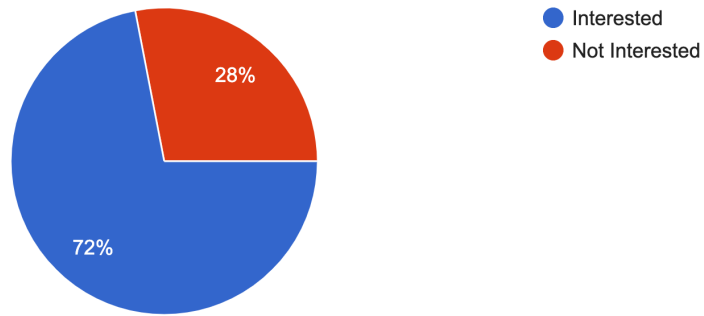# 4th Community Survey
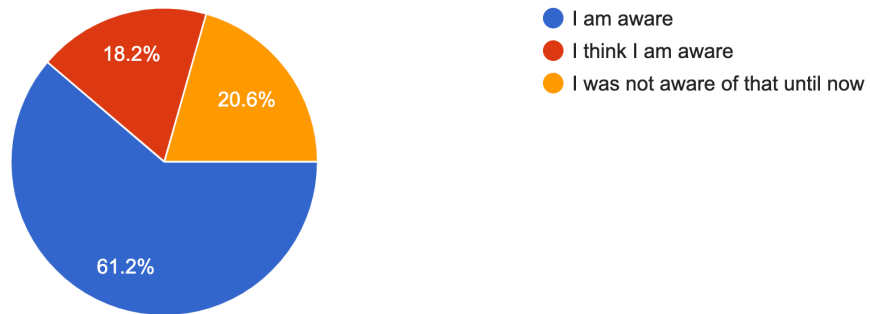## Input on Six (6) Draft Map Scenarios
## November 2021

Are you interested in providing feedback on the creation of By Trustee Area Maps or is that not an interest for you. If you mark "Not interested" you are done but still helped us.

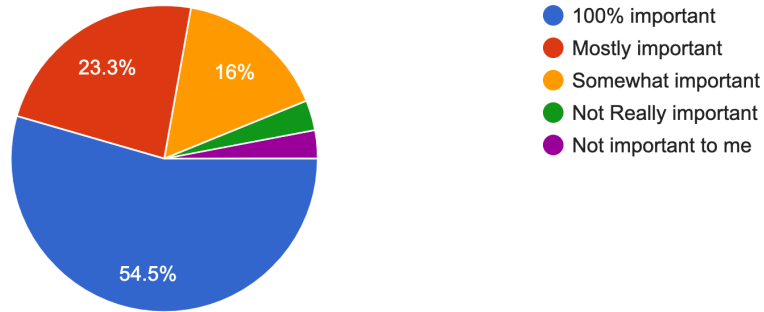592 responses

- ● Interested
- ● Not Interested

72%

28%

Are you aware NUSD is one of the most integrated communities in the nation?

544 responses

- ● I am aware
- ● I think I am aware
- ● I was not aware of that until now

18.2%

20.6%

61.2%

**What degree does having all NUSD neighborhoods and/or school communities represented with the Board of Trustees matter to you?**

536 responses



- 100% important
- Mostly important
- Somewhat important
- Not Really important
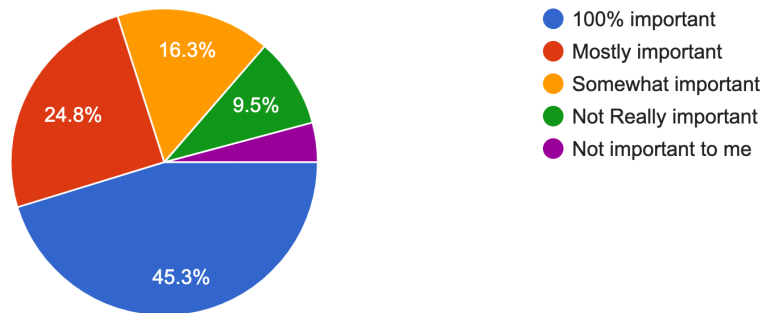- Not important to me

23.3%  16%  54.5%

Not Really important (green) - 3.2%
Not Important to me (purple) - 3%

**Does having a strong likelihood of 2 predominately South Natomas Trustee Areas matter to you to make sure all students and communities are represented?**
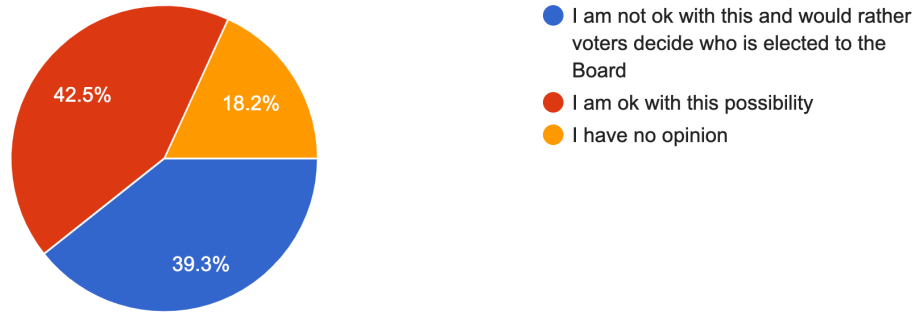
528 responses



