

From: Steve Carlson <
To: alee@cityofsanmateo.org <alee@cityofsanmateo.org>
Cc: Steve Carlson < >
Sent: Saturday, October 2, 2021, 05:29:37 PM PDT
Subject: District Election Mapping

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

I am writing in support of the District Elections, however, I am concerned about the proposed draft map of District E and C with respect to the San Mateo Heights neighborhood.

I have resided in San Mateo Heights for over 30 years. I believe that the neighborhood should be included in the North Central District because they share a greater set of physical and political, economic and social values. The traditional neighborhood boundaries have been Peninsula, Caltrain, ECR and Tilton. I know that in the last 10 years HANCSM has expanded its owned defined boundaries to include part of our neighborhood and claims up to San Mateo Drive. I know several people that belong to the HANCSM even though they live outside the traditional North Central boundaries.

San Mateo Heights is an older higher density area with approximately 8,000 residents. The area has medium to high densities with a mixture of housing types including apartments, condominiums, some duplexes and a few single dwellings. The area absorbed more than a fair share of San Mateo's multifamily residential development in the 1960s and 1980s. Its population is very diverse (socially, culturally and economically) and that area has in the vicinity of 25% of the population being non-citizens (and thus non-voting). The primary physical issues in the area are traffic (including cut-through), limited on-site and on-street parking, decaying older infrastructure, road, train and plane noise. The area is also in San Mateo's only CDBG Target area which also includes North Central neighborhood.

The proposed plan arbitrarily splits up the area along San Mateo Drive and portions off a significant area to District E (generally area west of ECR including San Mateo Park, Baywood and Aragon). This makes little sense to me. People in San Mateo Heights have more in common with residents in North Central than with those in the far more affluent District E. People in San Mateo Heights struggle to provide food on the table and include service workers who maintain residences in District E, but could never afford to live in them. Residents west of ECR including San Mateo Park, and the others comprising District E share similar social economic characteristics and neighborhood values associated with predominantly single family areas. Preservation of neighborhood appearance and low density are central and shared values (and they have the economic wherewithal to achieve it).

Real estate brokers send flyers comparing property prices in San Mateo Heights with those in North Central and never San Mateo Park. From a historic point of view the proposed plan splits up the San Mateo Heights Planning Area and bifurcates the San Mateo Drive area. From a long-term perspective, despite the best intentions of the City Council, this type of approach can produce unintended future land use disputes and disparities along each side of the street and the neighborhood.

What I am most concerned with is that if San Mateo heights is included in District E that in future Council discussions regarding growth and development and some equitable distribution within each District, it would be a no-brainer for District E residents to assign densities to San Mateo Heights to defend the integrity of the areas west of ECR - as has been accomplished by previous neighborhoods and Councils over the past 60+ years. Residents in San Mateo Heights have a better chance to be involved with and influence these future discussions if they are included in District C.

Sincerely,

Steve Carlson

Subject: White People in San Mateo

From: Chris Conway <>

Sent: Sunday, October 03, 2021 11:59 AM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: White People in San Mateo

I would like to know from the City Council or someone at City Hall why the packet distributed by Redistricting Partners for the September 30th meeting does not include a breakdown of white people in the various districts of San Mateo being considered. The only breakdown of race in the packet is for Latino's, Asians or Blacks. Why are White people in our community being excluded?

From: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>

Sent: Sunday, October 03, 2021 12:06 PM

To: Chris Conway <City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: RE: White People in San Mateo

