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City of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission
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RE: Special Meeting Non-Agenda Comment

Dear Honorable Chairman Hebrank, Honorable Vicechair Malbourgh, and Honorable Commissioners,

INTRODUCTION: Thank you for all of the Commission's and your staff's hard and professional work to bring us to the final of the nine Special Hearings, by current Council Districts, to give City of San Diego inhabitants an opportunity to provide input on their "Community of Interest".

It is very appropriate that the last of the nine special input sessions conclude where Spanish explorers first met the indigenous Kumeyaay people and the modern history of San Diego began – Horton's New Town. San Diego Bay has been adopted by the Commissioner as your ZOOM background.

PRELIMINARY AND PENDING MATTERS: I want to briefly present several pertinent matters that have been raised before the Commission, in the past by myself and others.



OUR UNSHELTERED SISTERS AND BROTHERS: The streets, sidewalks, and public spaces of Current Council District Three (D3) are the places of habitation for our unsheltered Sisters and Brothers. They are entitled to the rights and protections of our Constitution and City Charter as you and I. {In fact the City Charter takes special care to refer to covered persons as "inhabitants", rather than residents, citizens, or renters/home owners). I request that the Commission docket a special report and consideration of the treatment, likely undercount, and distribution of the Unsheltered, before actual boundary line drawing begins. Please read: Lazarus and the Rich man **LUKE 16 10-31**.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ASSISTS IN ESTABLISHING COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST: The actual attendance at area public and charter schools should assist the Commission in determining whether there is a particular community of interest in any particular neighborhood area. There were significant differences in perception, during Commission testimony, concerning the student body make up at Crawford High School. The area has a significant recent African American population and schools like Iftin Academy and the Umi Learning Academy. The Pan Asian advocates suggested consideration of University students. The Commission is urged to seek a presentation on actual student attendance in areas claimed as racial or other community of interest.



ATTRIBUTION OF THE INCARCERATED TO COUNCIL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE:

California law provides for the reallocation of prisoners from their place of confinement, on Census Day, to their last place of residence. This reallocation could significantly decrease Council District Three and increase the populations in Council Districts Four, Eight, and Nine. This reallocation must occur before actual boundary line drawing begins. Please welcome home the incarcerated as Tony Orlando and Dawn sang: "TIE A YELLOW RIBBON ROUND THE OLD OAK TREE: <https://youtu.be/dggAQk5peA>



RANDOMLY ASSIGN COUNCIL DISTRICT NUMBERS: It is suggested that, after the Commission determines the new Nine Council Districts; it randomly assign odd and even District numbers. During the public testimony there was a speaker's theme of that claimed that this place or area was traditional in District X and thus must remain in District X without asserting a valid "Community of Interest" factor rationale for inclusion. Random assignment would shuffle the deck and begin a new day, perhaps free of nostalgia .



RECOMMENDATION THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER A PUBLIC VOTE TO INCREASE COUNCIL DISTRICTS:

During the special meeting testimony sessions persons inquired about adding districts. The Commission could refer these suggests to the Council for their consideration, prior to the 2031 Redistricting. Addition of two new Council Districts would promote better representation ratios.

RECOMMENDATIONS: I recommend and request further Commission study of the following:

1. That the actual population numbers for new Council District boundaries not begin until the Commission receives reports on:
 - A. **ATTRIBUTION OF THE INCARCERATED TO COUNCIL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE;**
 - B. The actual population of **OUR UNSHELTERED SISTERS AND BROTHERS;** and
 - C. The actual school attendance characteristic in areas of Communities of Interest
2. That the development of new Council Districts be done at the BLOCK GROUP level; not mere CENSUS TRACTS, ZIP CODE area, or Subdivisions/Community names;
3. That the Commission receive a report and consider that new Council District numbers be by a process that **RANDOMLY ASSIGN COUNCIL DISTRICT NUMBERS;** and
4. That the Commission receive a report and consider a **RECOMMENDATION THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER A PUBLIC VOTE TO INCREASE COUNCIL DISTRICTS.**

I look forward to presenting oral testimony on the matters presented in this letter, at the Commission's Special meeting of September 28, 2021. Please place all of my letters into the record.

All the best,

/s/

John Stump, resident, property owner, and taxpayer in current Districts Four (D 4) and Nine (D 9)