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Subject: Written Redistricting-Related Comments for April 14, 2022
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Dear Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority Directors:

Thank you for listening to and reading my redistricting-related comments.

While Plan C3 has improvements relative to Plan C2, Plan C3 is flawed such that it should not be adopted as the SCVOSA's redistricting plan for the next ten years.

At present the Japantown neighborhood is completely in District 3. Both San José State University's main campus and its South Campus are completely in District 6. Both the areas of the Hellyer-Christopher Neighborhood Association and the Seven Trees Neighborhood Association are completely in District 7.

With Plan C3 the Japantown neighborhood would be divided between Districts 3 and 6. San José State University's main campus and its South Campus would be divided between Districts 6 and 7, respectively. Both the areas of the Hellyer-Christopher Neighborhood Association and the Seven Trees Neighborhood Association would be divided between Districts 1 and 7. The Willow Glen Neighborhood Association's current area would not be in one district.

At present District 7 has an Asian majority and is approximately 33.7% Hispanic.

With Plan C3 District 7's Hispanic percentage would be four percentage points lower; the Asian and Hispanic CVAP percentages would be 1.4 and 3.4 percentage points lower, respectively.

Thus, Plan C3 is a flawed plan which not be adopted.

Plans 1B1, 1B2, and 3A1

Plans 1B1 and 1B2 are my two preferred 2022 SCVOSA redistricting plans.

Plan 3A1 is my third preferred 2022 SCVOSA redistricting plan.

With each of Plans 1B1, 1B2, and 3A1 the Japantown neighborhood would be completely in one district; San José State University's main campus and its South Campus (with the possible exception of census block 1011 of census tract 5031.22; if this census block is part of San José State University's South Campus, Mr. Chaffee could easily add it to District 6) would be completely in District 6; both the areas of the Hellyer-Christopher Neighborhood Association and the Seven Trees Neighborhood Association would be completely in District 7. The current area of the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association would be completely in District 5.

With Plans 1B1, 1B2, and 3A1 District 7 would be an Asian majority district; its adjusted-2020 Census Hispanic percentage would be 33.6%

While I would prefer that District 7 not extend to the Santa Clara County-Stanislaus County border, the Board may prefer that District 7 extend to the Santa Clara County-Stanislaus County border even if District 7's Hispanic percentage is lowered by four to five percentage points.

Plans 2C1 and 2E1

With Plans 2C1 and 2E1 the Japantown neighborhood would be completely in one district; San José State University's main campus and its South Campus (with the possible exception of census block 1011 of census tract 5031.22; if this census block is part of San José State University's South Campus, Mr. Chaffee could easily add it to District 6) would be completely in District 6; the area of the Seven Trees Neighborhood Association would be completely in District 1; the current area of the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association would be completely in District 5.

In regards to the division between Districts 1 and 7 both Plans 2C1 and 2E1 do a better job factoring in language spoken at home than Plan C3.

Plans 1B1 and 1B2 are my two preferred 2022 SCVOSA redistricting plans.

Plan 3A1 is my third preferred 2022 SCVOSA redistricting plan.

However, any of Plans 2B1, 2B2, 2C1, 2C2, 2E1, 2E2, or 3A2 would be preferable to Plan C3.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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