

BOBBI OGAN

From: Carole Daly <carolejdaly@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2018 1:02 PM
To: districting
Subject: Insanity

The proposed chopping up of districts will not improve the quality of life in Dana Point. So please busy yourselves with important problems.

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April 17, 2018

BOBBI OGAN

From: Alan Nowak <aen2005@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2018 11:45 AM
To: districting
Subject: Districting

Dear Council,

We built our house in Capistrano Beach in 1986. Always so proud of my home town. What you propose to do is extremely divisive. In fact, one of the meanings of divide in the dictionary (yes, I am looking at a dictionary) means to separate into opposing sides or parties. This does not reflect community! Again out of the dictionary, community is a body of people living in the same place under the same laws.

We have always had the feeling of community in Dana Point/Capistrano Beach. Don't change that!!!! We are against the redistricting!

The Nowaks

BOBBI OGAN

From: Carol Wilson <wilsonsc@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2018 11:22 AM
To: districting
Subject: District Maps

I would like to express my vehement opposition to dividing Capo Beach.

I have lived here 40 years and we have been fighting for true representation for years. We are are own zip code we have our own post office and our identity and lifestyle is quite different than most of DP. The green map is the absolute worst, no way should you take the Palisades beach strip and put it with the harbor, we are nothing like the harbor. DO NOT DO THIS.

Sincerely

Carol Wilson

BOBBI OGAN

From: Michael Hoffman <43saintmichael@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2018 8:38 AM
To: districting
Subject: 4 Districts ONLY

Everybody with a 3rd grade education knows the 5 district plan is Trump-era voter suppression. How can anyone with integrity not see this scam?
Vote 4 districts only; Dana Point isn't Nazi land.

Blessed, not stressed -
Michael Hoffman, Dr.AD

BOBBI OGAN

From: Lou <lousanderson@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 9:10 PM
To: districting
Subject: Districting

Please keep the same voting as we have in place. Every citizen in Dana Point should have a say about every council member that is representing us. Do NOT choose the districting option

Warmest Regards,
Lou Sanderson

BOBBI OGAN

From: surfingeyedoc <surfingeyedoc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 8:51 AM
To: districting
Subject: Against districting

Just wanted to let you know that my wife and I are completely against the districting plans proposed to the city council. Please vote this down thank you.
Dr. William L. Petersen

BOBBI OGAN

From: RICK FLEMING <richardfleming0099@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 4:51 PM
To: districting; KATHY WARD
Subject: Districting Map and Election- Feedback

To our City Staff and Council Members:

First off is that I am not in favor of districting our elections. We are a smaller community that should be able to vote on any of the candidates for council elections. Our community stretches less than 5 miles East to West and less than 2-1/2 miles inland from the coast.... we are all neighbors and at election time, I should be able to vote for any candidate (or candidates) who I feel will best represent me in our City decisions.

In reviewing the 4 different draft districting maps representing 5 districts; the green, orange and violet maps split neighbors and neighborhoods. The Green map split up Capo Beach, putting Beach Road with the Lantern District.

The Orange map splits Santa Clara, with my neighbor across the street in one district and me in another.

The Violet map does the same with my Santa Clara neighbor and me, and then reaches out to include the higher density area between La Cresta and Stonehill (just West of Golden Lantern) grouped with the Strands, Ritz Cove and Monarch Beach. I don't think that there is a lot of commonality there.

The Tan map appears to be the best representation of neighborhoods.

For the 2 draft districting maps with 4 districts and an at-large election of the mayor, I feel that the Pine map better represents neighborhoods. I don't quite understand how the Mayor election fits with this as council members are elected for 4 year terms, staggering 2 members and 3 members in an election.

All in all, I am still in favor of at large, city wide elections for our representatives on the City Council and being able to elect the candidate or candidates that I feel with best represent my interests in the governing of our city that I have been blessed to live in for 33 years (longer than we have had the City of Dana Point).

Rick Fleming

24361 Santa Clara Ave

BOBBI OGAN

From: Hank Thomas <hankthomas2000@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 9:25 AM
To: districting
Subject: 4 or 5 districts

As a voting citizen and resident of Capo Bch. since 1968, (50 yrs.) I'm in favor of 4 Districts.

