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### **Minh Pham, District 2, for Westminster's Redistricting Process - February 23 2022**

Dear City Clerk,

My name is Minh Pham. I am writing as a resident of Westminster's 2<sup>nd</sup> District. I have lived at the corner of Goldenwest Street and Maple Street.

I'm currently a part of the Westminster Redistricting Committee with VietRISE, where I worked over the past 6 months. We would like to ask the Westminster City Council to have all communities (API, Latinx) of the 4 districts (Map #407) and the 5 districts (Map #506) together for the following reasons: (1) Keep all of our mobile home residents (especially at the corner of Bolsa Avenue and Westminster Avenue) altogether; (2) Ensure all of the residents at the apartment will be kept all together; (3) To establish the district where it will allow the Latino Residents to have representatives within the district of their choice and (4) to ensure that all of the renters will have an opportunity to vote and elect their representatives within the district that they are living in as they are a part of our community as well.

On the other hand, map #407 doesn't accurately represent our COI's due to the following reasons: 1) the map tries to pack the Vietnamese community into the 4th district. 2) mobile home residents are being split into 2 districts: district 3 and district 4. This will disenfranchise the renters and dilute their vote to select the candidate representing them. Moreover, according to the American Community Survey, in 2010, there were 12,211 renters and 14,627 homeowners, whereas in 2019, there are 14,243 renters and 12,741 homeowners. Due to the increase in renters, we must ensure our mobile home residents are accurately represented in our district maps.

We must keep our community together. I strongly urge the city council members to adopt map #407 and #506 created by the Westminster Redistricting Committee that includes these Community of Interest (COI)'s and keeps these various communities of Westminster intact.

Lastly, I think the mobile home parks, new immigrants, younger and older generations of Vietnamese Americans, along with our Latinx and Asian Pacific Islanders, should be kept with one another. Our country is built by immigrants, and it is a collective group of individuals who wants to pursue the American Dream. Hence, I think it is important that we should include these communities in the redistricting process.

Best Regards,

Minh Pham

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Good evening. Terry Rains, Westminster. This testimony is about the five-district maps that Council selected to move forward for consideration, Maps 502, 503 and 505 **except** that I have replaced Map **502** with Map **504** per the email I sent all of you last Thursday compelling you to make that substitution.

Changing to **five** districts, with the **right** map, will **greatly** improve diverse representation opportunities for our residents and be **much more** compliant with State and Federal law. For example, Hispanic/Latino citizen-voting-age population is more highly concentrated in District **2** in the five-district maps at **29%** vs the preferred four-district map at **26%**. **And** the five-district maps will provide **three** Asian **majority** districts vs only **two** in the four-district maps. The **right** five-district map will also **completely eliminate** the risk of voter disenfranchisement because voters will **not** be shifted into different election years as they will be in a new four-district map.

The single most important factor you should consider when selecting a final five-district map is that it is consistent with the final four-district map you select. Council must apply the same reasoning and justification to selecting final maps for both scenarios. Both final maps should reflect a similar thought process and methodology that went into their creation. **It would be a grave disservice to the residents and voters of the City of Westminster for Council to adopt a five-district map materially inconsistent with the adopted four-district map.**

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, Council selected Maps 401, 402 and 403 as the four-district maps to move forward for consideration and Maps 502, 503 and 505 as the five-district maps to move forward. Map **502** is the most consistent with the selected four-district map **but**, as I explained to you in my February 17<sup>th</sup> email, there are **very compelling** reasons why Map **502** must be replaced with its cleaner, more compliant counterpart, Map **504**.

Just **three minor** changes were made to Map **502** to create Map **504** which better meets the **“easily identifiable boundaries”** and **“compactness”** requirements of state law:

1. Moved Blakey Park and the small surrounding neighborhood into District **4** from District **3** making Newland St. the consistent border between the two districts;
2. Moved the neighborhood immediately Northwest of Coronet Park into District **4** from District **5** making Magnolia St. and Bolsa Ave. the consistent borders between the two districts; and
3. Moved the neighborhood East of Magnolia St. South of McFadden Ave. entirely into District **4** from District **5** making Magnolia St. the consistent border between the two districts and eliminating the odd “finger” in Map 502.

