

Subject: FW: [External] 8/3/22 Agenda item 2 Riverside Redistricting

From: Jonny Miller <jonnymillerjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 1:23 PM
To: CityClerkMbx <City_Clerk@riversideca.gov>
Cc: Cervantes, Clarissa <CCervantes@riversideca.gov>
Subject: [External] 8/3/22 Agenda item 2 Riverside Redistricting

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Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee - Art Pick Council Chamber/Virtual Meeting

Meeting Time: 08-03-22 15:30

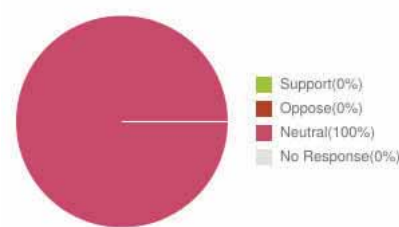
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Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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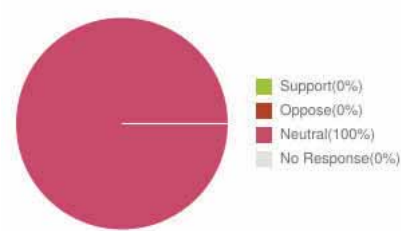
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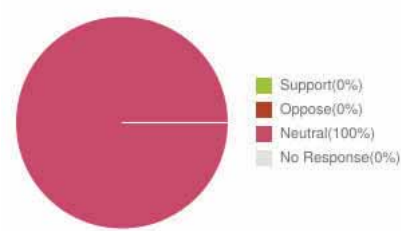
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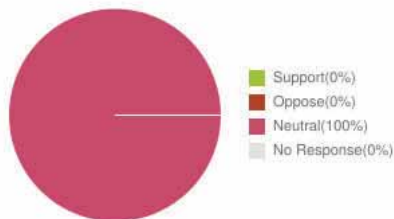
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BEVERLY ARIAS

Location: 92504, RIVERSIDE
Submitted At: 10:17am 08-03-22

080322; Item 2; 2022 Reshape Riverside: Beverly M. Arias here- w4 - Casa Blanca , 4th generation Tax paying Riverside-r, this first hearing starting at 330 pm- already continues the current gap of the majority of Riversiders affected. Knowing the demographics of Riverside - most folks commute at least 30 mins PLUS one way to their jobs.

Although you have the planned target dates and want to do a virtual hearing- please take into consideration that folks work.

My Community of Interest is my neighborhood of Casa Blanca.

Community Boundaries: From the 91 Freeway – Indiana Ave/ Washington Mary Street/ Victoria ave/ Jefferson Where the 3 Palm trees stand on Railroad Ave where the Original Train Depot was built bringing in the main lines of Citrus to be processed in the Packing houses here called Victoria Packing house and then on Lincoln-the Citrus Packing House.

Community Story:

Our 144 year old community has several community groups that have advocated for the people in the neighborhood for decades. As we are always underserved and under-represented our community needed to create groups to advocate on our behalf such as The Home of Neighborly Service, The Community Action Group and Villegas Park Advisory Council.

We are unique in we have celebrated our 113th Annual Cinco De Mayo Fiesta. A community free event which everyone looks forward to. Music is performed, different groups of dancers perform, booths of food is set up for sale, and even game booths.

This Fiesta has received awards and the Volunteer committee members do a great job organizing a nice event. Also St Anthony's Church has their annual fair, where a large portion of the community is involved too.

The Church of God of Prophecy has been in the community for half of a Century and does quarterly events to serve the community such as Backpack giveaways filled with school supplies. A Turkey and fixings distribution for the holidays.

Our Community was established with families here to work in the different facets of the Citrus Industry. From Citrus pickers, packers, drivers, managers of workers. Today our Community is comprised of a Large Senior population with Retired Elderly folks on fixed incomes. We have a population of about 7,349 residents. In a 1.060 square mile area. We are predominately LatinX at 82% then White at almost 10% , Asian at 3% and African American at 2.3%The Primary Language spoken is English, Spanish and Dialects of Guatemalan like Q'anjob'al Most of the working residents commute at least an Hour one way. The Dominant profession in our neighborhood is in the Service Industry which is comprised of 51%- 4% are in the Management field.

Over 19% of our Population us under the Poverty Level.

Casa Blanca would be more relatable to Ramona As both communities are comprised of working families in the middle income. Our concerns for working families are relatable.

