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## Maps

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## Maps

Hello-

Thank you so much for reading this email and for taking the time to gather the mapping information together and for hiring the demographers. I believe that the demographers have done a fine job collecting the data and plotting the maps. This is not an easy district given the plethora of details and special cases to incorporate.

I am concerned that these maps are going to leave us in a situation similar to the one that has persisted for as long as I can remember. There is a way on each of the 4 maps where distorted political representation can occur and considering LULAC is watching our moves I believe it unwise to realistically consider any of these maps.

1. We are a school district and we need to remember that. While the distribution of persons is within the given range the mandated by state and federal regulations, this is not true for the distribution of children. It is uneven and even stilted. On one map there is a 41% variation from the most child populated sub district to the least, the range is 36%-41%. We are a governing board and make policy based on the needs of the children.

2) If the reason for us to district is to have the disadvantaged populations better represented, whether those are ethnic differences or socio-economic, I do not believe that this will be achieved if 4 of the trustees at any given time can come from within 1/2 mile of one another. In other districts this might not present a difficulty but in this district the value of homes alters as one moves further out from the hub with the lowest priced homes being on our outskirts. There are inherent problems that can adversely effect our outlying communities that plays little weight on the minds of those communities closer to our hub, forest fires, flooding, land slides, and criminal activity involving cartels to name but a few. It is a well known fact that elections are stilted toward wealthier candidates. A half mile offers little difference when it takes about 2.5 hours to travel from one end of the district to the other on a good day.

3) The demographers stated that ethnic diversity is smoothly spread out throughout the district and districting cannot be divided by racial lines, can we come up with a different way to make the lines of demarcation? The current maps have race data but do not include data about socio economic condition of the sub districts, the number of children residing in the sub districts, the hazard exposure or history of hazard in each. The voting can end up being skewed and the communities which are currently under represented will continue to be so in the future but this time purposefully because we (I) voted it into being.

4) I believe that the US Census for 2020 was less than accurate given that it was conducted during COVID's height and the political climate at the time. Many people came here to their second homes to get away from cities and other areas infested with Covid cases.

For the reason listed above, I am concerned that the current maps are not what is needed to make this particular district better represented.

Below is listed what I would like to see to make me feel better about voting on a particular map.

1) Could we have a different map added in the mix? I believe that we need to think outside the box on this districting. I would like to see map(s) based on 3 trustees dedicated to each elementary school and 2 at-large

**trustees**

**2) I would like to see other data from the American Communities Survey which is not as comprehensive as the US Census but will give us a sense of trends and check the accuracy of the Census.**

**3) I would like to see the data for the distribution of children under 18 for each trustee in addition to the total population of each sub district.**

**I am so sorry if this creates more work for people but I cannot in good conscience vote for any of the 4 maps based on my current study.**

**Best,**

**Anne-Marie**

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