Map **505** should **not** be considered. The geographic size deviation is a whopping **69%** with District **3** being **twice the size** of District **4**, and it will grow even **larger** when/if the City annexes all or part of Midway City. This creates a substantial disadvantage for District **3** candidates. District **3** awkwardly reaches for and pulls **Westminster Mall** on the **west** side of town into a district primarily based on the **east** side, and, **worse**, it creates a **second** wealthy **white** district which could be challenged by Voter Rights activists. The entire 405 freeway corridor is in just the two wealthy white districts. Map **505’s** district numbering is confusing.

Map **503’s** size deviation is **also** too high at **54%** with District **3** being **75%** larger than District **4** creating the same problems as Map **505**. On the other hand, Map **504’s** size deviation is just **23%**. Size matters.

Map **504** places the central district, District **3**, smack dab in the middle of the City on both sides of Beach Blvd. creating **distinct west** side and **east** side districts on either side, consistent with the four-district maps. The districts are all contiguous, compact, run north/south consistently, are easy to understand with clear identifiable **major-street** boundaries. The same **cannot** be said for Map **503** whose district boundaries are staggered and scattered among minor residential streets and neighborhoods and are **not** compact **or** easy to understand. Districts appear to bypass certain groups to get to more distant groups – a violation of state law.

Map **503** has the highest concentration of mobile homes parks in a single district with **47%** in District **4** vs **41%** in District **5** of Map **504**. **But** District **3** of Map **504** creates a **higher second** mobile home park district with **29%** vs only **24%** in Map **503**.

Map **503** keeps both sides of Bolsa Ave. between Magnolia St. and Brookhurst St. aka Little Saigon together in a single district, **4**. Map **504** puts both sides of Bolsa Ave. between Magnolia St. and **Bushard** St., the usual Tet parade route, into two Districts **4** and **5**. Both districts are Asian majority and up for election **this year**. In a five-district map this might be the better scenario.

**So, I urge Council to adopt Map 504 as the five-district map to be implemented if the voters approve the June ballot measure to eliminate the elective Mayor seat and create five Council districts.**

**And** I urge voters of Westminster to vote **YES** on the June ballot measure which will provide **much** greater and more diverse opportunities for residents and voters of this City with a five-district map.

Thank you.

Terry Rains  
Westminster Resident



Good evening. Terry Rains, Westminster. This testimony is about the four-district maps that Council selected to move forward for consideration, Maps 401, 402 and 403. I will be providing separate testimony about the five-district maps Council selected to move forward **but** I will be replacing Map **502** with Map **504** per the email I sent all of you last Thursday compelling you to make that substitution.

Any one of these four-district maps will be a vast improvement over the current map which Council should have never adopted in 2019. Please note, Maps 402 and 403 were created using the Dave's Redistricting tool which is not as precise and clean as the Caliper Maptitude tool which was used to create Map 401 when it finally became available.

All three maps have a geographic size deviation of about **33%**, **much** better than the current map's **45%** but **not** as good as the best **five-district** map which is **23%**. They all preserve the City's adopted east/west boundary of Beach Blvd frequently used by Council, the Police Department, City Staff and residents to identify locations in the City as either being on the west side or the east side. The districts are all contiguous, compact, run north/south consistently and are easy to understand.

Both sides of Bolsa Ave. between Magnolia St. and Brookhurst St. aka Little Saigon are kept together in District **4** which has the **highest** concentration of Asian residents and voters. District **4**, along with District **1** is up for election in **November**. The City has already begun engaging stakeholders there as part of the Little Saigon Blueprint for Investment plan with the ultimate goal of creating a Specific Plan for the area. Voters and business owners in Little Saigon **deserve** the opportunity to elect someone **this year** that will represent their unique interests during this process.