- 100% important
- Mostly important
- Somewhat important
- Not Really important
- Not important to me

16.3%  24.8%  9.5%  45.3%
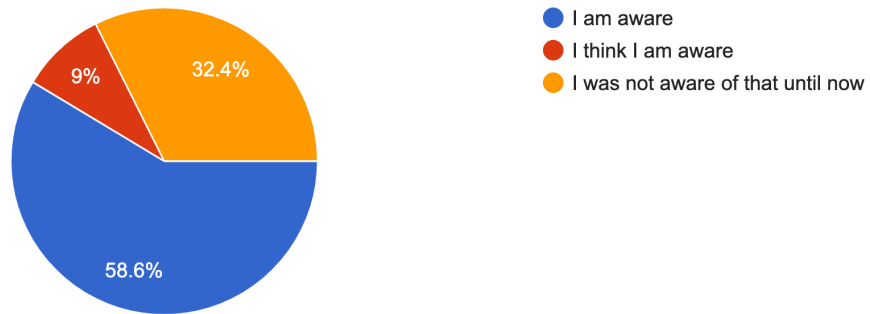
Not important to me (purple) - 4.2%

Are you okay if two Trustees cannot run again in 2022 because a map may be chosen that forces two incumbents off the Board until they can run again in 2024?

534 responses

- I am not ok with this and would rather voters decide who is elected to the Board
- I am ok with this possibility
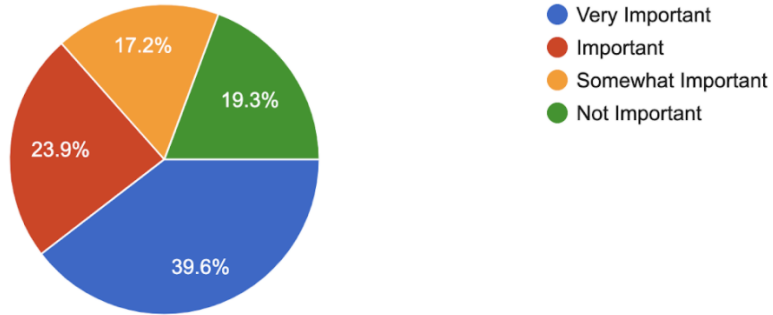- I have no opinion

42.5%

18.2%

39.3%

Are you aware that some of Natomas is served by the Twin Rivers School District and not all of Natomas is within Natomas Unified?

534 responses

- I am aware
- I think I am aware
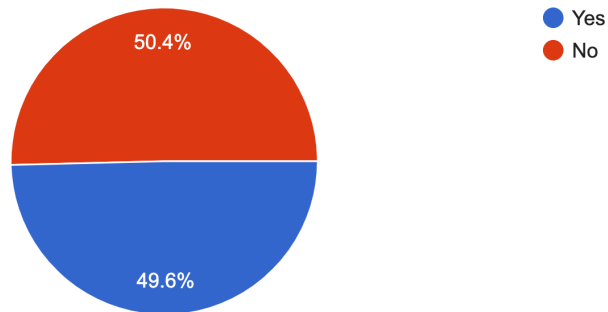- I was not aware of that until now

9%

32.4%

58.6%

All maps except Map E allow for every Trustee area to have a Trustee representing each area by the next election (2022). Either South Natomas, Southwest Natomas, or Heron/Creekside/et al. would have to wait until 2024 with Map E. How important is it to you to have all five areas represented by 2022?
528 responses



- Very Important
- Important
- Somewhat Important
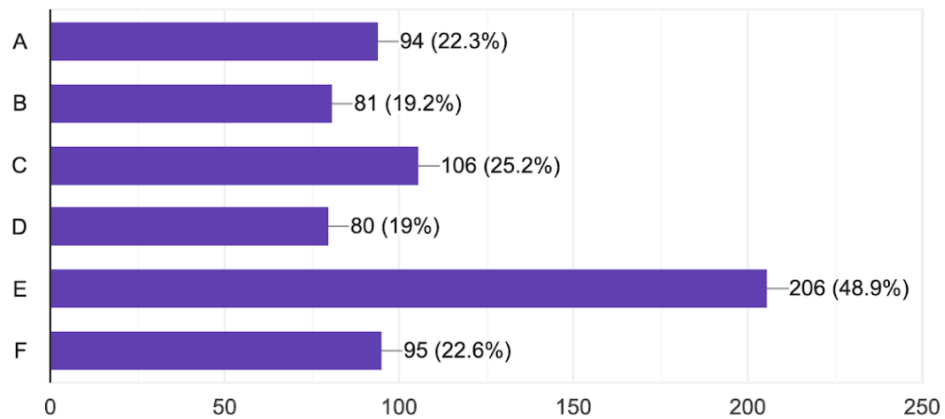- Not Important