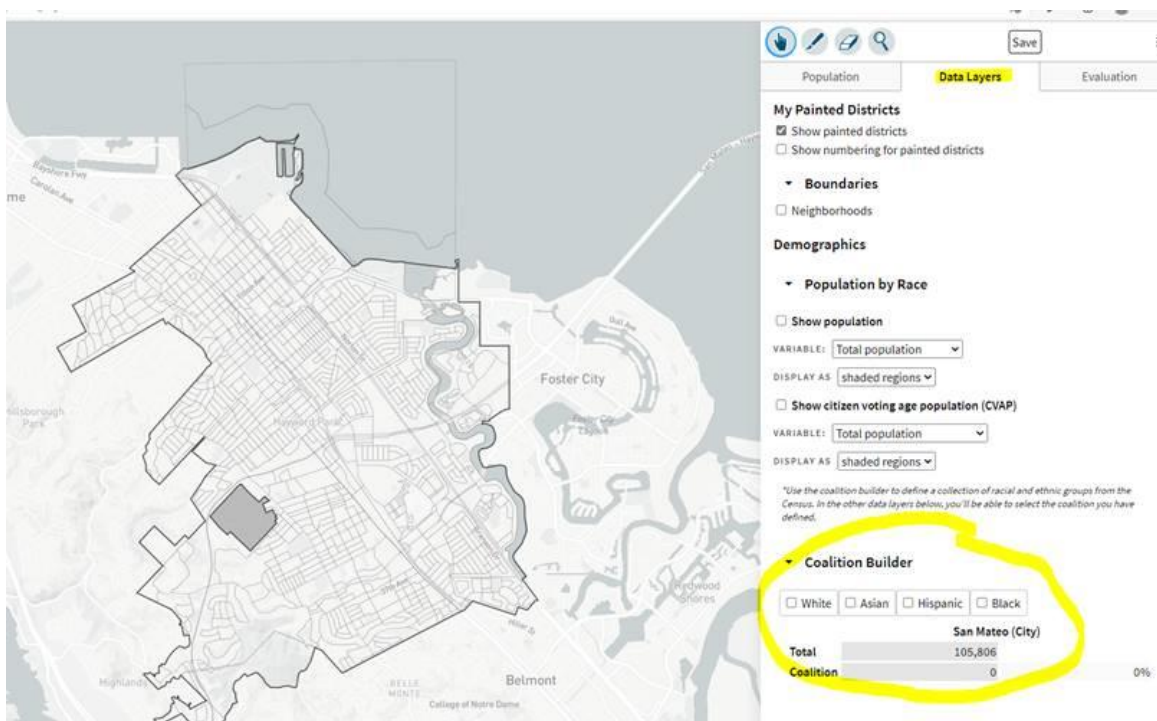
Mr. Conway,

The maps show population statistics required by the Federal Voting Rights Act Section 2 which dictates that we must break out statistics for protected classes. Protected classes are Black, Latino and Asian. White is not a protected class.

I have two options for you to get the data you are seeking. Here is a link to the Census data that you can drill down to more specificity of race in San Mateo. <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/sanmateocitycalifornia>

Last Thursday the City Council gave direction to proceed with Map #3 with some modifications. Our demographer has just produced Map #3b to meet that direction. They are working on getting that put up into the map drawing tool DistrictR which is available here: https://districtr.org/event/San_Mateo_City

Once that map is loaded, you can open it up and click on the 'Data Layer' tab and the Coalition Builder section will show you the white population broken out in any district along with Asian, Hispanic, and Black. Here is a screen snip of where it is on the District R.



From: Chris Conway <>
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2021 9:41 AM
To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>
Cc: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Re: White People in San Mateo

Thank you Patrice -

1) It seems to me that in San Mateo, City Hall is saying that Black, Latino and Asian San Mateans are a protected class and White San Mateans are not? Is race a factor in creating districts? I would like to clarify the council's own opinion and policy on that since they are the ones who contracted with Redistricting Partners and it is on the packet that it is broken out on Thursday's workshop. I have attached two specific pages from the packet that shows the demographics with no mention of the white population is Map 3, District E.

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When district elections happen at such an accelerated pace just based on a Demand Letter from a serial litigator, constituents wonder about the involvement of those on the council in the origination and support of this move to district elections.

If you can answer my questions, it will help me prepare for the workshop and commenting period on October 14th.

Thanks you again, Chris Conway

On Mon, Oct 4, 2021 at 2:42 PM Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org> wrote:

Mr. Conway,

See replies below in red.