Map **402** is **by far** the **best**, demographic-wise. It has the largest concentration of Hispanic/Latino total and citizen-voting-age populations in District **2** at **39%** and **26%** respectively vs only **36%** and **25%** in Maps **401** and **403** and the highest percentage of **Spanish**-speaking households at **30%** vs **29%** in Maps **401** and **403**. District **1** in Map **402** **also** has sizeable Hispanic/Latino total and citizen-voting-age-populations at **28%** and **25%** respectively.

Map **402** **also** has the largest percentage of **rental** households in District **2** at **74%** vs **71%** in Maps **401** and **403** and the highest percentage of **multi-family** housing at **56%** vs **53%** in Maps **401** and **403**. District **4** of Map **402** (and Map 403) has the largest concentration of mobile home parks at **59%** vs **53%** in Map **401**.

Map **402** has **two** significant Asian-majority districts. District **4** has **72%** Asian citizen-voting-age population and District **3** has **59%**. All four districts are majority-minority districts. There is no packing or cracking of any minority group as defined by the US Supreme Court in *Vieth v. Jubelirer*. Packing is filling a single district with a supermajority of a minority group for the sake of marginalizing them in other districts. Cracking is splitting a minority group among several districts to deny that group a majority in any one district.

District **4** of Map **402** (and Map 403) has **59%** of the City's mobile home parks – the **highest** percentage in a single district of **any** map. District **2** has **18%** of the City's parks as the second highest mobile home park district.

District 1 of Map 402 has the highest percentage of single-family homes at 87% vs 85% in Maps 401 and 403 and the largest percentage of owned homes at 67% vs 64% in Maps 401 and 403.

Map 402 keeps the highest percentage of higher-income households \$75,000 and above in District 1 at 60% vs 58% in Maps 401 and 403 and the highest percentage of lower-income households \$25,000 and below in District 2 at 33% vs 32% in Maps 401 and 403.

Map 402 shifts the least number of voters into different election years with minimal risk of voter disenfranchisement.

The only slight advantage of Maps 401 and 403 vs Map 402 is the cleaner appearance of the northernmost border between Districts 1 and 2 using Goldenwest St. But, Map 402 has a much cleaner southernmost border between Districts 1 and 2 using Edwards St. all the way up to Humboldt. And, as explained above, Map 402 has best demographics.

**So, I urge Council to adopt Map 402 as the City's four-district map. It is clearly the best map and the one voters and residents of this City will support.**

In closing, each and every one of you must take this process seriously, do your homework, study the maps, ask lots of questions and most importantly listen to us, the people of this City. It is us, the voters and residents of this City, that will have to live with this map and its election impacts for the next ten years. I will remind you again that selecting a map must have nothing to do with your personal political agendas or aspirations – state law actually forbids considering incumbent impacts. Council, please do not take this decision lightly.

Thank you.