Respectfully,

Henry"Hank"Thomas
949 496-1606

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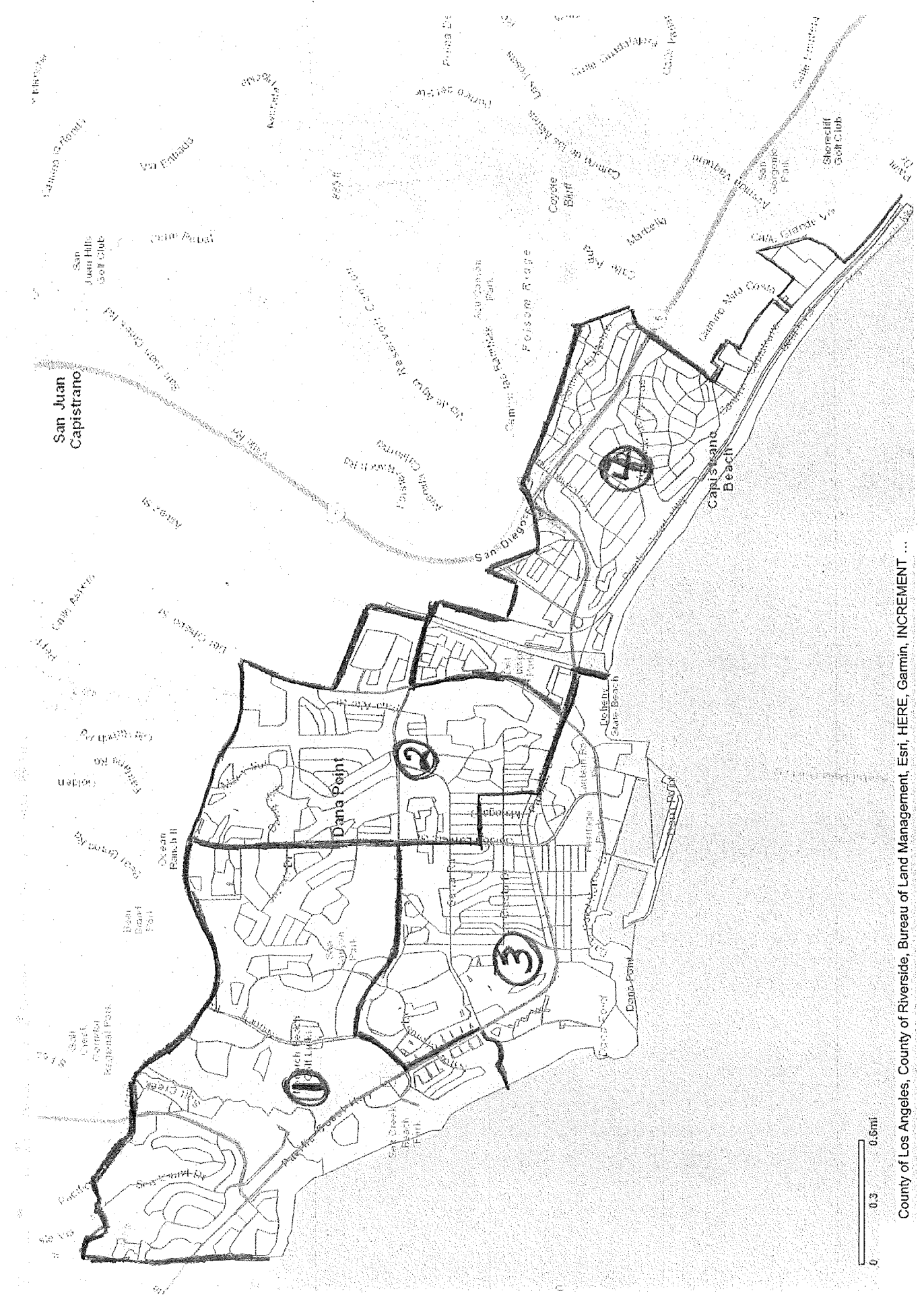
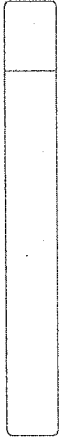
From: BARBARA WILSON <barbwilsonrealty@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 08, 2018 9:43 PM
To: districting
Subject: Fwd: 4 District map
Attachments: Pine III - Modifies to balance districts+ raise Hispanic Concentration.pdf

Date: April 9, 2018 at 12:06 AM
Subject: Fwd: 4 District map

This map was sent by a neighbor who had concerns with the maps that have been presented to date.