Patrice M. Olds, MMC

City Clerk | City of San Mateo

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2) how come something so important as our voting laws didn't go out to a vote of the people? **Elections Code 10010 provides for a transition to by-district elections through this public hearing process.**

5) Why were the 3 Draft Maps shown side by side in the live presentation by Redistricting Partners Sept. 30 but not part of the packet offered on the city council website. Map 3 clearly looks the least equitable when putting the Maps side by side. **The maps were made publicly available on Sept. 23, 2021 and have been included on the website and in the Council packet.**

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From: Chris Conway <>
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2021 8:29 AM
To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>
Cc: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Re: White People in San Mateo

Thanks Patrice for answering none of my questions.

At least give me a time that speakers will be able to talk on October 14th.

I know how to watch comments and follow the proceedings, simply answer my question on how long speakers will be given in the next meeting.

There are many who feel like I do and want to be heard for once in this completely political process. .

Chris Conway

From: Patrice Olds
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2021 2:04 PM
To: 'Chris Conway' <>
Cc: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: RE: White People in San Mateo

Mr. Conway,

Public Hearing #4 on the process to transition to district elections will take place on October 14th at 6:00 pm, and this is the only item on the agenda. The Council will take up public comment once the presentation and questions from Council are completed. The length of time for individual public comments is usually 3 minutes; but can be changed based on Council's direction.

From: Chris Conway <>
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 8:58 AM
To: District Elections <districtelections@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Map 3 District E

Why is their overwhelming support for Map 3 when District E has a bloated population and high deviation number/ Not to mention they believe part of San Mateo Heights is part of District E. District E will be the only district that goes from the hills to the bay and includes 101, El Camino Real and Alameda De Las Pulgas?

Map 3 is horrible as it gives way too much power and influence to District E.

Chris Conway

San Mateo

From: Chris Conway <>
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 10:26 AM
To: District Elections <districtelections@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Map 3

May I know who drew Map 3 that everyone was in support of last workshop.

Thank you, Chris Conway

From: Diane Papan <dpapan@cityofsanmateo.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2021 9:32 AM

To: Chris Conway <>

Cc: Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>; Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>; Prasanna Rasiah <prasiah@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Re: Three questions

Mr. Conway,

Thank you for your email.

The answers to your questions are in [blue](#) below.

With best regards,

Diane Papan

San Mateo City Councilmember

From: Chris Conway <>

Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 8:26 AM

To: Diane Papan <dpapan@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Three questions

Council Member Papan,

While at the moment, all five supervisors ([I think you mean councilmembers -- supervisors serve the County and the County went to district elections years ago](#)) are still responsible to every constituent in the entire city of San Mateo. I want to take the opportunity to ask all five supervisors 3 questions that should be easy for you to answer. I am preparing my remarks for the October 14th meeting/workshop. This will help me sharpen my comments with facts as opposed to speculation. Your failure to answer these questions will indicate to me that the Map 3, District E was your intent during this entire political process to district elections and you look forward to only representing your own district instead of the entirety of San Mateo. ([I do not live in the area proposed by Map 3, District E. As far as my perspective on serving in elected office, I have stated many times that in this city of 106,000 residents there are many different voices and in my role as a councilmember I go to great lengths to listen to disparate points of view and find common ground. I have no intention of altering my perspective. As a matter of fact, with district elections I intend to be all the more vigilant in this regard.](#))

My questions are as follows

- 1) How is taking away 80% of my voting power in the city of San Mateo Democracy? [I would suggest you go back and look at the first hearings on this matter. You will find that the council was advised that if it chose to fight this request for district elections, it would likely lose and that loss would cost the City hundreds of thousands of dollars. This was the backdrop for the Council's decision.](#)
- 2) Why can you support Map 3 with a bloated District E that is completely gerrymandered. District E will be the only district that goes from the hills to the bay and includes 101, El Camino Real and Alameda De Las Pulgas. Why have you included a part of San Mateo Heights which makes no sense? [Your reading of Map 3, District E is incorrect. It goes no further West than El Camino. As I recall, representatives from North Central and a few from San Mateo Heights spoke that they believe San Mateo Heights should be included in District E and not be placed with San Mateo Park. I had asked the council to continue considering Map 1, but they declined.](#)
- 3) With the highest deviation, bloated population and the least contiguous lines which exist in District E, how can that map be supported without question by every speaker at the last Workshop? Does that not seem odd to you? [The City received written input from North Shoreview that they favored Map 1, but the majority of the speakers and writers who were from many different neighborhoods in the City favored Map 3. The council decision to work off of Map 3 was based upon that broad base of support from throughout the City.](#)

