Shayna Sharke

Hello,

I want to vote in every local election in Dana Point.

Currently, I only get to vote every other election cycle (I reside in district #4). I feel that I am not getting equal representation by voting every other year.

I know that redistricting could change once again the voting cycle here. I want to vote in every local election and deserve that right to vote..

Please respond how this can be accomplished.

Best Regards,

Jill Richardson
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Dana Point, CA 92629
C (949) 633-5806

Agenda Item No. ___12___
11/16/2021

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From:	Denise Erkeneff <denisedd@cox.net>
Sent:	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 10:50 AM
To:	Shayna Sharke
Subject:	Dana Point Redistricting Comment

To Whom it May Concern -

City Staff, Mayor Federico, Mayor Pro Tem Muller and Dana Point City
Councilmembers:

Our household is OPPOSED to any prolonged, unfruitful and costly changes, including the potential legal exposures for changing the already mapped FIVE districts in Dana Point.

Although due to the census every 10 years, the re-evaluated final maps will be tendered to the Council and Public, we would anticipate that the census data did little to change the current District maps in Dana Point.

We will be keen to see if that data skewed in one direction or another
for any District.   Further, the notion that we have seen on social
media and in some comments on neighborhood communications suggest an out and out falsehood - RESIDENTS ARE NOT DENIED THEIR NORMAL, DEMOCRATIC RIGHT TO VOTE WITH DISTRICTING.
We have ALWAYS had FIVE Councilmembers elected to Dana Point since its incorporation, with 3 on ballot and 2 on ballot every other two-year election cycle. years.

THIS IS NO DIFFERENT FROM THE CURRENT DEMOCRATIC RIGHT TO VOTE YOUR DISTRICT!
Everybody who is a registered voter in their district, gets to vote for their chosen Council representative.

Lastly, there is another silly notion being spawned that because of the above, democracy isn't very well served and that Dana Point should ballot elect an overall Mayor.

That false narrative also has several negatives -

ELECTING A MAYOR FOR 4 YEARS IS EXACTLY LIKE ELECTING A KING, KING-MAKER, FOR ALL FOUR YEARS.
Whereas, the current rotation among those we elect to COUNCIL as City Districts serves just fine for that elected group to assign or choose Council's cermonial Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and council selections for Committees and organizations/boards our collective council members represent works just fine. Always has.

THE NOTION OF HAVING AN ADDITIONAL MAYOR ALONG WITH 5 DISTRICTS CREATES AN UNEVEN AND UNBALANCED NUMBER THAT WILL MOST OFTEN RESULT IN STALEMATE, HANDING THE RESIDENTS VERY LITTLE TO NO COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MANY ISSUES AND DELAYING CITY PROGRESS FOR ITS RESIDENTS.

PUTTING AN ADDITIONAL BALLOT ITEM FOR MAYOR CREATES EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE OF THOSE WHO ARE USING THE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL AND EMAIL ACCOUNTS BELLYACHING ABOUT THE LACK OF "DEMOCRACY" AND "DARK MONEY IN LOCAL POLITICS" ACTUALLY WILL CREATE JUST THAT.

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CREATING YET ANOTHER "VEILED REASON" TO ATTEMPT TO GARNER CONTROL OVER THE CITY COUNCIL IN OUR TOWN WILL ASSUREDLY RESULT IN A MAYORAL CANDIDATE, THEIR ENDORSEMENTS, DONORS AND PAC'S VERY KEEN ON RAISING OBSCENE AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO CLAIM A 4-YEAR AGENDA DIRECTING MAYOR!!!
Again, this is a fake and false narrative and something that we see in unfounded social and neighborhood posts to the contrary.

Thank you for your consideration and time. > Denise Erkeneff > Resident/Homeowner Dana Point, CA

Shayna Sharke

From:	MARLENE LOPEZ <marlo12@cox.net>
Sent:	Sunday, July 18, 2021 4:05 PM
To:	Comment
Subject:	Council Meeting 7/20/2021

I won't be able to attend the Council meeting on Tuesday, 7/20/2021, however I would like to see Dana Point as ONE DISTRICT again.