Terry Rains  
Westminster Resident

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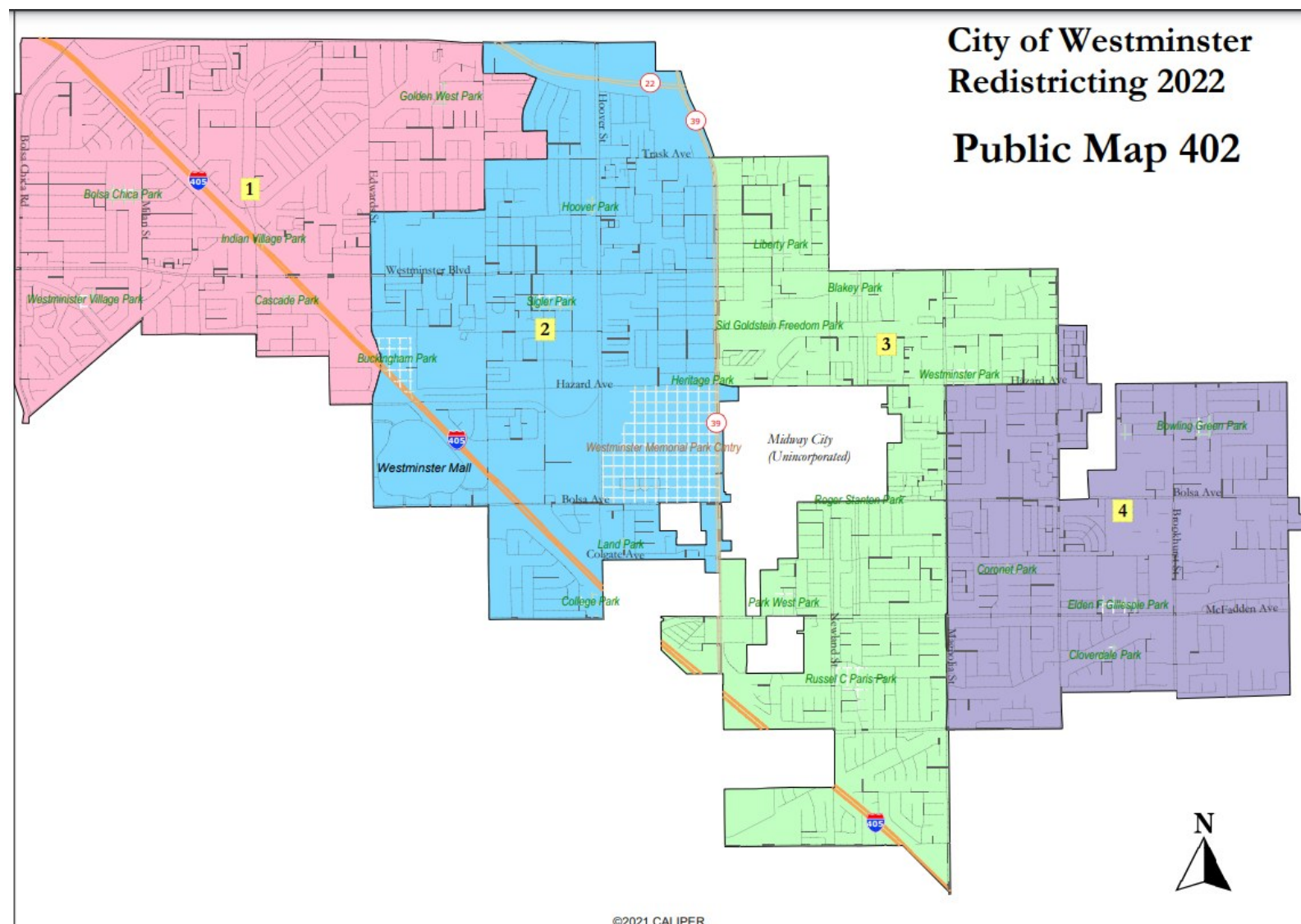
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Hello again everyone. For easy reference, I am presenting the images and demographics for the two maps (four-district Map 402 and five-district Map 504) that I am recommending Council adopt tonight to accompany my comments emailed to you earlier (below).