I look forward to the next workshop and look forward to your answers by email so that I can have a record of your responses to share with voters of San Mateo who are very puzzled or completely unaware of this entire process of changing our voting laws. (The City is not changing the voting laws. The voting laws are set by the State and the demand for district elections is based upon a claim that the City's at-large elections are not in compliance with the State Voting Law. The City is doing this work so as to *comply* with State Voting Laws.)

Thank you

Chris Conway – resident of San Mateo since 1964

From: Chris Conway <>

Sent: Saturday, October 02, 2021 9:33 AM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Comments after Workshop 3

Dear City Council of San Mateo

Whenever discussing districting with my neighbors in San Mateo, I get the same blank look on their faces. They have no idea of what I am even talking about and have no idea that it is even taking place. They definitely don't know that 80% of their voting power has been stripped away from them in a blink of an eye, all based on one letter from Attorney Scott Rafferty all in the name of democracy.

To me, Districting in San Mateo is similar to taking a healthy patient and demanding she have surgery. The mad doctor feels our patient is sick and needs surgery right away without ever diagnosing the patient. As the patient lies on the surgery table, not knowing why they are even operating on her, the mad surgeon and his accomplices that represent the patient begin surgery without even asking "hey wait a minute, why are we performing such a drastic operation on a very healthy patient?" The mad surgeon threatens anyone who opposes him with endless litigation and severe punitive settlements. The caretakers of the patient pretend to get scared and completely capitulate to the mad surgeon's wishes, everyone knowing that those who were supposed to protect the patient, are the ones in lock step with the mad surgeon. They begin to cut into the healthy patient regardless, leaving her permanently scarred. Cutting her into 5 ugly pieces, each piece only concerned with its own function, causing the overall body to suffer, weaken and become disfigured.

On the issue of "Communities of Interest" being asked to help in the cutting up of our city. To be a Community of Interest is so convoluted, confusing and subjective that the only ones who know how to organize a community of interest are those already in the process and tied closely to city hall. They are the ones who are salivating at the opportunity to cut up our city into pieces for their personal interests and power. Power they were unable to obtain when every citizen of San Mateo got to vote for every councilperson.

My biggest complaint about this process is the influence Councilperson Lee has on the process and the complete devotion of the entire conversation to her North Central Community. Whether it be city staff making public comments or the special interests who are paid to follow this process, there is only one community of interest being heard and that is the North Central and to some extent, those on the east side of 101.

My grandfather built San Mateo Village, Fiesta Gardens, Sunnybrae, Elmwood, Polo Subdivision, tracts in Hayward Park and College Park, the commercial district on 37th Avenue and many more subdivisions in San Mateo. He is rolling over in his grave right now seeing what districting has done to the communities he built and the divisive nature of those who have just recently come to town and are hell bent on ruining what he and many other great people have built.

This emphasis on North Central is disgusting and looking at Map 3 you see why all the people in North Central support it. It is sickening to see all of you on Zoom slapping each other on the back on what a great job you are doing when in fact you are not. This process has been thrown together and quickly coming to the final stage without sufficient community outreach to those communities west of El Camino. This all based on one letter from a litigious attorney outside of San Mateo and it is clearly evident that those on our city council agree with the threat and tactics coming from Mr. Rafferty's letter.

I would like the city council to at least discuss why the discussion is weighted heavily on the North Central area as opposed to all of San Mateo. It is so obvious to those watching these workshops that the pro North Central cabal lead by Councilperson Lee and her supporters have taken over the entire discussion on Districting.

My question to the city council remains, "how does taking away 80% of my voting power make San Mateo more democratic".

Shame on this entire process.

