

Anthony Mejia

From: Sheila Rossi [REDACTED]
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To: Anthony Mejia
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Dear Mr. Mejia

I know that the City Council is meeting tonight to discuss and vote on the final two versions of the District maps - the Green Map & the Modified Green Map. Having provided public comment at the earlier redistricting meetings, I would like to provide one final point of clarification.

While I previously stated a strong desire to see my neighborhood remain intact, this was specifically in regards to the District maps that took neighborhood designation into consideration. The Green map, however, was presented to the community as a map that disregarded neighborhood designations and focused primarily on providing equal representation from the northern to southern borders.

While I personally would have preferred a neighborhood focused map over the Green map, faced with the choice between the Green map and the Modified Green map, I strongly support the Green map. The methodology for the Green map is clear and consistent and requires that all five Council Members represent the interests of both the northern and southern borders. Further, it provides that the majority of neighborhoods will have multiple points of representation on the City Council and that all neighborhoods are treated in a fair and consistent manner. These were, after all, the points of consideration presented to the community in the process of selecting the Green map over over the Blue map. And as another speaker so passionately expressed at the last City Council meeting, having *multiple* Council Members representing individual neighborhoods may be the best way to ensure that the Council works together to address City wide issues. In contrast, the hybrid map negates the northern-southern border methodology presented to the community and instead favors certain neighborhoods over others.

Thank you for your time and consideration in addressing this difficult matter.

Sincerely,
Sheila Rossi

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