Marlene Lopez

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Shayna Sharke

As a resident of Dana Point I am against the building of the Sierra Siding Development. It is not needed and would create undue noise and disruption to our beautiful coastline.

I am also in favor of reuniting Capistrano Beach under one district.

Linda Zaccaro

Sent from my iPhone

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7/20/2021

To: Mr. Mayor and City Council Members

From: Barbara Wilson, Dana Point Resident

Regarding Item #3 Redistricting

Districting has forced residents into only being able to voter for 1 council member to represent them every 4 years. The advantage to moving from 5 districts to 4 districts with a Mayor being elected by all voters would allow for more fair representation of resident interests. Residents would have 2 votes to choose who would best represent their interests and concerns,

Currently residents feel that their special concerns are not taken into consideration when only 1 of 5 member council represents them. It would help to know that a mayor elected by all voters would then be responsible to those in all parts of the City not just a particular district.

With such a configuration it would then be possible to combine neighborhoods with common interests such as Capistrano Beach and Lantern. District. Districts would be more representative and less divided by arbitrary boundaries.

Thank you

Barbara Wilson

From:	Julian Joshua <julian_joshua@hotmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, July 20, 2021 3:08 PM
To:	Kathy Ward
Subject:	Agenda Item 16

Dear City Clerk,

Would you please bring the statement below to the attention of the Council.

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Three years ago, the Council majority moved with what many residents saw as indecent haste to a redistricting plan in reaction to a demand letter from a lawyer who had never before, or, to the best of our knowledge, since, brought a CVRA action. The Council refused out of hand to consider the valid alternative of '4 districts plus mayor at large'. The redistricting did nothing to empower minority voters, but in order to reach the required five districts, it split up one cohesive natural 'community of interest' into two. It reduced Dana Point residents to just one vote every four years. This disenfranchisement adversely affects the very minority the districting was supposed to protect. To fix the democratic deficit, I would urge the Council to support Council member Villar's proposal and adopt a 'four districts plus Mayor at large' plan.

Regards,

Julian Joshua

Dana Point Resident

Sent from my iPad

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Shayna Sharke

Honorable City Council Members,

On Agenda Item 16: Redistricting, I would like to offer my suggestions.

#1. I would like to prepose that we adopt a 4 district plan plus a mayor who is elected directly by **ALL** Dana Point voters. Then, this elected (by all of us) mayor would be concerned about all the residents of Dana Point, not just his/her individual district and, thereby, could steer our beautiful city to a united future.

#2. But, if we must stay with the 5 districts, I would like to see the entire 92624 zip-code included in the same district. The portions of Capistrano Beach which were assigned to District 3 should be reunited with District 5. We are a shared geographic area that shares social and economic interests. Those of us who live in 92624 would benefit from being included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. For example, the Doheny Village Plan is more pertinent to my concerns and hopes than those who live on the other side of the channel.

Sincerely,

Judy Reising
Dana Point (Capo Beach) Resident since 1979

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Shayna Sharke

From:	Alane Kruk <alanekruk@icloud.com>
Sent:	Friday, August 6, 2021 2:14 PM
To:	Comment
Subject:	Districting

To Whom it May Concern:
I believe that because we are a small city, we should return to at large elections and one mayor. We are paying too much in salaries and not receiving enough services.
Alane Kruk

Sent from my iPhone

Districting
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From:	Jill Richardson <jilllivinglarge@cox.net>
Sent:	Saturday, August 7, 2021 10:21 AM
To:	Comment
Subject:	DISTRICTING

Hello,

I'm a Resident here in Dana Point.
And I want to vote in every local election for council members.