17.2%
19.3%
23.9%
39.6%

Have you looked at the 6 maps proposed to reorganize the Natomas Unified School Board (this is required to be considered by federal and state law every decade)?
526 responses



- Yes
- No

50.4%
49.6%

Please click on the hyperlink at the end of this question to look at the draft maps, which will open in a new tab. Then pick which one(s) you feel best represent the function of Natomas Unified - serving its students and school communities. You can choose more than one. View draft maps here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MmGDuHvhPBewUPrQpuhKqzAbXXLCglKq

421 responses



**If you want, please tell us why we chose the map(s) you did**
163 responses

If you want, please tell us why we chose the map(s) you did
The Two Rivers/Leroy Greene neighborhood in which I live is not lumped in with a far North Natomas Area in E and F maps. I'd rather our area be grouped with other S Natomas sections or the Witter area only. I feel that the North area would likely take precedence, and the North area is already over-represented. My area would be ignored.
none... some areas like south natomas do not have represasantation
It is important that all areas within NUSD have a representative from that area. It is unsettling that 3 current board members all live within 1 map area. I don't feel like they can truly represent South Natomas' unique needs and values.
It seems to spread out representation more.
I honestly haven't a clue what this is about
The blatant gerrymandering of Trustee Area Lines in plans A-D is not a good look.

The areas the freeways divide are different--following those lines as much as possible makes sense.

Also, while Trustee Area #5 is currently within size, it is the are with the most potential for growth. Having that area divided in two, as in plan E, ensures the growing population will be represented.

I haven't lived here long enough to have a strong opinion. Will hope the voters will decide.

Even divide region not by population

Seems like a more even distribution of trustees to residents

A, B, and D appear nearly the same, the differences are very subtle. E seems more geographically even. In addition, we, personally, are in the Twin Rivers area (had to do intra district transfer) and would much rather be moved to Natomas USD. But the maps don't appear to include our address, therefore, this doesn't really apply to our residence.

It's unclear

Map c doesn't split my school American lakes into two trustee areas

Lisa Kaplan area is too big.

Map C maintains communities and school boundaries, has the least variance in representation, and gives the voters the most choice in electing their representatives.

Geography Keeping neighborhoods whole. However I think voters should decide for their area so would recommend special election in 2022 for the area with 3 board members

I am against splitting up the district into Trustee Areas. We should be able to vote the BEST candidates in regardless of what area of Natomas they live in. I feel like this is a ploy to keep certain board members on the board based on the location of their home address.

Equality

This seems to best represent the communities I know in natomas.

Most looks like Natomas. There are 3 trustees in Westlake, which is not fair.

Population appears most evenly spread

it was the first choice

It makes easy to divide the areas

I believe this gives South Natomas the best chance at 2 reps and it puts the Natomas HS with a South Natomas rep because that's where it is. And it makes sense and meets the criteria.

Continuity in geographic representation

Map F was not included in the docs in the link and that's why I didn't vote for it (but based on the explanation in the letter sounds like a good proposal). I chose B and C because those seem to have the population more evenly distributed among the areas, and most areas are represented with the exception of Area 2.

Only reasonable option.

the people in the seats is more important to me than where they live. We currently have trustees living in the North, who care about south-area kids, there are others who don't care about south area kiddos. Hearts are more important to me than boundaries

(1) Scenario E is the only option that doesn't divide communities in numerous ways as the other options do. I support this option. (2) Scenarios A, B, and C appear to be gerrymandered to optimize the number of districts to be drawn from the Westlake Community where three members currently reside in close proximity to each other. (3) Scenario D unnecessarily divides River Oaks. (4) My neighborhood has no connection to Westlake and I do not support any map that lumps together a portion of River Oaks with Westlake.

Because where current trustees live has no bearing on how trustee areas should be drawn.

I choose none of the above. These maps do not have the language data included that should be a part of making a majority/minority trustee area map. Further, each map has flaws that do not take into account natural communities, HOA boundaries and areas of growth.

N/A

Protecting incumbents is a silly reason to draw a map. If they're that good, voters will reelect them again in the next election.

This is the most fair distribution of populations, allows room for growth and doesn't create a protected seat area for Kaplan.