Terry Rains

Westminster Resident



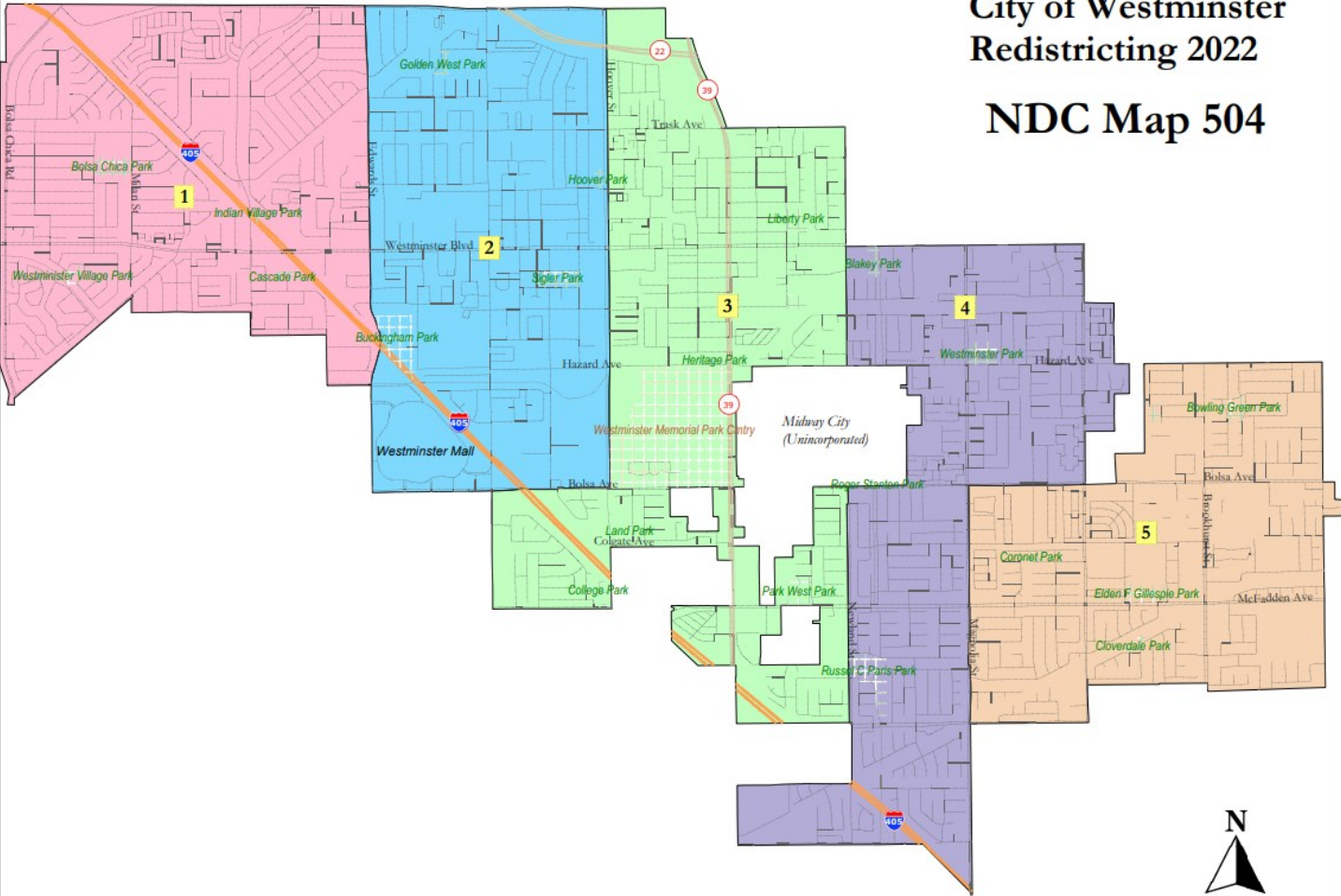


Public 402						
District		1	2	3	4	Total
	Total Pop	22,941	23,422	22,590	22,130	91,083
	Deviation from ideal	170	651	-181	-641	1,292
	% Deviation	0.75%	2.86%	-0.79%	-2.81%	5.67%
Total Pop	% Hisp	27.9%	39%	18%	14%	25%
	% NH White	36%	14%	16%	13%	20%
	% NH Black	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% Asian-American	31%	44%	64%	71%	52%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	16,638	14,063	16,091	15,748	62,539
	% Hisp	25%	26%	13%	9%	18%
	% NH White	46%	23%	26%	18%	28%
	% NH Black	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	26%	48%	59%	72%	51%
Voter Registration (Nov 2020)	Total	13,731	11,481	12,992	12,805	51,009
	% Latino est.	19%	26%	12%	9%	16%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	18%	24%	11%	8%	15%
	% Asian-Surnamed	23%	45%	58%	68%	48%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% NH White est.	56%	27%	28%	22%	34%
	% NH Black	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	Total	11,567	9,080	10,726	10,455	41,828
	% Latino est.	18%	24%	12%	8%	15%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	17%	22%	11%	8%	14%
	% Asian-Surnamed	23%	46%	57%	68%	48%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% NH White est.	58%	28%	29%	22%	35%
	% NH Black	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%