This is a modified 4 District Pine map. This map takes the original Pine map but balances the districts a little better which results in a higher Hispanic percentage in District 3. Please calculate the demographic statistics for this map and include it in tomorrow's meeting,

Regards,
Barbara Wilson



County of Los Angeles, County of Riverside, Bureau of Land Management. Esri, HERE, Garmin, INCREMENT ...

BOBBI OGAN

From: Art Sanchez <ssancart@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 7:53 PM
To: districting
Subject: DP Districting

To Whom it May Concern:

Is unfortunate that our city has been put in this unenviable position regarding voting districts. This litigation action against our city is forcing us to implement voter districting in our city. Many of my Hispanic friends in the city believe that one of the points that people have been missing is that by going with Districting, you will encourage more people to participate in running for office because the cost and effort to run a campaign will come down significantly. It will also prevent multiple council members from coming from the same neighborhood as so happens in many cities. Districting will insure that all areas of Dana Point have fair and equal representation.

After reviewing the maps, I strongly recommend the "tan map" as the most equitable version of districting.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 4:14 PM
To: districting
Subject: districting

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KATHY WARD

From: Rita Moser <ritamoser@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 5:28 PM
To: KATHY WARD
Subject: Please support Pine2 plan.

We do not want to be separated in Capistrano Beach. However, we would be most happy leaving the district the way it is.

Thank you,
Rita Moser

Sent from my iPad

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KATHY WARD

From: Craig Alexander <craig@craigalexanderlaw.com>
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 11:30 AM
To: RICHARD VICZOREK; JOE MULLER; Debra Lewis; JOHN TOMLINSON; Paul Wyatt
Cc: KATHY WARD
Subject: Item 11 on the City Council Agenda for April 17, 2018

Dear Mayor Viczorek and Members of the City Council (and Ms. Ward),

Please find attached my letter to you regarding the By District elections issue on your agenda for this coming Tuesday's Council meeting.

Thank you for considering my views on this subject (as you will see from the letter I am a Dana Point resident).

Craig Alexander
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4/12/18

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

April 13, 2018

Mayor Richard Viczorek
Members of the City Council
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, CA 92629

RE: By District Elections – Item 11 on the April 17, 2018 Council Agenda

Dear Mayor Viczorek and Members of the City Council,

I noted that the issue of By District (rather than at large) elections for City Council is on the Council's agenda for this coming Tuesday. Unfortunately I cannot attend this coming Council meeting, thus I address this letter to you. By copy of this letter to City Clerk Kathy Ward I ask that this letter be made part of your record.

As an attorney myself, I read the memo on this matter by the City Attorney posted on the City's web site with interest. From that memo I understand that the law on this subject is, unfortunately, clear and the only rational choice is to change to By District elections. This is not what I would prefer, but since the law appears to be clear – the consequence of defying the law is clear, the City it will be forced into a By District system by a Judge. And the Judge will force a By District map for what those Districts will be rather than the Council making this decision including potential changes in the future.

In addition, to defy the clear mandate of the law inevitably means the City will incur attorney's fees and court costs to resist the lawsuit and, then when the Court rules against the City, to pay the opposing counsel's legal fees and costs as well. To fight a battle you will inevitably lose, incur hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars in attorney's fees and costs for both sides of the litigation and lose control of the City's District maps and other related decisions in the future is **not** wise stewardship of our City and its tax dollars.

I have also read that part of Mr. Munoz' memo about the problems and risks with adopting a four By District and At Large Mayor election system. Mr. Munoz noted that this is very likely to attract a lawsuit and be found not legal under the law. This will result in the same outcome as if the City resisted the entire matter I the first place – having a Judge force a five District map on the City, the City losing control of changes to the District maps in the future and paying

hundreds of thousands of dollars for defense attorney costs and paying the Plaintiff's counsel later on.

In addition, Dana Point is not Los Angeles, New York, Irvine or Anaheim. We are a small town and we should continue the practice of having the City Council members chose among themselves the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem each year.