Melba Winsell

Location: 92508, RIVERSIDE
Submitted At: 10:06am 08-03-22

My name is Melba Winsell, a resident in Mission Grove for the past 3 years, in Ward 4. (My "neighborhood" is not listed on the drop-down sign in) I am a board member of Riverside League of Women Voters, among other community focused organizations. I cannot describe my own Community of Interest....yet.

As an adult I have lived in 6 cities throughout California. Upon retirement from RUSD, I purposely chose Riverside. I could have gone anywhere. My work in schools here let me understand Riverside, and know that I could feel comfortable. No other place has the unique "neighborhoods" that define the personality of this city. You can see them and feel the differences. It's important to keep these neighborhoods together so their elected city council members can better serve all of them. I hope your map planning assures communities of interest are keep together.

I was please the see the Reshape Riverside website is up. I was pleased with the planned meetings in all the ward at reasonable times for commuter residents. I was please with the planned dates with two in each ward. I will be diligent in watching the progress of the meetings, the availability of the information to each, translating everything. I understand the importance of participation in redistricting and will watch the communication, education and transparency of this process closely.

Jon Miller

Location: 92501, Riverside
Submitted At: 1:24pm 08-02-22

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NAME: Maribel Nunez DATE: 7/19/22

CITY/NEIGHBORHOOD: Down town Ward 1 PHONE # (Optional): _____

ADDRESS (Optional): _____ Address

SUBJECT: Restricting Agenda Item #32 City/State/Zip _____

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Attachments: 6-1-22 Letter Riverside City Redistricting_Brown_Black Redistricting Alliance.pdf

From: Maribel Nunez <maribel@inlandequitypartnership.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:12 PM
To: Cervantes, Clarissa <CCervantes@riversideca.gov>; Conder, Chuck <CConder@riversideca.gov>; Perry, Jim <JPerry@riversideca.gov>
Cc: Ana Gonzalez <ana.g@ccaej.org>; Lupe Camacho <lupecamacho12@gmail.com>; Lujano, Miguel <MLujano@riversideca.gov>
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Riverside City Redistricting Timeline

Re: Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee
Agenda: #4 Communications
Riverside City Staff update: Riverside City timeline update

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City of Arts & Innovation

Public Comment for July 6, 2022
Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee Meeting
Prepared by the City Clerk's Office at 1:35 p.m. on July 6, 2022

Agenda Item	Name	Neighborhood	Position	Comments
2. 2022 Redistricting Update Donesia Gause, City Clerk	BEVERLY ARIAS		Neutral	22-1637 Item 2 Redistricting: In Regards to Redistricting Dear Committee of Inclusiveness, Community Engagement and Govt Processes, please take into consideration the Updated population figures with the new influx of New Residents that have moved here from LA, OC and San Diego. With the Current Majority population of over 53% Latinx, it is 2022 and we still do not have fair representation of elected officials- who will speak on the needs of the people. As this meeting today is in the middle of the day, please allow for at least 1 bilingual evening or weekend meeting when it comes to providing a Community Forum- as majority of folks work during the day. As a Ward 4 resident , growing up in the Casa Blanca neighborhood our community has different characteristics than say, Presidential Park or Hawarden Hills or even Woodcrest. We are smitten with increasing traffic and congestion as one of the main arteries of roads is Madison St/ Indiana St and Washington- to reach the nearby 91 Freeway. We have 2 Community Centers- (Villegas Community and The Home of Neighborhood Service) however, our centers are the least funded by Federal, State, City and Regional funding- but, both serve our Community Daily- Can we have someone who will advocate for us more Fiercely? Our Community is mostly blue collar , with a large Senior population, the rest are mixed families, but, even with our tax dollars, we have gaps of access to required services. Although we have been served in the past by leaders that answer when we call, there are still gaps that need to be filled so we can stay updated and informed. Example, for Over a Decade we have asked for assistance via CDBG grants but, rejected. However, other areas are being served with Tax Payer Funds from all levels. We have the same needs as Eastside, example the replacement of a neighborhood school, and need for improved funding for programs at the Centers like Stratton- Villegas and The Home of Neighborhood Service. Please take this into consideration as you progress in your steps to formulating maps of final redistricting.
2. 2022 Redistricting Update Donesia Gause, City Clerk	Mel Winsell		Neutral	I live in Ward 4. I appreciate the work that has been done so far on redistricting the wards for the city of Riverside. In my review of the proposed community engagement plan, several issues were apparent. Very obvious is the lack of equal number of meetings in all the wards. Wards 2 and Ward 3 each need another planned meeting scheduled. Then, the time between meetings in each ward varies greatly. Quote: The proposed Plan will be a coordinated effort led by Riverside City staff in partnership with local community stakeholders that will consist of three phases of outreach: To move from education to motivation will take time between meetings to allow enough time to Fill-in-Gaps in each ward and develop Communities of Interest, like in Ward 4 it's only 9 days between meeting. The Outreach Plan covers translations but does not consider the lives of our "bedroom" city. Real equity would be achieved if meetings occurred when commuters can attend in the evening or weekends. The redistricting for Riverside would be improved by having equal number community meetings for all wards, setting dates between meetings with ample time for the citizens to develop COI's and maps, and planning meetings at later hours to allow better attendance. I live in Ward 4.