Voter Turnout (Nov 2018)	% Latino est.	16%	22%	11%	8%	14%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	15%	21%	11%	8%	13%
	% Asian-Surnamed	18%	43%	51%	63%	43%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
	% NH White est.	64%	32%	36%	27%	41%
	% NH Black est.	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%
ACS Pop. Est.	Total	23,793	23,199	22,266	22,164	91,422
Age	age0-19	24%	26%	20%	21%	23%
	age20-60	55%	53%	54%	53%	54%
	age60plus	20%	21%	26%	26%	23%
Immigration	immigrants	27%	47%	45%	54%	43%
	naturalized	66%	67%	75%	80%	73%
Language spoken at home	english	58%	30%	32%	28%	37%
	spanish	18%	30%	13%	8%	17%
	asian-lang	21%	38%	53%	60%	43%
	other lang	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%
Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	18%	39%	41%	44%	35%
Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	47%	43%	41%	40%	43%
	bachelor	21%	16%	19%	22%	19%
	graduatedegree	10%	5%	7%	7%	7%
Child in Household	child-under18	37%	37%	33%	32%	35%
Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	64%	60%	59%	56%	60%
Household Income	income 0-25k	12%	33%	23%	19%	22%
	income 25-50k	13%	23%	18%	23%	19%
	income 50-75k	15%	16%	14%	17%	15%
	income 75-200k	45%	24%	37%	32%	35%
	income 200k-plus	15%	4%	8%	9%	9%
Housing Stats	single family	87%	44%	79%	76%	72%
	multi-family	13%	56%	21%	24%	28%
	rented	33%	74%	44%	47%	49%
	owned	67%	26%	56%	53%	51%



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NDC Map 504



# NDC 504

District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
	Total Pop	18,480	17,269	18,477	18,518	18,339	91,083
	Deviation from ideal	263	-948	260	301	122	1,249
	% Deviation	1.44%	-5.20%	1.43%	1.65%	0.67%	6.86%
Total Pop	% Hisp	27.1%	41%	28%	14%	14%	25%
	% NH White	40%	13%	16%	15%	14%	20%
	% NH Black	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% Asian-American	27%	43%	53%	69%	69%	52%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	13,463	10,999	11,702	13,464	12,912	62,539
	% Hisp	25%	29%	21%	8%	10%	18%
	% NH White	48%	25%	24%	24%	19%	28%
	% NH Black	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	24%	44%	52%	65%	69%	51%
Voter Registration (Nov 2020)	Total	11,135	8,507	9,843	11,074	10,450	51,009
	% Latino est.	18%	29%	19%	10%	9%	16%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	17%	26%	17%	10%	9%	15%
	% Asian-Surnamed	19%	44%	50%	63%	65%	48%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% NH White est.	60%	27%	30%	25%	24%	34%
	% NH Black	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	Total	9,458	6,731	7,987	9,138	8,514	41,828
	% Latino est.	17%	27%	17%	10%	8%	15%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	16%	24%	16%	10%	8%	14%
	% Asian-Surnamed	19%	45%	51%	62%	65%	48%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% NH White est.	62%	28%	31%	26%	24%	35%
	% NH Black	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