Thus I encourage you to adopt a five District area election system and continue to allow the five elected City Council members to choose the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem each year. As I said earlier, the law on this subject is not what I wish it were, but having the City Council adopt this voluntarily is a better "bad" choice among a set of bad choices that must be made.

Finally, I have interacted with Patrick Munoz as our City Attorney over the years. In all of my dealings with Mr. Munoz I have found him to be honest, knowledgeable and reasonable. Further that he is doing his best to guide the City Council and the City itself in the legal and correct direction. This situation is a good example of this. Mr. Munoz is giving the Council (and all of us as Citizens) his honest opinion of the law on this point. He notes the negative consequences (and costs) to resisting the By District election system and that adopting the Four By District map and At Large Mayor election will likely not comply with the law.

If Mr. Munoz was only concerned with increasing legal fees to his law firm, he would advocate engaging in lawsuits. He is not doing that here and that is sound legal advice as well as being sound fiscal advice. A large part of my legal practice (www.CraigAlexanderLaw.com) is in the area of the California Public Records Act for document requestors. That means I face on the other side of the table attorneys like Mr. Munoz. I wish all of my opposing counsel were attorneys like Patrick Munoz. Dealing with a straight shooter who nevertheless is also a strong and tough opponent is far better than dealing with an attorney who is only interested in increasing legal fees to his client through litigation.

Thank you for considering my views on this subject.

Very truly yours,



Craig P. Alexander

cc: Kathy Ward,
City Clerk, City of Dana Point
(Via Electronic Mail Only)

KATHY WARD

From: cindy jett <cbondjett@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 15, 2018 7:00 AM
To: KATHY WARD
Subject: At large voting

Please keep our a large voting rights..no districts.

Thank You

Cynthia Jett

Sent from my iPad

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KATHY WARD

From: ROCK KENDALL <rockkendall@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 12:44 PM
To: KATHY WARD
Subject: Districting

Importance: High

To the Honorable Councilmembers and staff of the City of Dana Point
Re: Chopping the city into four or five districts

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is a stupid move on the part of the City Council. Let 'em sue.

Anyone who has ever attended a "candidates forum" such as those of the Civic Association regularly hosted by Jim Miller at Coffee Importers in the Harbor knows how woefully small the pool of competent candidates already is. Such districts would make for even smaller candidate pools. If it isn't broken, don't fix it.

Yes, I'm aware that other cities have fought this, lost and then had to implement districts. But look at the SIZE of those cities. Can't Dana Point make a valid argument that our city's relatively small population warrants keeping us whole so that the best-qualified candidates may run for office regardless of where he or she resides (within the city limits)?

It is not as though we have a segregated neighborhood of minority residents either. My own street since 1978, Sea Bright Drive, has a variety of ethnicities residing here, including my wife, a Japanese native.

From the City Clerk today, I learned that our entire population is about 34,000 and of 21,754 registered voters in the 2016 PRESIDENTIAL election, 18,289 actually cast ballots. Generally, other elections have a much smaller turnout, she noted.

Please rethink this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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OUR FIRM HAS

April 16, 2018

The City of Dana Point
33282 Golden Lantern St.
Dana Point, CA 92629

City Attorney, Patrick Munoz

Cc:
City Council:
John Tomlinson
Richard Viczorek
Joe Muller
Debra Lewis
Paul Wyatt

Re: Dana Point Districting

Mr. Munoz,

I am writing this letter to you in that as City Attorney for Dana Point, you seem to have inordinate power over the decision of the majority to find for voter dilution and/or minority voter polarization. Finally, after some vocal citizen opposition you have now decided to empower your selected demographer, NDC, to perform the studies necessary to determine whether polarization/dilution exists in the City. Until that was done, it was the assumption of the majority on the Council and yourself that such polarization exists.

I do not doubt NDC will find dilution/polarization as you instructed. They will find an obscure statewide vote in which minorities in Dana Point disagreed with the majority. The CVRA allows such a finding as "proof" of polarization, though certainly the same proves nothing. My certainty derives from a belief that you are in favor of districting, most likely due to a desire for some Council members to be re-elected whereas they would likely not prevail in an at-large city-wide election. The three up for election secure your job as City Attorney.

