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Public Comments
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Item # 14

Subject New Redistricting plan

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Laura Hunter

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I attended, in-person or on zoom, many of the IRC meetings. Although the map they finally chose was not my personal highest preference map, all of the five final options had significant merits, were compliant, and supportable. Importantly, all are a significant improvement over current conditions.

I particularly want to endorse the configurations of Districts 2 and 4. In our climate changing world, these perimeter residents are on the front line of major issues like wildfire, drought, and our agriculture is located there as well. In addition, the I-15 and 78 transportation corridor and intersection are unified in District 4. These districts will result in unified representation for these Community-of-Interest issues.

It is important for you to know that the process the IRC followed was excellent. The Commission was consistently open, inclusive, and proactive allowing comments to be made not just once, but all along the way during map drawing and discussions- both by in-person and remote attendees.

If you watch the recordings, you will see that Chair Case frequently took the extra time to be sure attendees understood applicable rules and to respond to and ask questions about input given. Mr. Beck is also to be commended for the open and encouraging way he ensured the effective operation of the effort.

Redistricting is not easy. It is a process with many moving parts and lots of factors to consider. Given its importance, there was a lot of input on it. However, you can see by the number of maps the Commission created along the way, that the process they followed was responsive and thoughtful to the many comments they received. Our districts needed significant revision and the map before you today is a significant improvement on current conditions.

Thank you

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Item # 14

Subject Redistricting map

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Pam Albergo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Mayor and City Councilmembers, I have watched the Redistricting Commission work diligently for many months now. The Commission has spent many, many hours listening to public comment about communities of interest throughout this City. The Commission has taken all of that input and work very hard at producing a map that works for all.

I live in the eastern portion of the city where I have many groves and agricultural properties surrounding me. I appreciate that the Commission saw that issue in the eastern portion of the City and created a District 2 that keeps that community of interest together.

I heard people from all of the current Districts speak about their communities of interest and the Commission took their input and created two urban districts, one of which kept the Oak Hill neighborhood in one district; and a third that has most of the Interstate 15 transportation corridor. The Commission did their job with respect for the community and respect for the redistricting rules as set forth in the City's April 19, 2013 Consent Decree's five criteria.

Please vote to approve map 2E at your next Council meeting.

Thank you,

Pam Albergo

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Item # Redistricting

Subject Redistricting Map

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Jenni Crim

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I want to thank the Redistricting Committee for the hard work in redistricting Escondido in a fair & equitable fashion. The Committee asked for public input in developing the map. The Committee did a great job listening to the public. I feel that the current map takes into account the urban and agricultural districts that represents the city well. I feel this proposed map will benefit Escondido.

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Item # 14

Subject Independent Redistricting Committee Report

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Linda Wilkinson

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I want to commend the Escondido Independent Redistricting Committee for how well they conducted all of their public meetings, how well they tried to get as much public input as possible, listening to all comments, drawing maps that individuals suggested, taking everyone's position into consideration, even though a lot of the same people spoke at different meetings. In the end they voted to accept a map that was very balanced for rural and urban citizens, allowed for the required major Latino district and has a good balance of minority voters in two districts. The districts follow all the required rules such as compactness and even population dispersion. The demographer, Jane Hood, was exceptional no other commission had in person live drawing of maps as she did.

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

I write this communication as the Chairman of the Escondido Library Foundation Board, and as a long time community supporter of the Escondido Public Library.

I have read the staff report that is before you, and strongly encourage your Council to approve the resolution authorizing the grant application for this State program.

I am uniquely familiar with our Library building, having begun work for the city as Community Services Director in 1980 as our current Library building was under construction... Knowing that the building was opened in 1981, and has received periodic upgrades over the years, the need for this funding resource to complete much needed improvements is paramount.

At various points in time, the City has undertaken design and remodeling processes for projects providing for renovation, as well as in 2001 for a complete Library building replacement...

The current Library building has served us well; however the proposed improvements are critical to our Library continuing to provide the excellent Library services our residents deserve...

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend tomorrow's Council meeting due to Ash Wednesday services at my church with which I am a participating leader...

Thank you for your careful consideration of the staff recommendation and thank you in advance for your positive support of the recommended resolution.

Respectfully,

Jack Anderson

Escondido Library Foundation