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Niki Nguyen, District 1 for Westminster's Redistricting Process - February 9, 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 for more than half a year researching and working towards advocating for an equitable redistricting for our communities.

Today, we are meeting to review and discuss potential maps for redistricting and I strongly urge you to move forward with map #404 for the 4 district map and map #503 for the 5 district map. These two both give proper representation to vital and significant communities within our city, specifically 1) mobile home park residents, 2) the Latinx population, 3) the low-income Vietnamese population, and 4) apartment residents. In the past iterations of our city maps, the district lines have fallen short of adequately taking into account the geographic locations of the aforementioned communities and we see this current redistricting process as a way to more fully support the critical communities of Westminster.

We propose the 4 district map #404 with these priorities in mind:

- District A maintains the integrity of a long-time single family homeowner community west of Goldenwest St and lives along the 405 Freeway together.
- District B creates a compact district that keeps low-income Latino and Vietnamese residents who primarily live in apartments, mobile homes, and single family homes together east of Goldenwest St up to Beach Blvd and north of Hazard Ave. This district contains the largest CVAP Latino population at 27.60% in and around Sigler Park. This district also keeps together the 2nd-tied largest mobile home park concentration: 3 total.
- District C creates a Federal Voting Rights Act-compliant district with the highest CVAP Vietnamese population of 69.39% of Vietnamese residents. This district includes numerous communities of interest, including low-income communities, working-class communities, mixed immigration status families, monolingual communities, tenant communities, and housing cost-burdened communities. This district contains the largest concentration of mobile home parks: 9 total. This district keeps the core of Bolsa Ave together.
- District D maintains the integrity of single-family homeowners, apartment, and mobile home residents together. This district contains the 2nd largest CVAP Vietnamese population at 62.1%. This district also keeps together the 2nd-tied largest mobile home park concentration: 3 total.

We propose the 5 district map #503 with these priorities in mind:

- District A maintains the integrity of an affluent long-time single family homeowner community west of Goldenwest St. together.

- District B creates a compact district that keeps low-income Latino and Vietnamese residents who primarily live in apartments, mobile homes, and single family homes together east of Goldenwest St. up to Beach Blvd. and north of Hazard Ave. This district contains the largest CVAP Latino population at 29.29% in and around Sigler Park.
- District C creates a Federal Voting Rights Act compliant district and a district that contains the 2nd largest mobile home park concentration: 4 total. This district contains a large number of low-income Vietnamese, White, and Latino populations.
- District D creates a Federal Voting Rights Act-compliant district with the highest CVAP Vietnamese population of 71.63% of Vietnamese residents. This district includes numerous communities of interest, including low-income communities, working-class communities, mixed immigration status families, monolingual communities, tenant communities, and housing cost-burdened communities. This district contains the largest concentration of mobile home parks: 8 total. This district keeps the core of Bolsa Ave. together.
- District E maintains the integrity of single-family homeowners, apartment, and mobile home residents together. This district contains the 2nd largest CVAP Vietnamese population at 63.33%. This district also keeps together the 3rd largest mobile home park concentration: 2 total.

Thank you,
Niki Nguyen

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Minh Pham, District 2, for Westminster's Redistricting Process - February 8 2022

Dear City Clerk,

My name is Minh Pham. I am writing as a resident of Westminster's 2nd 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 keep all of the 4 districts together for the following reasons:

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- District A maintains the integrity of an affluent long-time single family homeowner community west of Goldenwest St. together.
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 - mobile homes, and single family homes together east of Goldenwest St. up to Beach Blvd. and north of Hazard Ave. This district contains the largest CVAP Latino population at 29.29% in and around Sigler Park.
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- District C creates a Federal Voting Rights Act compliant district and a district that contains the 2nd largest mobile home park
 - concentration: 4 total. This district contains a large number of low-income Vietnamese, White, and Latino populations.
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- District D creates a Federal Voting Rights Act-compliant district with the highest CVAP Vietnamese population of 71.63% of Vietnamese
 - residents. This district includes numerous communities of interest, including low-income communities, working-class communities, mixed immigration status families, monolingual communities, tenant communities, and housing
 - cost-burdened
 - communities. This district contains the largest concentration of mobile home parks: 8 total. This district keeps the core of Bolsa Ave. together.
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- District E maintains the integrity of single-family homeowners, apartment, and mobile home residents together. This district
- contains the 2nd largest CVAP Vietnamese population at 63.33%. This district also keeps together the 3rd largest mobile home park concentration: 2 total.
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Additionally, we would also like to ask the City Council to keep all of the 5 districts together for the following reasons:

