

Alcala, Abigail

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Subject: Public Hearing Item 4.1 Public Comments

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PLEASE READ THESE COMMENTS INTO THE RECORD IN FULL DURING PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 4.1

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

As a resident of Westminster City, I strongly urge you to adopt Map 507 as the city's five-district map to be effective if the ballot measure to eliminate the elected mayor's office and create five council districts passes in June and to reaffirm your selection of Map 402.

It is very important that Little Saigon be kept together in one district. Map 507 does this in District 4, which has the strongest concentration of Vietnamese American residents of any district of any map. Map 507 also provides Hispanic residents strong representation in District 2.

Map 507 has the cleanest boundaries. It is very easy to understand and keeps important communities of interest together. I don't like any of the other five-district maps.

Mayor Tri Ta and Councilmember Chi Charlie Nguyen, I read on social media that you two are refusing to vote for any five-district map. I hope this is not true. It is important all City Council Members fully participate in this process.

I strongly support and agree with your selection of Map 402 as the city's four-district map to be effective if the June ballot measure does not pass but I really hope it does pass.

Map 507 is the most consistent with Map 402.

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council I respectfully request and urge you to adopt Map 507 and Map 402 tonight.

Thank you,

Linh Hoang
Resident of Westminster City

Alcala, Abigail

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Lisa Nguyen, District 1 for Westminster's Redistricting Process - March 9, 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.

Moreover, we have identified different communities of interests that rely on local businesses throughout the city of Westminster. The majority of these businesses are local family businesses that have served the Vietnamese community for decades and have continued to support Vietnamese traditions for many generations. When cruising down Bolsa Avenue, you can find a plethora of Vietnamese restaurants serving different regional dishes, as well as supermarkets that supply affordable groceries for our community members. In addition to the vast scenery of Vietnamese owned businesses, there are also different forms of entertainment and shopping for various community members to enjoy with their families, such as shopping malls and large retail markets such as Target or Walmart. Our city and its community members are closely intertwined with the local businesses within the area, thus it is crucial to keep our communities and local businesses together because one cannot thrive without the other.

Therefore, businesses that are kept together for District 1 are the Westminster ice rink and the Westminster bowling alley. For district 2 are Latino businesses and Westminster mall. For district 3 are the car dealerships and family businesses. District 4 are Stater bros, Seafood Paradise, and Little Saigon. Lastly, district 5 has the Bolsa Row Project, Seafood world and Saigon City market as well as other businesses residing on the strip of Brookhurst.

I strongly urge you to adopt map #507 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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From: Colombo, Lucie
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 11:33 AM
To: Alcala, Abigail
Subject: FW: REDISTRICTING OF COUNCIL DISTRICTS PUBLIC HEARING 3/9/2022 ITEM 4.1
Attachments: Terry Rains Redistricting Public Hearing 4.1 Comments Final Maps March 9 2022.pdf

From: Terry Rains [mailto:terry.rains@mail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 10:39 AM
To: Ta, Tri; Manzo, Carlos; Ho, Kimberly; Do, Tai; Nguyen, Charlie
Cc: Bettenhausen, Christian; Cordon, Christine; Colombo, Lucie; CityClerkCSR; Barlow, Kimberly; Districts; Dr Justin Levitt; Doan, Linh
Subject: REDISTRICTING OF COUNCIL DISTRICTS PUBLIC HEARING 3/9/2022 ITEM 4.1

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Hello everyone. Attached are my public comments (as a pdf file) for tonight's redistricting public hearing (Item 4.1) at 8pm.

I am submitting my comments, in writing, to be a part of the permanent formal written record, **not** as "ecomments" to be read by Staff. All written public comments submitted for redistricting shall be memorialized, in full, as a part of the permanent record on the City's redistricting website which shall be preserved and maintained for at least ten years after the adoption of the district map(s).

I am requesting each member of the City Council read the attached document, in its entirety, prior to tonight's public hearing and take this testimony into consideration when discussing and selecting the final maps (four-district and five-district) to adopt. My comments contain a myriad of statistics that might be difficult to retain entirely when presented by me tonight orally so please feel free to use this document for reference.

I will be reading these comments, verbatim, in their entirety, into the record during tonight's redistricting public hearing at 8pm so they also become a part of the recorded hearing/meeting record.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reply (individually) to this email.

Thank you,

Terry Rains
Westminster Resident

Alcala, Abigail

From: bobchris3@aol.com
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Public Comment on Item 4.1

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I urge you to adopt Map 507, the five district map that the Redistricting Coalition and Terry Rains both submitted that would be effective if the ballot measure to eliminate the elected mayor's office and create five council districts passes in June. Map 507 would keep important communities like the Vietnamese and Hispanic residents together with strong representation.