Chris Conway

From: Roxanne Cyr <

Sent: Saturday, October 02, 2021 2:23 PM

To: Eric Rodriguez <erodriguez@cityofsanmateo.org>; Rick Bonilla <RBonilla@cityofsanmateo.org>; Joe Goethals <jgoethals@cityofsanmateo.org>; Amourence Lee <alee@cityofsanmateo.org>; Diane Papan <dpapan@cityofsanmateo.org>; Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: District Draft Map 3

Dear City Council and City Clerk,

I prefer District Draft Map 3 because it keeps the Lagoon together. It's imperative that the Lagoon remain intact because it's the runoff and flood protection for the entire City so we need one representative who will be able to better concentrate on our needs. If we split the Lagoon into 2 or more Districts, the representatives will most likely have higher priorities than protecting the City from flooding. In addition, it's a VERY unique recreation area that needs protecting also. We have a strong active Lagoon Community which we should appreciate and maintain.

Thank you for all you do for us,

Roxanne Cyr

San Mateo,

From: Jerry Davis <>

Sent: Saturday, October 2, 2021 8:56 AM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; District Elections <districtelections@cityofsanmateo.org>; Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>

Cc: Sonja Rooms Olivera <sonjafo2040@yahoo.com>; lwatanuki6@gmail.com

Subject: Redistricting

I would like to extend my support of Map 3 - District D analysis report: It covers my concerns regarding high density, development, and traffic impacts. This includes cut-through traffic to and from the 101 Freeway and the rail line. The smaller neighborhoods in Map 3 - District D that include Central, Sunnybrae, 19th Avenue, Fiesta Gardens, Bay Meadows, SM Glendale Village and Lauriedale have common concerns. My interests and issues are more closely aligned with these neighborhoods like Sunnybrae, 19th Ave, and the children in our neighborhood that attend Sunnybrae Elementary and Aragon High School.

Oct 4 2021

Mayra Rodriguez and member of City Council

District Election:

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I would hope we could stay
connected to map 3 with things we
have in common with Sunnybrae, Boreal
middle school, Dragon High School and
19th Ave park. We have a common theme
impact of high density project and cut
through traffic to and from 101.

Please leave map 3 with this group
above.

Patricia A De Vincenzi

San Mateo CA

From: Lynette Huth <>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 10:38 PM
To: District Elections <districtelections@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: District Maps

Looking at the District Map choices, today, I like Map 3 or Map 3b better than the others. Residing in District D in Map 3/3b, however, I wonder why the western border goes to El Camino for most of the length and, for no apparent reason, cuts back to around the train tracks between Hwy 92 and 4th Ave. Why would that area not be included? It seems that it is basically the same socio-economic status and ethnic diversity and it's included in the Sunnybrae School District, as is most of the rest of District D on Map 3/3b. I propose that area be added to District D, in Map 3/3b. Tried to draw a map that way, but was unable to do so.
Thank you.

Lynette Huth

From: Sandra Jamme < >

Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 7:55 AM

To: District Elections <districtelections@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Map 3

Hi, responding to the district elections map. I **strongly** request Map #3 to keep lagoon communities intact.

If needed, I own/live at 3307 Kimberly Way, San Mateo. Thank you for your consideration.

-Sandra

From: Nicklas Johnson <>

Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2021 5:37 PM

To: Eric Rodriguez <erodriguez@cityofsanmateo.org>; Rick Bonilla <RBonilla@cityofsanmateo.org>; Diane Papan <dpapan@cityofsanmateo.org>; Amourence Lee <alee@cityofsanmateo.org>; Joe Goethals <jgoethals@cityofsanmateo.org>; Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Re: North Shoreview Poll Results: Draft Maps for Election Districting

I fully agree with what Cynthia said, and I would add that no matter how interesting people may find other issues, the greatest existential threat facing ALL of us right now is climate change, and for us in San Mateo in particular, it's sea level rise, coupled with storms of increasing intensity, moisture, and duration. All of these threats affect the low-lying areas along the Bay more than other regions of the city, and so cracking these regions into different districts would significantly impact the city's responsiveness to the very real threat climate change poses. It's not imaginary, nor hypothetical, nor something in the distant future. It's NOW, and it's real, and it dwarfs everything else by a large margin.