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- 405 Freeway together.
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- District C creates a Federal Voting Rights Act-compliant district with the highest CVAP Vietnamese population of 69.39% of Vietnamese
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These are important places for our community because it is where residents and community members from both Latinx and Vietnamese both locally and nationally gather together during special holidays and occasions. It will also keep our whole community together because we have the same demographics and history. Plus, there is a high population of Latinx communities living in this area. Moreover, there is a lot of low-income Latinx and Vietnamese residents living in this area as well. The map is the representation of our community. We are all together working as the community regardless of everyone background and their socioeconomic status. Therefore, everyone should have the contribution to make sure it is the right map. Plus, the community should deserve to know about the process as the citizens and residents of this country. Therefore, I think this map is a representation of our community.

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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Dear Westminster City Council,

I'm Thao-Vy Nguyen and I am advocating for public maps #503 and #404 proposed by the Westminster Redistricting Committee. These maps are crucial to the fair representation of the city's mobile home park residents. As one of Westminster's few remaining affordable housing options, mobile home parks provide an indispensable service to the city's low-income families. Moreover, mobile home parks house many of Westminster's elderly Vietnamese population. Given the historical context of Little Saigon and the city's Vietnamese diaspora, protecting the seniors who founded these communities is instrumental to the preservation of Vietnamese culture in Westminster.

Thank you,
Thao-Vy Nguyen

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Lisa Nguyen, District 1 for Westminster's Redistricting Process - February 9, 2022

Dear Westminster City Council.

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

The lived experiences and stories of community members are valuable and representative of day-to-day life in Westminster. 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.

Today, we propose map #404 for the 4 district map and map #503 for the 5 district map, as both of these maps give proper representation to valuable cities within our city. Some of these communities include: mobile home park residents, the Latinx population, the low-income Vietnamese population, and apartment residents. Through this current redistricting process, we want to guarantee that these maps can fully support and uplift our most valuable communities.

We propose a 4 district map (#404) with these priorities in mind:

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We propose the 5 district map (#503) with these priorities in mind:

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- District E maintains the integrity of single-family homeowners, apartment, and mobile home residents together. This district contains the 2nd largest CVAP Vietnamese population at 63.33%. This district also keeps together the 3rd largest mobile home park concentration: 2 total.
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We must keep our community together. I strongly urge you to adopt the maps 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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Dear Westminster City Council,

My name is Dan Ma and I am resident of Westminster District 1.

I support public maps #503 and #404 proposed by the Westminster Redistricting Committee.

Many of my neighbors and classmates are mobile home residents. These maps are crucial to the fair representation of the city's mobile home park residents. As one of Westminster's few remaining affordable housing options, mobile home parks provide an indispensable service to the city's low-income families. Moreover, mobile home parks house many of Westminster's elderly Vietnamese population. Given the historical context of Little Saigon and the city's Vietnamese diaspora, protecting the seniors who founded these communities is instrumental to the preservation of Vietnamese culture in Westminster.

Sincerely,
Dan Ma

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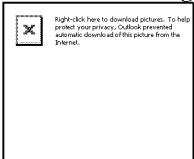
Dear Westminster City Council,

Below is a message I am emailing on behalf of a student:

My name is Quiana, and I am advocating for public maps #503 and #404 proposed by the Westminster Redistricting Committee. These maps are crucial to the fair representation of the city's mobile home park residents. As one of Westminster's few remaining affordable housing options, mobile home parks provide an indispensable service to the city's low-income families. Moreover, mobile home parks house many of Westminster's elderly Vietnamese population. Given the historical context of Little Saigon and the city's Vietnamese diaspora, protecting the seniors who founded these communities is instrumental to the preservation of Vietnamese culture in Westminster.