Voter Turnout (Nov 2018)	Total	6,674	4,101	5,128	5,677	5,287	26,867
	% Latino est.	14%	25%	15%	11%	8%	14%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	13%	24%	14%	10%	8%	13%
	% Asian-Surnamed	15%	43%	46%	55%	61%	43%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
	% NH White est.	68%	31%	36%	32%	29%	41%
	% NH Black est.	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
ACS Pop. Est.	Total	19,059	18,185	17,890	18,047	18,241	91,422
Age	age0-19	25%	28%	23%	19%	21%	23%
	age20-60	55%	56%	51%	53%	54%	54%
	age60plus	21%	17%	26%	27%	25%	23%
Immigration	immigrants	23%	43%	50%	48%	54%	43%
	naturalized	70%	65%	70%	78%	80%	73%
Language spoken at home	english	63%	32%	29%	33%	29%	37%
	spanish	15%	30%	26%	6%	9%	17%
	asian-lang	18%	37%	43%	59%	58%	43%
	other lang	3%	2%	2%	3%	4%	3%
Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	15%	37%	41%	43%	42%	35%
Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	48%	43%	42%	41%	41%	43%
	bachelor	22%	16%	17%	21%	21%	19%
	graduatedegree	11%	5%	5%	8%	8%	7%
Child in Household	child-under18	37%	42%	33%	32%	31%	35%
Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	64%	64%	57%	57%	57%	60%
Household Income	income 0-25k	12%	29%	34%	17%	19%	22%
	income 25-50k	14%	18%	20%	21%	21%	19%
	income 50-75k	15%	15%	15%	16%	17%	15%
	income 75-200k	43%	34%	26%	37%	33%	35%
	income 200k-plus	16%	4%	5%	9%	10%	9%
Housing Stats	single family	86%	49%	57%	91%	75%	72%
	multi-family	14%	51%	43%	9%	25%	28%
	rented	34%	65%	65%	39%	45%	49%
	owned	66%	35%	35%	61%	55%	51%



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### **Lisa Nguyen, District 1 for Westminster's Redistricting Process - February 23, 2022**

Dear Westminster City Council.

My name is Lisa Nguyen. I am writing as a resident of Westminster's 1st District.

Today, I come to you as a long-time resident of the city and as a member of the Westminster Redistricting Committee. We have been meeting since June and have identified different communities of interests, especially in regard to the Vietnamese community here.

When considering the 4 district map (407) and 5 district map (506), we want to prioritize our communities of interests. We must keep mobile home residents, mainly on Bolsa Avenue and Westminster Boulevard, together as there are many residents who come from similar socio-economic backgrounds living in these mobile home parks. We must keep Apartment residents together and create a district that allows Latino residents to elect their candidate of choice. We must ensure that renters have the opportunity to elect their candidate of choice to represent each community member.

Maps 407 and 506 is a cumulation of the residents' voices in the redistricting process. These two maps represent the lived experiences of our community members and how their futures will be impacted for the next 10 years. When looking at map 402, the Vietnamese community in the 4th district are packed into one district with the voices of the Vietnamese community members being diluted. The Vietnamese community needs to have the opportunity to choose a candidate of their choice, as it is crucial when considering the large Vietnamese population in District 4 and how these maps will empower and impact these community members through the political process. Moreover, map 402 disenfranchised renters, as in 2019, there are more than 50% of renters (14,243) in comparison to owners of occupied units (12,741) within District 3 and 4 (American Community Survey).

We must keep our community together. I strongly urge you to adopt maps #407 and #506 created by the Westminster Redistricting Committee that includes these COI's and keeps these various communities of Westminster intact. Thank you.

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Niki Nguyen, District 1 for Westminster's Redistricting Process - February 23, 2022

Dear Members of the City Council,

My name is Niki Nguyen. I am a resident of Westminster's 1st district and a member of the Westminster Redistricting Committee, a group of Westminster residents who have been regularly meeting since June, researching and advocating for an equitable redistricting for our communities.

Westminster is filled with many strong and diverse communities that create and sustain the city's vibrancy. As we decide the district lines for the next 10 years, it is of utmost importance that we keep intact communities that are often left out of political processes and who are at risk of being separated. In particular, it is critical that we: 1) keep mobile home residents together, mainly on Bolsa Ave. and Westminster Blvd., 2) keep apartment residents together, 3) create a district that allows Latinx residents to elect their candidate of choice, and 4) ensure renters have the opportunity to elect their candidate of choice.

With these priorities in mind, I ask that you support map #407 for 4 districts and map #506 for 5 districts that succeed in having cohesive districts abiding by legal parameters while also keeping together communities of interest.

We must keep our community together. I strongly urge you to adopt the map #407 and #506 created by the Westminster Redistricting Committee that includes these COI's and keeps these various communities of Westminster intact.

Thank you,  
Niki