This mildly amusing illustration says it better than I can in words:



It would be a dire mistake to crack Shoreview and North Shoreview given the disproportionate effect of climate change. We're not even going to be discussing cut-through traffic or parking or street cleaning or schools if our streets or homes are submerged or if entire neighborhoods must be abandoned and our property values reduced to 0. If you think housing is a big problem now, wait until nobody can live in the Shoreviews.

Given the threat of climate change and the historic and ongoing lack of representation on the council for Shoreview and North Shoreview, I strongly support Map 1.

Nick

From: Trask Leonard < >

Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 1:11 PM

To: District Elections <districtelections@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Plans

I would support plans 1 or any plan 3 iteration.

Wayland T Leonard Jr

W. Trask Leonard, Jr.

President/CEO

Bayside Realty Partners

From: Wallace Mersereau < >
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 8:49 AM
To: District Elections <districtelections@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Endorsement of Map 3

I watched the online public hearing on September 30 at which possible district maps were presented and discussed by four councilmembers.

I want to add my endorsement of Map 3 as clearly the best of the three basic maps. I agree it needs minor tweaking, but it is head and shoulders above the other two maps. I fully agree with focusing on Map 3 moving forward.

I have been a resident of Aragon since 1969. One, of many, reasons why I like Map 3 is that it does not divide Aragon. Aragon is a clear community of interest because of its homogeneity and homes initially constructed in the late 1930s. A drive or walk through Aragon streets will clearly show this: tree-lined streets and architecture that is largely compatible and consistent, with a strong impression of being an upscale, pleasant, nicely landscaped and well-maintained residential neighborhood.

I think Aragon and Baywood should be in the same district. Neither should be divided. Map 3 appropriately links these two communities and includes all of both neighborhoods in the same district.

I commend the consultants, the city manager and council members, along with all supporting members of the districting team, for the quality and thoroughness of the process and for the efforts to educate and invite inputs from San Mateo residents. I understand the very short time limit for doing this complex task. This only makes the process to date more impressive.

Wallace Mersereau

From: Adam Nugent < >

Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2021 5:59 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Districting

Dear Mayor Rodriguez and members of the City Council,

I want to share a districting map with you that maintains a high fidelity with the existing neighborhood association boundaries and considers shared climate impacts from the wild land urban interface and flooding. The link to this map is here: <https://districtr.org/plan/56612>

Best,
Adam Nugent

From: < >

Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 10:49 AM

To: District Elections <districtelections@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Comment

I am a home owner in San Mateo. The map option 1 or 3B is the better choice. I do not care for option 2 or option 3.

Herb Patten

From: Robert Rideau < >
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 12:45 PM
To: District Elections <districtelections@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Feedback re: District Elections Map Options

If my opinion means anything, as a resident of the Parkside neighborhood of San Mateo, I prefer Option 1.

Thank you,

Robert Rideau
San Mateo,

From: M Rojo < >

Sent: Saturday, October 2, 2021 10:51 AM

To: District Elections <districtelections@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Re: This Saturday! Workshops on Drawing San Mateo's New District Map

Hello, I'm in favor of 3b , primarily because district C has a natural boundary of highway 92. The districts should not follow the enrollment maps for the san mateo high school district, which is what map 3 appears to do.

Sincerely,

Martin Rojo

San Mateo, CA

From: Helen Sellers <>

Sent: Sunday, October 3, 2021 7:21 PM

To: District Elections <districtelections@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Suggested revision of Map 3b - North Shoreview

Hello,

I attended the community mapping meeting on Saturday October 2, 2021 at the Senior Citizens Center.

I am a member of the North Shoreview Neighborhood Association board and attended Saturday's meeting specifically to discuss the proposed small carve out of a corner of our neighborhood into District A. The majority of North Shoreview in the current proposed Map 3B is assigned to District E. I was led to understand that it is impossible to keep the entire North Shoreview neighborhood in one district due to population and census tract constraints, and need to ensure the city-wide deviation of < 10% between districts is met.