Several years ago three city council members made the decision that I can only vote every other election for a city council member that is in my district (#4).
I strongly oppose this local election process. And I ask that the consideration to vote every election is allowed.

I know with redistricting that voting is a consideration. And I am wanting redistricting and voting here in the city to be readdressed. Every person deserves the right to vote in local elections every cycle.

Please let me know next steps to ensure that this is done. I welcome any communication for this important issue.

Sincerely,
Jill Richardson
c 949-633-5806

Sent with magic from my iPhone!

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Public Comment
8/9/2021

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Setting Boundaries

Required Redistricting Process Revisits How Dana Point Should Vote

BY LILLIAN BOYD, DANA POINT TIMES

Mandated talks of redistricting reopened wounds for some community members, in light of the City of Dana Point's move from at-large elections to five districts in 2018.

Because state law requires a process to explore redistricting following a U.S. Census, held every 10 years, city officials held a public hearing on Tuesday, July 20, to explore the process. In total, the city is required to hold four public hearings on the matter—the July 20 hearing being the second one. The first two hearings are to occur prior to draft maps. Subsequently, two public hearings must occur after draft or proposed maps for redistricting are prepared.

"A variety of criteria exist for creating districts, which generally speaking already apply to the City's existing districts," states the agenda report. "The criteria of most relevance to the current redistricting process will be the requirement that the population of each district is 'balanced,' meaning relatively the same."
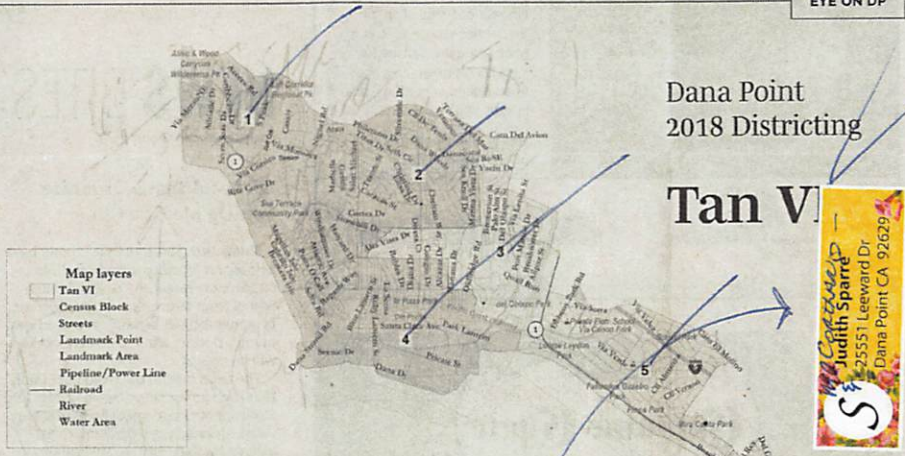
Since the final results of the 2020 Census are not available yet, the National Demographics Corporation (NDC) is providing preliminary data.

"Every 10 years, we go through this process," said Todd Tatum, with the NDC. "Any city within the state of California that is by-district election, we have to review the demographics and make sure they're in balance."

According to preliminary data presented by Tatum, there were no significant concentrations of Latino, African American, Asian American or Native American residents.

"We want to define where your neighborhoods, and that's where the city council and the public can really help," Tatum said. "We want to define where your communities are. We want you to come out like you did two years ago and tell us about your neighborhoods and communities."

As will be explained, minimal changes, if any, to the city's districting maps are anticipated, as the population has not significantly changed since 2010. Once final census data is available, it will be possible to determine if the districts have become unbalanced and need to be adjusted. The census data is expected to be available in time for draft or proposed

maps to be prepared in advance of the next public hearing planned for October. Public input at this time will be collected to be included in the preparation of draft or proposed maps.

Federal and state guidelines call for district maps to be of equal population, to be compliant with the Federal Voting Rights Act, and to not have racial gerrymandering. California criteria call for city districts to be geographically contiguous, to include undivided neighborhoods or communities of interest, to have easily identifiable boundaries and to be compact.