I also support Map 402 as the City's four-district map to be effective should the June ballot measure not pass.

Robert Harrison

Good evening. Terry Rains, Westminster. After the last hearing, I submitted a **much**-improved five-district map, #507, and sent you all an email on February 28th explaining why. The Westminster Redistricting Coalition **also** submitted a new map. **identical** to the one I submitted! That speaks volumes about the work we have **all** put into creating the “perfect” map by incorporating each others ideas and comments from the public and Council, ensuring this final product is the best result for **everyone!** Map 507 is, **without a doubt**, the map Council **must** adopt to implement if the June ballot measure passes.

The other five-district maps have problems resolved in Map 507, which is **cleaner** and more **compliant** with Federal and State laws and as close to perfect as a five-district map can be. Highlights include:

1. Little Saigon (both sides of Bolsa between Magnolia and Brookhurst) is the single most important and identifiable community of interest in our city. Map 507 keeps Little Saigon together in District 4, consistent with Map 402, the four-district map you selected.
2. District 4 has an Asian Citizen-Voting-Age population of 75.4%, the highest of any district, in any map, which provides this community the best possible opportunity to elect someone to represent their unique interests this coming November. Districts 3 and 5 also have Asian Majority Citizen-Voting-Age populations of 55% and 60% respectively.
3. District 2 has a Hispanic/Latino Citizen-Voting-Age population of 29.3%, the highest of any district, in any map, which provides this minority group the best possible opportunity to elect someone from their demographic followed by District 1 with 25%.
4. Districts 2 and 3 have the highest concentration of renters at 64% and 65% respectively and the highest concentration of multi-family housing at 51% and 42%.
5. Districts 1 and 5 have the highest concentration of homeowners at 66% and 70% respectively and the highest concentration of single-family homes at 86%.
6. District 3 has the highest concentration of low-income households \$25,000 and below at 35%, followed by District 2 at 29%.
7. District 1 has the highest concentration of higher-income households \$75,000 and above at 59%, followed by District 5 at 52%.
8. Total geographic size deviation is 27%, a vast improvement over other maps and the City’s current map which is 45%! Map 402’s size deviation is 33%.
9. All districts are contiguous, compact, easy to understand and have clear identifiable boundaries.

Map 507 is **far superior** to the other five-district maps and is most consistent with Map 402. At the last hearing I presented reasons why Maps 503 and 505 **cannot** be adopted such as: 1) Geographic size deviations of **54%** and **69%** respectively with District 3 being **75% to 100% larger** than District 4; 2) Westminster Mall is awkwardly and wrongly drawn out of its natural placement in District 2; 3) Districts are not compact; 4) District borders are small residential streets; and 5) Map **505** creates a second wealthy white district which could be challenged in court and has confusing district numbering. Map **502** does **not** keep Little Saigon together in one district, diminishes the Hispanic/Latino concentration in District 2 and the Asian

concentration in District 4 vs Map 507. Map 502's district borders are small residential streets creating an odd looking finger reaching into District 4 from District 5.

One Councilmember was concerned about the number of mobile home parks in one district but given where our 17 mobile home parks are concentrated in the city, and the **absolute need** to keep Little Saigon in one district, this is **unavoidable**. Map 507 has eight parks in District 4, Map 402 has ten.

The City Attorney **reversed** his **adamant** position by **now** creating **two** separate ordinances, a substantial change **not** even **mentioned** in the staff report! I suggested two ordinances but was told the City Attorney said it **had** to be a single ordinance for both maps! What changed?

Mayor Ta and Councilman Nguyen I implore you to **vote** on a five-district map and ordinance tonight, **not abstain**. Abstentions are disfavored, absent a bonafide conflict of interest. You have a duty to vote on the issues before you to carry out the **people's** business, **not prevent** Council action with your **inaction**. **Personal** interests must **never** come before **public** interests. You **owe** it to **all** Westminster residents to **vote** for maps for **both scenarios** to ensure there are no legal issues. The **voters** will decide the measure and **must** be allowed to do so without undue influence or impediment from elected officials. Elections Code 21629 dictates what happens if Council does not adopt maps by the deadline. You do **not** want this matter decided by the courts which would be **costly** and the end result could be disastrous.

We need balanced representation on Council. Map 507 **and** voter approval of the June ballot measure will provide the **best opportunities** for **everyone** in our city. Council, I urge you to select the **only viable** five-district map, #507 and reaffirm your selection of Map 402 tonight.

Thank you.

Terry Rains
Westminster Resident