After meeting with our neighborhood board today to discuss suggested map revisions we are requesting the following change. We would like a larger portion of North Shoreview to be included in District A. District A is composed of the other shoreline and lagoon communities east of Hwy 101 that share many of the same issues as North Shoreview. We would like a larger voice in that District by having a more meaningful portion of the neighborhood included in that district.

It is suggested that a potential breaking point could be Cypress Ave. Areas to the south of this street would be assigned to District A. Areas to the north of this street would be assigned to District E.

I apologize for not submitting a suggested boundary map as requested on the district election web page. I found the mapping tool difficult to use and want to submit my comments in a timely manner.

Thank you for your consideration,
Helen Sellers
(North Shoreview neighborhood).

From: melissa shefer < >

Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:22 PM

To: District Elections <districtelections@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Map

I vote for option 2.

Melissa Shefer

San Mateo,

From: D Shum < >

Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2021 6:51 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: District Elections Map

Dear City Council Members,

As a resident of the San Mateo / Glendale Village and as a Board member of the San Mateo/Glendale Village Neighborhood Association. I would like to show support for Map 3 in the forming of election districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

David Shum
San Mateo

From: Maxine Turner < >

Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 7:01 PM

To: Samantha Weigel <sweigel@cityofsanmateo.org>; Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>

Cc: District Elections <districtelections@cityofsanmateo.org>;

Subject: Revised Map

Samantha - I finally "think" I was able to make a new map and save it as you recommended. The big change from my previous submissions is that the Downtown COI has now been put with the yellow Baywood-Aragon Area 2 on my new map. This makes sense since the downtown and Baywood/Park/Aragon neighborhoods have the highest and most significant numbers of traditional and historic buildings. https://districtr.org/plan/58613?event=san_mateo_city

I also think it important to have 2 districts represent the shoreline and east of Highway 101 areas. I would have preferred to stop the magenta South Shoreview COI at 3rd Avenue, but the population numbers had too much deviation from the ideal.

Please let me know if I was successful in submitting my map recommendation so that it is publicly visible and clear to staff.

From: Dianne Whitaker <>

Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2021 10:39:56 PM

To: Diane Papan <dpapan@cityofsanmateo.org>; Eric Rodriguez <erodriguez@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Public Hearing #3 - District-Based Elections

Diane and Eric –

Thank you both for your thoughtful and insightful comments during tonight's City Council meeting. I have been out of town for two weeks and only just reviewed the material for tonight's meeting this afternoon. After my admittedly quick review, I favored Draft Plan No. 1. I may be deluding myself, but living in the North Central Neighborhood for over 28 years, I have always felt more connected to the Central Neighborhood and the Downtown Business District than to the Shoreview Neighborhoods. Maybe it is because I visit and/or travel through the Downtown and Central areas on almost a daily basis; not so with the Shoreview areas. In addition, in my opinion Highway 101 is an easily identifiable, understandable and very significant physical barrier between the North Central and the Shoreview Neighborhoods, as per Criteria 5, and should be used to establish district boundaries.

Diane, I particularly liked (and agreed with) your comments: Did Not see the shared interest (Communities of Interest) between the North Central and the North Shoreview Neighborhoods; and Did see the shared interest (COI) between Central and North Central Neighborhoods with regard to the Downtown Business District.

Eric, I thought the information you shared regarding your conversations with the different San Mateo neighborhood associations was very interesting; specifically the fact the questions and concerns you hear from residents of North Central are very different from those you hear from the residents of Shoreview.

And finally, you should know the topic of the proposed district maps was vigorously discussed via email by the HANCSM Board of Directors this afternoon (with the sentiment evenly divided between Maps 1 and 3), even though the vast majority of public speakers tonight favored Map 3.

Thank you for all the hard and difficult work you do on behalf of the City of San Mateo.

-Dianne

From: maryfwilliams< >

Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:26 PM

To: District Elections <districtelections@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: District maps

Dear City of San Mateo,

I prefer district map 2. It would better represent all parts of the city.

Mary Williams

San Mateo