A "community of interest" is defined by California state law as a population that shares common social or economical interests and should be included within the same district for the sake of fair representation.

"We want to get the conversation going on how the current districts are working within your city, if you feel there needs to be any changes to your districts," Tatum said.

"We also need your help to define neighborhoods and communities of interest."

Both councilmembers Michael Frost and Michael Villar are the inaugural council representatives for Districts 4 and 5, respectively, since the City of Dana Point transitioned toward districted elections in 2018. Frost and Villar were elected in 2020. In 2018, Districts 1, 2 and 3 voted in Councilmembers Joe Muller, Richard Viczorek and Jamey Federico, respectively, and they are currently serving their four-year terms.

"In 2018, when districting suddenly came to Dana Point, citizens were shocked at how quickly they could be disenfranchised," said Toni Nelson, a Capistrano Beach resident. "Until then, each of us had five votes and a say in who would represent us every four years."

To the dismay of many Capistrano Beach community members, Dana Point's five districts went on to include Monarch Beach, Dana Hills, Del Obispo,

Lantern Village, and Capistrano Beach, area as shown in the Tan VI map.

Voters within a designated district can only elect one city councilmember who must also reside in and be a registered voter of that district. If you live in District 2, you can't vote for the candidate running in any other district. And vice versa—a candidate who lives in the other districts can't run or vote for District 1.

"Capistrano Beach was determined to be too large, and we were divided into two districts: District 5, which encompassed the Palisades and eastern part of Doheny Village; and District 3 which absorbed the remainder of the Village," Nelson said.

Asserting that Capistrano Beach should be defined as a community of interest, Nelson proposed that the neighborhood be united as a district or add the remainder of Doheny Village to District 5.

"There is another solution I'd like to explore. Because we are a tiny city with a population of 34,000, it seems five districts may simply be too many," Nelson said before suggesting a return to at-large elections, or four districts with one mayor or to represent the entire city."

As outlined in the agenda report, however, minimal changes to the districts are anticipated.

The U.S. Census Bureau is expected to release finalized population data mid-to-late August. There will be two draft map hearings on Oct. 19, 2021 and Feb. 15, 2022. Through an ordinance, the final map will be adopted on April 17, 2022.

Those who wish to share comments can visit bit.ly/DPDistricting, call 949.248.3500 or email comment@danapoint.org, with the subject line reading "Districting." **DP**

Dana Point
2018 Districting

Tan VI

The City of Dana Point is currently split into five districts in accordance with what's been dubbed the "Tan VI" map. Graphic: City of Dana Point

Map layers
Tan VI
Census Block
Streets
Landmark Point
Landmark Area
Pipeline/Power Line
Railroad
River
Water Area

Demographic Summary of Existing Districts

District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
2020	2020 Est. Total Pop	7,013	7,248	6,468	7,179	6,173	34,071
	Deviation from ideal	198	424	346	364	641	1,065
	% Deviation	2.91%	6.22%	5.07%	5.35%	-9.41%	15.63%
2010 Total Pop	% Hisp	8%	13%	20%	28%	13%	17%
	% NH White	85%	78%	74%	66%	79%	76%
	% NH Black	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% Asian-American	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%
	Total	5,973	5,492	5,138	5,183	5,336	27,122
Citizen Voting Age Pop	% Hisp	9%	14%	11%	14%	12%	12%
	% NH White	86%	78%	83%	78%	79%	81%
	% NH Black	0%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%
	% Asian / Pac Isl.	5%	6%	4%	6%	4%	5%

Dana Point demographics. Graphic: City of Dana Point

[Handwritten annotations: "Public Comment 8/9/2021"; "Things are A-OK — So Don't Monkey with TAN VI and all will be A-OK. C4 SPARRE"; "No changes NV"; mailing label: Judith Sparre, 25551 Leeward Dr, Dana Point CA 92629]