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From: Colin Swank [REDACTED]
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To: City Clerk's Division
Subject: Feedback - Districting and Communities of Interest

To the Council,

Thank you for offering this avenue for residents who cannot participate in person. We appreciate the difficult decision to forgo litigation in order to protect the City from budget difficulties.

My wife and I have two toddler twins and bought our home on Ramona in June of 2016.

My input:

- Divide communities of interest based on two factors: single or multi-family residences and zoning location.
- Issues on taxation levels, parcel taxes, rent control and other items related to making/maintaining a home will require differing viewpoints on the Council in order to come to consensus.
- Residents who live within commercial corridors, multi-family corridors or residents of single family homes who abut commercial zoning areas (such as myself and my neighbors bordering Holy Family's specific plan zone) will require representation that differs from heavy residential areas that have no commercial traffic, business or development. Again, this will allow individuals and families in residential, commercial and mixed zoning areas to have their voices supported as we develop and improve infrastructure, parks, shopping districts, etc.

I would hope the Council will choose not segregate based on race or school district:

- The economic and social decisions we make should be the driver of the districting, not race, even if this was the intention of the legislation that has brought you to this point. While economic and social issues will coincide with racial lines, I feel this may lead to divisions in the community.
- In my opinion, local real estate agents have pushed districts within the City based on schools (i.e. the Marengo District) to the detriment of the community and school system. These schools all flow to the middle and high schools and all should be of the utmost importance. Organizing by schools district will further divide the community over their most prized asset.

Thank you for your time,
Colin Swank (and on behalf of my family: Sarah, Skylar and Connor Swank)

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