Best,

Lena Tran
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Thank you,
Thao-Vy Nguyen

Good evening. This testimony is about the draft four-district maps. I will be providing separate testimony about the draft five-district maps which the Interim City Manager has given me the OK to do.

Any one of these four-district draft maps will be a vast improvement over the current four-district map which should have never been adopted by this Council in 2019.

Priority should be given to ensuring both sides of Bolsa Ave. between Magnolia St. and Brookhurst St. aka Little Saigon are kept together in a single district, specifically the district with the highest possible concentration of Vietnamese voters. Vietnamese voters must be provided a distinct advantage and opportunity to elect someone to represent their unique interests in the Little Saigon area. Maps 401, 402 and 403 achieve both of these goals. District 4 in all three of these maps puts Little Saigon solidly into District 4, which is up for election in 2022, with the highest concentration of Asian voting age population and Asian registered voters of any four-district draft map submitted at 72% - 74%. The City has begun to engage this community through the Little Saigon Blueprint for Investment plan with the eventual goal of creating a Specific Plan for the area. The voters and business owners in Little Saigon deserve the opportunity to elect someone in this **next election, 2022**, that will represent their unique interests during this process.

All three of these maps preserve the City's adopted east/west boundary of Beach Blvd. The Police Department, City Staff and residents frequently use the terms west side and east side to identify and define specific areas of the City. All of the districts in these three maps are contiguous, compact, run north/south consistently, are easy to understand with clear identifiable boundaries and are similarly sized geographically. In each map, all four districts are majority-minority districts and there is no "packing" of any minority group into just one district.

The Westminster Redistricting Coalition, who submitted Map 404, opine the largest concentration of mobile home parks should be kept in two districts with one district containing a majority of the City's mobile home parks. Maps 401, 402 and 403 actually **exceed** the coalition's goal and their Map 404 in doing just that with 53% to **59%** of the City's mobile home parks concentrated in District 4 vs **53%** in District 3 of **their** Map 404. These three maps also **meet or exceed** the coalition's goal and Map 404 in keeping low-income apartment renters together especially in the primarily Latino areas around Sigler Park and the primarily Vietnamese areas along Bolsa Ave. These three maps also **exceed** the coalition's goal and Map 404 in keeping the higher income single-family owned households together in District 1 by several percentage points. Map 404's District 1 is not compact, is much larger geographically than the other districts and awkwardly reaches all the way across town bypassing one population for another. Map 404 also shifts a large number of voters into different election years, disenfranchising many and possibly disrespecting voter choice. District 1 in particular provides for a large number of voters in the current Districts 2 and 3 who just voted in 2020 to vote again in 2022 while causing many of the voters in the existing District 1 to wait another two years until 2024 to vote when they should have been voting in 2022.

NDC submitted Maps 405 and 406. These two maps have the highest total population deviation of the four-district maps submitted. Districts 3 and 4 in both of these maps have the

largest total populations. If the City succeeds in annexing all or part of Midway City in the near future, those two districts will grow even more. Future population growth consideration is a requirement. Map 405 is problematic. District 4 awkwardly reaches all the way across town from the farthest east point of the City, Ward St., all the way west to Goldenwest St. in the middle of the western half of the City. This could be construed as an attempt to dilute and bypass the lower-income Asian population on the far east side in order to reach a distant chunk of the wealthier white households on the west side. Map 406 is also problematic. One side of Bolsa Ave. between Magnolia St. and Bushard St. within Little Saigon is in District 3 and the other side is in District 4. This area is a well-defined community of interest and should remain in a single district if at all possible.

The only advantage Maps 404, 405 and 406 might have over Maps 401, 402 and 403 is the ever so slightly higher Hispanic/Latino voting age population in District 2 – just two percentage points difference 28% vs 26%. Maps 401, 402 and 403 more than make up for that by having a significantly higher percentage of Hispanic/Latino voters in one of the two surrounding districts, either 1 or 3, providing this group more than one district from which to potentially elect their representative. This avoids any semblance of packing yet also does not constitute cracking. Both terms were defined by the US Supreme Court's ruling in the 2004 case *Vieth v. Jubelirer*.

I urge Council to adopt Map 401, 402 or 403 as the City's four-district map.