My pessimism as to the NDC "study" aside, I wish to discuss your comments about work product "privilege". You have indicated that you may not release the results of the NDC

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examination of dilution/polarization inasmuch as the same may fall within the qualified privilege of work product. If NDC concludes that polarization/dilution exists, you will undoubtedly release the same in that it confirms the view espoused by you and Messrs. Viczorek, Muller & Tomlinson. There will be no claim of privilege. Assume the opposite is true. Should NDC find no dilution/polarization, a longshot given to whom NDC answers in the City, then you may not want to release that data so that you would be allowed to shop around until you find a demographer who supports your view that districting is appropriate.

Work product is defined in Wells Fargo v Superior Court [2000] 22 Cal. 4th 201, as

The work product doctrine is codified in Code of Civil Procedure section 2018.... "Any writing that reflects an attorney's impressions, conclusions, opinions, or legal research or theories shall not be discoverable under any circumstances."

In this situation, I do not see how NDC's findings would comprise a disclosure of your opinions, impressions or legal theories. To the extent you may wish to shop around for new experts in the unlikely event you disagree with your friends from NDC, I would certainly understand, though NDC has been part of this districting process so is certainly known to all and hence subject to deposition in litigation.

I would discourage any absolutes with reference to work product in that a judge may very well disagree, ordering the release of the study. Work product is a qualified privilege, unlike attorney client. Restraint in a claim of such a "privilege" is warranted. If unclear, simply ask someone who litigates, such as your partner, Mr. Ramirez, who was clearly surprised to learn, your haste to impose districts was for the 2018 election and not 2020.

Very truly yours,


EDWARD R. LEONARD

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To: all Council members
City Attorney

CITY OF DANA POINT

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CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

April 17, 2018

This morning at the Niguel Shores Community Association Men's Club breakfast the following names were collected to express our desire for Niguel Shores entire community to remain in the same district.

Please take this into consideration when creating the Districts.

Respectfully,

Steve Leonard

Steve Leonard

33591 Brigantine Dr.

sleonard53@cox.net

Keep Niguel Shores In One District

The Below Are Residents and Voters That Agree

Name	Address
1 MICHAEL + TERRY LINK	23881 DANZIG BAY, DANA POINT
2 George Schramm	23841 BOTHNA BAY D.P.
3 RICK ERICENEFF	33501 WINDJAMMER D.P.
4 Ray Hennig	33615 Halyard W. D.P.
5 Dick Richline	33721 Crosssack Dr
6 Sue Richline	33721 Crosssack Dr
7 Bob Enger	23935 Amundson Bay
8 C.W. Gruening - DOR Gruening	23672 Tampico Bay
9 Bud McRook	18 Breakers Ct
10 TIM MURPHY	33641 WINLAS DR DP
11 Lois Schaal	33671 Woodloss Drive
12 Paul J. John	23841 Salvador Bay DP
13 Fred Singer	23971 Tamar Bay DP
14 George Hartmann	33611 Halyard Drive
15 GEOFF DUNLEWIE	33766 WINDJAMMER DR DP
16 Rick & Ann Palmer	33331 GERDUM Circle DP
17 Gary & Meg Wilson	33601 WINDJAMMER DR. D.P.
18 SEAN HALPIN	33521 HALYARD
19 Ed Ungerman	24232 Porto Alegre
20 Greg Gutzknecht	33621 Windjammer Dr. DP
21 Robert Gutzknecht	33621 Windjammer Dr. DP
22 William Walkup	33551 CAPSTAR DR.
23 Joe Jaeger	13 Vista Sole Street, DP
24 PAUL GLATT	24055 WINDWARD DR. DP.
25 Steve Stewart	33501 Periwinkle
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Keep Niguel Shores In One District

