeed. It is in the best interest of all living in this area.

Thank you

Jude Rowe

Sent from my iPhone

From: Helen Krayenhoff & Peggy Kass
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 3:37:57 PM

Dear Corey

As a resident of Dimond Ave, I strongly support the F3 map. The K3 map would change our community connections in a negative way. We need to keep the diversity in each district and K3 works against this interest. I feel the last thing Oakland needs is an all-hills district!

Thanks for your time,

Helen Krayenhoff
[redacted]

From: Amy Dunning
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 4:00:35 PM

Please approve F3 so the Hills are integrated with other communities.

Amy Dunning

Sent from my iPhone

From: JudiQ
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Oakland Redistricting Map
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 4:05:21 PM

Dear Mr/Ms Alvin,

I would like to write in support of **Map F3**. Would you please register my vote for **F3** in your
work with the Redistricting Commission. Thank you.

May you be well. Best wishes for a happy holiday season, and a very good New Year!

Respectfully,
-- Judi Quan
Oakland, CA

Imagine a kinder, more gentle world, full of grace; and then become it.

From: XiaoGuang huang
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: I vote for Map F3
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 4:06:43 PM

I vote for Map F3. Thank you.
Dr. XG Huang

From: Robert Meyers
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 4:21:26 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to express our strong opinions **supporting Map F-3.** My wife and I have lived in Oakland's Montclair District in the Hills for 45 years and recognize the importance of maintaining socio-economic diversity within each Council District. We believe the City should avoid at all costs negative debates that involve "Hills vs. Flatlands" in their decision making regarding policy and funding.

Map K-3 should be firmly **rejected** because it will tribalize our vibrant neighborhoods and set them against each other. Please support **Map F-3**.

Respectfully yours,
Robert Meyers
Sylvia Sykora
[redacted]

From: Margo G.
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Re Final Vote on Redistricting Map
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 4:31:22 PM

Dear Calvin,

I wanted to share my opinion about the upcoming vote on the redistricting of our location in the Oakland Hills. I live at the top of Geranium Place with Leona Canyon in my front yard.

I'll start by saying I am not at all clear why the redistricting is being proposed but I would like the commission to consider the following:

Map K3 makes sense for this region of Oakland because of the similar concerns we face with regard to hazards of living above Hwy 13. As beautiful as it is, there are very specific concerns about being surrounded by Redwood Regional Park above us and a Leona Canyon right beside us. I want to know when critical decisions are being made about the Oakland Hills that this area is fully included in those decisions.

Chopping up the zones along Highway 13 seems short sighted. Map K3 looks at the region as a whole. Skyline is two blocks above our location. The Fire Department on Skyline serves our region along Redwood Heights/Leona and I believe having a firm plan for the entire region is necessary. The 1991 Firestorm is a reminder to me that the entire region along Highway 13 should be thoughtfully considered along with the dangers the entire area could face if we are hit with a massive firestorm or long overdue earthquake on the Hayward Fault line that takes a direct path along Hwy13 which I've studied extensively. (A fly-over of the Hayward Fault Line. Interstate 580/Hwy13 split starts at about 12:06 in the video https://youtu.be/lU2yd1-uy80)

Because of the commonality of region D4 as it appears in Map K3 the specific concerns about roads, power lines, fire danger due to climate change, possible earthquakes along the Hayward Fault that are overdue, it makes sense to consider the entirety of the region that being proposed in Map K3.

I thank you for your consideration.

Margo Goodwin-Gordon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From: Sally Park Rubin
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Vote for F3 - support small businesses!
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 4:40:26 PM

Hi Calvin,

I am an Oakland Hills resident, following this map business.

Can we just go for Map F3?

It will keep the small business districts united.

Dividing the Laurel along a false boundary and the Dimond pretty much in half will weaken, not strengthen locally-owned businesses. We need them to be able to grow and thrive.

Thanks,
Sally Rubin
[redacted]

From: Cecilia Risquez
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Map F3
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 4:56:45 PM

Mr. Calvin,

I endorse Map F3 for the following reasons:

- It preserves the connection and relationships between Redwood Heights and the adjacent neighborhoods developed over the last ten years
- D4 would remain a diverse and multifaceted district, reflecting the cultural mix of the City of Oakland, as all districts should.
- Four districts share the significant issue of wildfire safety in the hills in this plan, keeping this a city-wide concern.
- We reject Maps K because it create a significantly affluent, all-hills district. The effect on the Redwood Heights neighborhood would be to separate us from our communities of interest, especially the Laurel district, whose partnership and collaboration we value immensely.