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NAME: Gabriela Mendez Ulloa DATE: 07/06/2022

CITY/NEIGHBORHOOD: Arlanza PHONE # (Optional): _____

ADDRESS (Optional): _____ Address City/State/Zip

SUBJECT: Redistricting

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NAME: Johanna Silva

DATE: 7/6/22

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NAME: Paul Chavez

DATE: 7-6-22

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NAME: FRÉYA FOLEY

DATE: 6/7/22

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Subject: FW: [External] ICGC: Agenda #4 Communications (Riverside city redistricting timeline)
Attachments: 6-1-22 Letter Riverside City Redistricting_Brown_Black Redistricting Alliance.pdf

From: Maribel Nunez <maribel@inlandequitypartnership.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:12 PM
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Riverside City Redistricting Timeline

Re: Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee
Agenda: #4 Communications
Riverside City Staff update: Riverside City timeline update

Dear Inclusiveness, CommunityEngagement, and GovernmentalProcesses Committee

Chair: Cervantes
Vice Chair: Perry
Member: Conder

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COMMUNICATIONS 4 Items for future Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee

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NAME: Maribel Nunez

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Date: 1-4-22

Item No.: 21

From: Maribel Nunez <maribel@inlandequitypartnership.org>

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 1:37:21 PM

To: Edwards, Erin <EEwards@riversideca.gov>; Cervantes, Clarissa <CCervantes@riversideca.gov>; Fierro, Ronaldo <RFierro@riversideca.gov>; Conder, Chuck <CConder@riversideca.gov>; Plascencia, Gaby <GPlascencia@riversideca.gov>; Perry, Jim <JPerry@riversideca.gov>; Hemenway, Steve <SHemenway@riversideca.gov>; Lock Dawson, Patricia <PDawson@riversideca.gov>

Cc: Ana Gonzalez <ana.g@ccaej.org>; Montes, Paloma <PMontes@riversideca.gov>; Ruiz, Araceli <ARuiz@riversideca.gov>; Lujano, Miguel <MLujano@riversideca.gov>

Subject: [External] public comment: Agenda #21 Redistricting Commission

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Riverside City Council:

This is Maribel Nunez, Riverside Ward 1 resident and part of Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance. I am here to speak about Riverside City council meeting Agenda #21 Riverside Redistricting Commission. We ask once again if you can reconsider either an independent commission or hybrid commission. Its the only commission that can be resident led without influence of electeds.

Support some of the principles that Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes bill **AB-1307** County of Riverside Citizens Redistricting Commission that requires an independent commission for the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

Method 1: City Council-Led The City Council . Method 2: Standing/Advisory Committee – City Council Partially Led Alternatively Method 3: Advisory Redistricting Commission – Resident Led are resident led. Even if you choose Method 3 Advisory Redistricting Commission Resident Led, the commissioners will be appointed by city council. That doesn't symbolize autonomy.

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Process for appointing members:

Random draw and commission appointment but Must fit the citys recommend qualifications

Public hearings feedback:

-more public hearings versus just 4 and have throughout the city and add a Spanish one (Victorville did it))

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Best regards,
Maribel Nunez

cc Mayor
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NAME: Elizabeth Ayala

DATE: 11/16/2021

CITY/NEIGHBORHOOD: _____

PHONE # (Optional): _____

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SUBJECT: redistricting process

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Date: 11-16-21
Item No.: 20

October 25, 2021

Riverside County Board of Supervisors
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The Raincross Group is a group of citizens formed to promote good governance in the City of Riverside through recruiting, developing and supporting good leaders in our community,

In this letter, we are writing to encourage the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to include the City of Riverside entirely within one supervisor district. The City of Riverside is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests and should be included within a single district for effective and fair representation.