The Below Are Residents and Voters That Agree

Name

Address

- | Name | Address |
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| 7 Gary Timmes | 23741 Colima Bay, Niguel Shores |
| 2 Nancy Horvath-Timmes | 23741 Colima Bay, Niguel Shores |
| 3 Jack Christensen-Dunn | 23481 Bluehill Bay |
| 4 Mike Turk-Terry | 23881 DANZIG BAY |
| 5 ANN & STEVE MORRIS | 33665 MARLIN SPIKE DR. |
| 6 ROBERT WOLAN | 33357 Goldum Circle |
| 7 BARBARA BEPPEZ | 33362 Goldum Circle |
| 8 JACK WEBB | 33622 HALYARD DR. |
| 9 Bob Baker | 23951 Bethna Bay |
| 10 DAN MOORE | 33811 VIA CAPRI |
| 11 Boyd VAN NESS | 24155 VISTA FONDE |
| 12 BARRY BANDUCCI | 33661 MAGELLAN ISLE |
| 13 BILL JOHNSON | 24012 TIBURON |
| 14 Bob Enger | 23935 Anwardson Bay |
| 15 | |
| 16 Steve + Sally Leonard | 33591 Brigantine Dr. |
| 17 Walter Stovt | 33701 Halyard Dr. |
| 18 Manuel Chabriel | 33651 Halyard Dr. |
| 19 Robert SAINT-AUBIN | 23712 Colima Bay |
| 20 Bob & GEORGE BORLAND | 33601 BELMONTINE DR |
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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: John Ramirez, City Attorney's Office
DATE: April 17, 2018
RE: Supplement to Staff Report re Consideration to By District Elections: Item 11

The issue of Districting is typically very controversial in any community, as most communities understandably do not appreciate the feeling of having the issue forced upon them. Accordingly, it is of particular importance in order to avoid needless distractions that truthful and accurate information is provided to the public, and that incorrect, false or misleading statements and information to the public be corrected. With the forgoing in mind, I am providing this update to the Council as a result of several comments on social media attributed to my participation in the April 9th community forum. Specifically, the purpose of this update is to point out that the following noted statements contained in the attached social media posts are untrue, and to correct the public record to reflect the true information:

Comments from Steve Stewart:

I unequivocally did not suggest that the City could avoid CVRA liability by conducting an at large election for three Council seats this year, and put the matter on the ballot for a future decision for either a 5 district or 4 district and 1 at large mayor system. If the City desires to take advantage of the so called "safe harbor" provision, and based on the adopted resolution of intention to change to district elections, it must adopt an ordinance implementing a districting election system on or before May 21st. Holding an election will not provide the City with the benefit of the safe harbor provision. An election that includes consideration of an at large mayor presents an additional risk in that the law remains unclear as to whether an at large mayor (whether adopted by an ordinance or an election) complies with the CVRA.

Comments from Carol Wilson:

At no time did I suggest that there would be an election on the issue of districting in November, let alone that there would be an election on the choice between 5 districts or 4 districts with an at large mayor. At one point I did ask Mr. Munoz if districting would impact the City in 2018 or 2020. I asked this question because I was unfamiliar with the timing of the demand letter the City received. He did not interrupt me, he answered the question I posed to him. Based on the timing in which the City was presented with the demand letter to convert to district elections, it is an objective fact that if the City desires to take advantage of the safe harbor provision it must adopt an ordinance that would apply to the 2018 election. It should be noted that Costa Mesa converted to district elections as a result of a settlement agreement entered in April 2016, that called for the issue to be placed on the ballot in November 2016. At that time, the law required a City with a population of over 100,000 (such as Costa Mesa) to hold an election to change to by district elections. It

should also be noted that contrary to Ms. Wilson's assertions, the City of Lake Forest did not change to districting via an election. Rather, that city adopted an ordinance in December 2017. Finally, in response to Ms. Wilson's suggestion that the City is rushing, it needs to be understood that the City is acting within the specific timeframes set forth in the law. If the public has concerns about these timeframes, they are issues that should be addressed at the State level, not the local level.

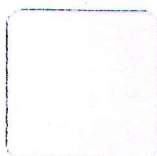
Comments by Mr. Jaeger:

At no time did I assume there would be a ballot measure on the City's districting decision. My understanding has always been that the City Council is acting in a manner that enables it to take advantage of the safe harbor provision. Putting the districting decision on a ballot would not enable the City to take advantage of the safe harbor provision. The only discussion related to the application of districting in 2018 vs. 2020 occurred in connection with the question I posed to Mr. Munoz noted above. As noted above, based on the date the demand to move to districting was presented, the only way for the City to take advantage of the safe harbor provision is to adopt an ordinance implementing districting for the 2018 election. Mr. Munoz did not cut me off, or interrupt me, and comments suggesting that is the case are patently false. To be clear, I never suggested an approach by which districting would be decided by a vote, and such a recommendation would be contrary to the City's ability to take advantage of the safe harbor provision regardless of whether districting were to be implemented as part of the 2018 or 2020 elections.