Thanks and Happy Holidays!

Cecilia Risquez
Oakland Resident at Redwood Heaights

From: Jerry and Bonnie Moran
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 5:07:59 PM

We are urging the Commission to select map F3 because it helps maintain the socio-economic diversity that makes Oakland a great place to live.

Jerry and Bonnie Moran

Oakland Residents

From: Sheryl Walton
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Question re F3 and K3 Maps
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 5:17:38 PM

Hi Corey,

We're mobilizing and organizing to make and write comments on the two final Maps, K3 and F3.

Question: is there any way we or the Commission can influence a tweak adjustment in Map F3?

Thank you. Sheryl Walton D7

From: JUNE DIAL
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Creating the new maps
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 6:20:22 PM

Is there a reason or a need to Redistrict? because you are taking Redwood Heightsapart and for what purpose?I vote against it.
Thank you,
June Ko-Dial

[redacted]

Sent from my iPad

From: Angela Phan
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Vote for map f3
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 6:23:11 PM

Hi there,
I'd like to cast my vote for the redistricting. I'd like to vote in favor of map F3

From: Christine Miller
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting D4
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 6:27:42 PM

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Please choose Map F3
I am a resident of Oakland and I strongly think Map F3 is the Best. It's important to keep Diamond and
Laurel United. Diamond Park should not be divided between 2 districts.
It is important not to split the Latino vote.
Pick Map F3. I oppose Map K3
Please pick Map F3

Thank-you
Christine Miller

[redacted]

Christine

From: Marge O"Halloran
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting maps
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 7:39:28 PM

Hello Redistricting Planners,

I am writing to express my support for Map F3 in that it preserves the connection and relationships between Redwood Heights and the adjacent neighborhoods that include the Laurel, Dimond, Allendale, Montclair, and Glenview.

Unfortunately, the other option of Map K creates a significantly affluent all-hills district.

I respectfully request that you adopt Map F3 going forward.

Many thanks,
Marge O'Halloran
[redacted]

From: Jim Schexnayder
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 8:12:32 PM

I support K3 plan for former district 2.

Rev. Jim Schexnayder
[redacted]

From: carole rathfon
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Redistricting Map Feedback
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 8:35:22 PM

We urge you to adopt Map F3.

We have been residents of Oakland since 1974 and have seen many changes. We do not wish to return to the days of US vs THEM (Hills vs Flats). We value the diversity in Oakland and want everyone to work toward the common good by understanding the specific needs in each area and not pitting one area against another.

Carole and Steven Rathfon
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sharon Grodin
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Please select F3
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 8:58:27 PM

I am a Laurel resident strongly opposed to Redistricting Option K3. This map is nonsense. My neighbors across the street from me would be in a different district for no discernible reason. Please select F3.

Sharon Grodin
[redacted]

From: Anne Schonauer
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: comment in support of map F3 for redistricting vote
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 9:24:34 PM

Hello,

I would like to share my support for Map F3 in the re-districting decision being considered on December 30. Quite simply, the F3 map more accurately captures how I experience my neighborhood and what I consider to be my community. I have lived in District 4 for 11 years and I do pretty much all my normal routines in what would be district 4 on Map F3. My friends and neighbors, my shopping, my church, my recreation, my regular dog walks, my route to work would all be in district 4. This makes sense to me. It's taken a long time to build a community where I know my neighbors, and I can run into people I know when doing my errands and going to my usual places.

If we used map K3, I would then live in district 5 but also spend a lot of time in district 4 for shopping, church and even my regular dog walks in what I consider my immediate neighborhood would cross into district 4.

For building community and being able to organize for community interests it makes no sense to cut what we consider to be one neighborhood in half. I love the mix of people in my neighborhood. Making a district of "hills only" just doesn't feel right. I love the economic and social diversity of my neighborhood and it should be accurately reflected and represented in our districts.

I also want to re-emphasize the point others have made about the advantages of map F3, which makes the issue of wildfire safety a shared concern for 4 different districts rather than isolating all the most significant urban/wildland interface to one district. Having that responsibility shared rather than isolated is hugely important.

Sincerely,
Anne Schonauer
[redacted]

From: Peter Seidl
To: Alvin, Corey
Subject: Choose map F3
Date: Monday, December 20, 2021 10:38:15 PM

Map K3 divides Oakland.

Map F3 encourages having a council person who represents a cross section of the city. This benefits everyone. The isolation of the Oakland hills wasn't a good idea in the 1960's and it isn't now either.

Please choose map F3.

Peter Seidl
District 4, Oakland