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TO: Mayor Cacciotti and City Council

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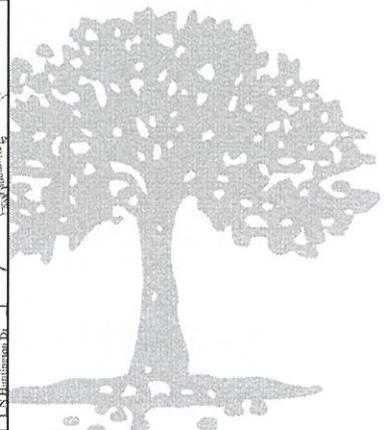
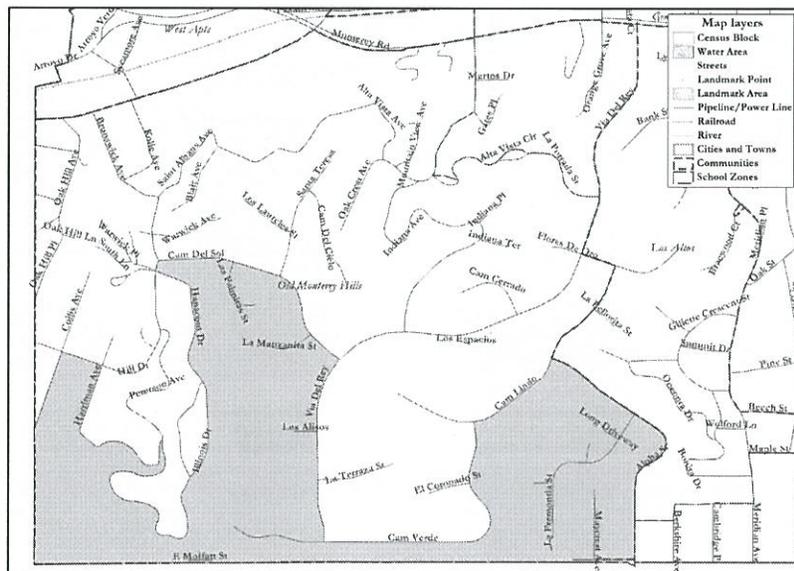
VIA: Anthony J. Mejia, Chief City Clerk 

SUBJECT: September 20, 2017 City Council Meeting Additional Document for Item No. 25 – Input from the Community Regarding Draft Maps of Voting District Boundaries for a City Council District-Based Electoral System

Attached is an email from Mr. Ron Rosen questioning the ‘community’ lines and naming of Los Altos. Dr. Doug Johnson, the City’s Demographer, has offered the following explanation:

“The ‘community’ lines shown on the map follow Census Block lines. The ones shown for Los Altos do not cover the entire Los Altos area because the rest of the area shares census blocks with the rest of the Hills area. The same issue is true, to a smaller geographic extent, with the Specific Plan areas and with the neighborhoods pulled from the Nextdoor maps. In all cases, we have adjusted the lines to follow Census Block borders.

The below image shows the issue in the Hills – the area highlighted in red is one huge Census Block with 886 residents that bridges Los Altos and the Hills. It can be assigned either way, but it has to be kept together to ensure the reliability of our population counts. The Census Block between the highlighted Census Block and Via del Rey is entirely in Los Altos.”



CC: Council; cm; CA; CCC; Reference Binder; Original to 9/20/17 Addl Docs

Additional Material
AGENDA ITEM # 25
9/20/17 City Council Mtg.

Anthony Mejia

From: Ron Rosen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 5:55 PM
To: Anthony Mejia; Michael Cacciotti - Personal; Marina Khubesrian; Dr. Richard Schneider - Personal; Diana Mahmud; Bobby; Elaine Aguilar
Subject: District Election Maps: West Side of Meridian Avenue

Dear Council, City Manager, City Clerk:

One the maps that were passed out on Saturday, September 16, there's a label "Los Altos" on the west side of Meridian Avenue south of Monterey Road. I'm not sure where that designation comes from, but I've talked to some people, including a realtor. Most people think that "the Altos" is part of Monterey Hills as it comes up Via del Rey. The maps imply that "Los Altos" includes all the streets that come off of the south part of Meridian to the west, including Lyndon, Bank, Rollin, Braewood, Gillette Crescent, Summit, Wolford, and Bonita. I live on Wolford. I don't think anyone who lives on those streets knows them as "the Altos." I think that needs to be cleared up. There is a hill between the area I just described and Via del Rey to the west. The hill divides the two areas: the west side of Meridian and Monterey Hills. Those two areas have nothing in common.

The west side of Meridian has much more in common with the east side of Meridian than anything further to the west. It's one street, in one neighborhood. It should not be a dividing line. This is why I favor the Blue map and strenuously object to all the other maps, which artificially divide this neighborhood that is on both sides of Meridian. People in apartments on the west side of Meridian park often their cars on the east side of Meridian and on other streets to the east, like Pine. My neighborhood looks like District 2 on the Blue map. It does not look like any other maps. People on the west side of Meridian have nothing to do with the people in Monterey Hills, which only looks adjacent to Meridian from an airplane, but is not connected to Meridian at all.

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Desiree Jimenez

From: Hughes, Kimberley [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 5:43 PM
To: City Clerk's Division
Subject: Council District Map Options

Dear Anthony and City of South Pasadena:

I was not able to attend Saturday's meeting, but wanted to voice my preference for "Blue" mapping option. In reviewing the four choices, I felt that this allocation of boundaries was the most equitable. It provides for the most overall input by the districts to key business, commerce and traffic areas. My reasoning is that the boundaries are such that for the main business street of Fair Oaks, the way the map is drawn the street touches 4 districts. The same is true with Mission and Fremont. This would provide for more overall participation in concerns and issues facing these key traffic and business streets.

I also feel that the districts better reflect the neighborhoods as compared to the other map options. I also feel that the way the districts are defined is a good distribution of the schools.

I am not in favor of the city having to change from its "at large" voting structure to a district system, but I understand that there is really no choice.

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my thoughts and thank you for your assistance.

Warmest Wishes,

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