General

Reply



Steve Stewart, Niguel Shores ·

1d ago

We have some good news tonight! One of the attorneys present last night suggested we might be able to transition to districting by having at large elections for 3 council members this Fall and an item on the ballot allowing the community to vote on 4 districts +at large mayor or ... 5 districts. But voters would get to make that decision and vote one last time at large.

Trying to get more details but getting a vote across the city on how to district sounds more like democracy to me.



8 Thanks



Barbara Wilson, Dana Crest/The Landing · 1d ago

I was at the community meeting

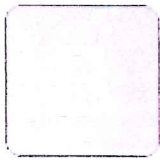


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General

Reply



Barbara Wilson, Dana Crest/The Landing · 1d ago

I was at the community meeting last night regarding city council districting presentation. The attorney Mr Ramirez from Rootan and Tucker who (works with our City Attorney) presented the time frame how Districting would proceed. I was surprised and relieved that a City vote on the choice between 4 districts and at large mayor or 5 districts was expected for the November 2018 election. Our City attorney Mr Munoz immediately interrupted, that was not his plan.. he wanted to complete the process by May 21st. This gave me pause ... why shouldn't residents have the say on districting why must we rush into this? Other Cities like Lake Forest and Costa Mesa allowed resident to vote we should too.

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 Joseph Jaeger, Ritz Pointe ·

18h ago

I attended the community workshop as well Monday night, and I was present when Mr. Ramirez of the Rutan & Tucker law firm discussed the approach he assumed the city was taking. I should also mention that Mr. Ramirez is Rutan & Tucker's expert in the area of CVRA litigation. It appeared that Mr. Ramirez assumed that there would be a ballot measure in which the residents of Dana Point would vote to choose whether they wanted five districts, or the option of four districts plus an "at large" mayor in the upcoming November 2018 election. Following the decision by Dana Point's voters in the November 2018 election, that decision would then apply to the



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November 2020 election. Our city attorney, Mr Munoz, was quick to cut off Mr. Ramirez, essentially indicating that this is not an option, and that we are going to district elections in November 2018. The approach discussed by Mr. Ramirez, Rutan & Tucker's expert, is the right approach. Let's let the voters decide the best option in the November 2018 election, and put off consideration of district voting to the November 2020 election.



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~~Michael Frost, Lantern District~~
9h ago

~~I attended a great meeting with Debra Lewis tonight for the folks in the Lantern Village. The~~



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KATHY WARD

From: Roxanna Watrous <roxannawatrous@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 4:15 PM
To: KATHY WARD
Cc: Debra Lewis; Paul Wyatt; JOHN TOMLINSON; RICHARD VICZOREK; JOE MULLER
Subject: DO NOT DIVIDE OUR CITY INTO DISTRICTS

TO THE DANA POINT CITY COUNCIL

DO NOT DIVIDE OUR CITY INTO DISTRICTS. **DENYING FREEDOM** FOR ALL OUR RESIDENTS TO COMPETE FOR OPTION POSITIONS IS (1) **DISCRIMINATORY** AGAINST OUR RESIDENTS AND (2) **DILUTES OUR OPPORTUNITY** FOR GETTING THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST FOR THE JOB AND (3) IT **DILUTES OUR VOTING RIGHTS**.

ALSO, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT RESIDENTS BE FULLY INFORMED BEFORE ANY FINAL DECISION IS MADE ON DISTRICTING, PARTICULARLY SINCE THERE WAS NO PUBLIC VOTE OR SURVEY ON THIS ISSUE. IF DISTRICTING IS UNAVOIDABLE:

- I WOULD PREFER FOUR DISTRICTS AND AN AT LARGE MAYOR
- HOLD COMMUNITY FORUMS BEFORE MAKING A DECISION

I IMPLORER YOU NOT TO VOTE AWAY OUR VOTING FREEDOM, NOT TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST OUR OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE THE BEST CANDIDATE FROM THE LARGEST POOL OF PEOPLE, AND NOT TO DILUTE OUR VOTING RIGHTS. THIS IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

SINCERELY,

ROXANNA WATROUS

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