As the County seat and the largest City in the County, the City of Riverside has a unique voice that should be effectively heard and represented on the Board of Supervisors. While we share common interests with the rest of the county – housing, homelessness, transportation, and environmental concerns - due to our size, we need a single representative to specifically represent the interests of our City at the County level. One representative will promote accountability, encourage better understanding of County issues, and increase community engagement. Moreover, fairly mapping the City of Riverside demonstrates that the County respects our community of interest and encourages participation in County decisions.

We appreciate the County's emphasis on transparency and accessibility during the redistricting process. We look forward to working together towards final maps that reflect the City of Riverside's unique standing in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ronald C. Loveridge".

Ronald C. Loveridge

RAINCROSS GROUP PRESIDENT

cc Mayor
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City Clerk



Riverside city council:

Re: Discussion Calendar

Agenda: #18

Riverside County Redistricting Briefing presentation by Riverside County Executive Office -
Review 2022 Redistricting Plan

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and City Council:

My name is Maribel Nunez, Riverside City Ward 1 Resident and part of the Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance. I am writing a letter for today's Riverside city council meeting 10/12/21 Discussion Calendar Agenda #18.

I have recommendations regarding the type of redistricting commission, type of process and what should be the top redistricting criteria.

In the list below of the Riverside City Redistricting Staff report, where they reference 2012 redistricting criteria, it doesn't prioritize the Voting Rights Act.

1. Equalize the population count in each Ward within 10% (top to bottom)
2. Achieve +5% from optimal population per Ward
3. Comply with all applicable laws
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5. Maintain continuity of existing Wards, to the extent possible
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NAME: Elizabeth Ayala DATE: 10/12/21
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ADDRESS (Optional): _____ Address City/State/Zip
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From:
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 7:36 PM
To: ReshapeRiverside
Subject: [External] Community of Interest Document for Ward 4- Casa Blanca Community. Re: Reshape
Riverside Workshop @ Ysmael Villegas Communtiy Center
Attachments: Redistricting Workshop_COI Form_English_Fillable.pdf

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To whom it may concern,

Today, August 25th, there was a Reshape Riverside Workshop at the Ysmael Villegas Community Center in Casa Blanca. I am a resident of Casa Blanca (born and raised). I was unable to attend the workshop in person, but nonetheless I would still like to give input on this community and why it is a "community of interest". Please find attached the form that I downloaded from your website and filled out electronically.

Thank you,

From:
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 11:14 PM
To: ReshapeRiverside
Cc: Perry, Jim; Conder, Chuck; Cervantes, Clarissa; Cindy Collins; Bobby Garcia; PhD Mike Chavez; Margie L Tadwilliams; Fierro, Ronaldo; Plascencia, Gaby
Subject: [External] Reshape Riverside clarification

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Good evening,

I am sending to you committee members and possible future Council members of this ward.

It was brought to my attention that at the Redistricting workshops -City Staff is stating that our Neighborhood of CasaBlanca is wanting to stay in the same ward as Orangecrest.

This is incorrect!

Many of us have submitted our COI's (Community of Interest) Statement indicating the opposite. Even at the Reshape workshop held here at the Villegas Community Center (Which by the way was well attended), Community Leaders voiced input. No one has stated that We the residents of Casa Blanca want to continue to be grouped with Orangecrest.

Our 144 year old community of Casa Blanca -with its narrow streets, growing population and predominately lower income working families are not in the same demographics as Orangecrest or Mission Grove.

It was in 2014 that our Villegas Community Center was remodeled. Meanwhile, throughout the City New Centers were being built or remodeled.

Although, we appreciate the rapid response of Council Member Conder and his Legislative Assistant Frank, our city is growing and so are the needs of our communities.

We relate more to Ramona, Magnolia Center and Hillside (on the borderline of the Airport Neighborhood).

As Reshape Riverside progresses many of us will be submitting further input.

Please ensure that City Staff is not stating this inaccuracy.

Thank you for your time.

Community Activist