Thank you.

Terry Rains
Westminster Resident

Good evening. This testimony is about the draft five-district maps. Most of these five-district draft maps will be a vast improvement over the current four-district map which should have never been adopted by this Council in 2019. Having five districts will greatly improve diverse representation opportunities for our residents. But creating a five-district map using the same reasoning as the four-district map is a bit challenging especially not having the interactive tool and demographic percentages available until after the map submission deadline. I think ultimately the best five-district map will be one that incorporates characteristics from several of these draft maps. Each of these five-district maps have pluses and minuses and none are perfect, at least not yet.

I like Maps 501, 502 and 504 visually. District 3 in each of these maps is centered around the City's recognized central point, Beach Blvd. All of the districts in these three maps are contiguous, compact, run north/south consistently, are easy to understand and are of similar size geographically. That "finger" that you see pointing west in District 5 on Maps 501 and 502 preserves the integrity of the neighborhood west of Pensacola St. and east of Burning Tree St. between St. Andrews Ave. and Palos Verdes Ave. All districts are majority-minority districts and there is no "packing" of any minority group into just one district. However, none of these three maps keep both sides of Bolsa Ave. between Magnolia St. and Brookhurst St. aka Little Saigon entirely in a single district though they do come close to doing so.

On the other hand, Map 503 submitted by the Westminster Redistricting Coalition and Map 505 submitted by NDC do keep both sides of Bolsa Ave. between Magnolia St. and Brookhurst St. aka Little Saigon in a single district (District 4 in Map 503 and District 5 in Map 505). Four of the five maps have a district with an Asian voting age population of 70% or above with District 5 of Map 505 at the highest with 74%. As mentioned earlier, Vietnamese voters must be provided a distinct advantage and real opportunity to elect representatives to represent their unique interests in the Little Saigon area.

Map 503 has the highest concentration of mobile homes parks in a single district with 47% of the City's parks in District 4 followed by 41% in District 5 of Maps 501, 502 and 504. All five maps preserve the highest concentration of lower-income Hispanic/Latino households around Sigler Park in District 2 with Hispanic/Latino Citizen voting age populations of 28% to 29%.

NDC's Map 505 appears to be an anomaly compared to the other maps both in design and demographics. The way the districts are numbered seems odd reading left to right. The entire 405 freeway corridor is in just two districts, 1 and 3. District 3 is virtually twice the geographic size of District 4 and is spread out over most of the southern-most portion of the City. A candidate for District 3 would be at a distinct disadvantage having to campaign over such a broad geographic area compared to candidates in the other districts. District 3 awkwardly reaches for and pulls Westminster Mall on the west side of the City into a district primarily based on the east side. District 3 also creates a second wealthy white district with a white voting age population of 33% in addition to District 1 with 48% and household incomes over \$75,000 at 51% in addition to District 1 with 59%. This could conceivably be challenged by Voters Rights activists. It would be great news though for the often ignored white minority voters in this City.

I urge Council to adopt a five-district map that is most consistent in appearance, methodology and reasoning with whatever four-district map Council chooses to adopt and visa-versa.

Regardless of what is decided tonight for Item 6.1, whether to include a five-district map with the June elective Mayor ballot measure or not, it is imperative that this Council discuss and adopt a four-district map at the same time they adopt a five-district map. There should be reasonable consistency and similarity in the thought process, methodology and reasoning for selecting a four-district map as selecting a five-district map to the extent possible. In my opinion, the City Attorney's office and Staff have really dropped the ball in this redistricting process. There have been countless delays, errors and omissions and an overall lack of responsiveness and transparency to the public. In other words, too little too late. Remember the old saying, lack of planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on our part? Except that it has, which is unacceptable. Whichever map this Council adopts, it is us, the voters and residents of this City that will have to live with it for the next ten years. Keep in mind selecting a map must have nothing to do with your personal political agendas or aspirations – state law actually forbids considering incumbent impacts. I implore each and every one of you to take this process seriously, do your homework, study the maps, ask a lot of questions and most importantly listen to us, the people of this City. It is your job to serve us not the other way around.

Thank you.

Terry Rains
Westminster Resident