I am in South Natomas so it makes little difference, but Map C keeps South Natomas whole more than the other maps.

F creates a better balance of schools per area.

It seems to be a more even distribution

I thought each trustee had to represent every child in Natomas - so why can't 3 districts touch South Natomas forcing whomever the elected is represent ALL of Natomas. Also, I don't really like the above choices because each one doesn't address the significant difference in which districts have more apartments or residences in them - looks like one area has only 19% apartments but another has over 40%. Shouldn't this matter? I thought the district looked at equity and putting more apartments in districts in South Natomas doesn't look good for promoting equity.

Divides southwest Natomas in a way that makes the most sense.

Districts best represent neighborhoods.

This would represent my neighborhood. My children's school is not in South Natomas so I dont feel the needs are the same as a North Natomas school.

I selected A since I believe it leaves the least vacant area for representation. However, I am also new to learning about this, so I could be wrong and hope this is helpful. I also believe that healthy, legal, competitive elections, even with long standing candidates,

can be beneficial for the organization at hand, and the community. My thought was A would represent those who may need to be represented the most and bring a new light or ideas to the table based on experience and/or preference to serve the district and community.

It is the best representative of the communities

This map gives the best representation for ALL Natomas students. If I had to give a second choice it would be F. Equal representation sooner than later.

I think the line for area 2 should stop at the freeway. Area 1 should include the additional school. We obviously want representation as soon as possible but really Area 4's interests are likely covered by area 3 or 5, so two more years is not terrible since it is no different than now where it does not matter where trustees live. Map F appears to cut a neighborhood in half and the trustee lives on the "north" side while largely representing the south. This seems to be what we are trying to fix by making these changes. The district letter does not seem fair to say that Map E is unacceptable.

The cultural distribution in each district seemed more evenly spread out, so if one district was dropped off, the map was still well representative of Natomas residents.

Makes the most sense going forward, no weirdly crossing freeway boundaries.

This survey is not very scientific. It is also clearly biased against map E. Why is that? Didn't the demographer draw this map?

Who wrote these insanely biased questions? Don't you have a demographer?

What's important to me is unrelated to the incumbents. Trustee areas must be fair, unbiased and represent minorities in an equal way. Your questions are terribly worded with bias.

Areas are not split

I think it is best representation. Some maps appear to gerrymander districts.

It's all natomas

I didn't pick a map- I don't understand why my neighborhood- regency park- is only 1/2 in the school district. Why draw a line in the middle of a subdivision? Why isn't regency park part of NUSD?

Not really sure, I thinks it gives a better futuristic view of where the growth of Natomas is heading and how it ca be better served, since we are a the most integrated communities in the nation Trustees should not represent a specific area, they should represent all of Natomas and Serve all the needs and necessities of its constituents as ONE.

I do not reside in the map areas, but I feel all students should be represented. I do not know which map best does this.

I chose F because it seemed a little odd to have a member represent a portion of South Natomas and the West Lake neighborhood. The other four maps seemed similar so I choose A as another option.

Its good

It's weird that a map was added which doesn't appear to be from a member of the community. I would like to see any maps proposed by the public also posted on the website, not just in the public comment section.

This map gives greater representation for every area.

Only maps that don't appear to be gerrymandered around sitting trustees' residences (which should not be a factor in the mapping process).

Random. Stupid survey!

I think it matches current school assignments/boundaries. So I think if trustees were to represent areas, it would make sense that they'd be clustered by school boundaries of the area

Gerrymandering around three current incumbents seems irresponsible.

No map appears ideal, it would be nice to use map C as a base and adjust to have equal representation of apartments vs residences in each district

I don't think any of them best serve its students. I disagree with the school system except Charter schools.

Please give more explanation of each outcome & make user friendly. My education and work experience did not prepare me for maps & scenarios sent as if I'm a trustee nor on the board. I'm a pretty smart cookie but I'm sure I'm not alone in saying: Toggling btwn screens of maps and scenarios makes no sense to those not in your field of expertise and seems time consuming to google what this and that mean. I'd suggest opening sports and extra curriculars to all students at all schools (including charters) if Mr. Evans would like to gain the attention of ALL parents and tax payers within the district (particularly those parents and tax payers that "hung in there" during the recession (pre Chris Evans in his current role).

The geography makes more sense on that map. It doesn't make sense to have such large geographic areas. It's actually counterproductive to have such large areas because they are vastly different.

The boundary lines make sense to utilize the main roads and freeways as boundary lines.

I am in the purple section (non-gated Westlake) and do not want to be separated from my neighborhood nor do I want the area too big.

Map C divides the schools between the district areas and is the best start. Also, I don't like any of the maps because it doesn't take into account single homes vs. apartments and we can still divide the schools more evenly in the areas. There's too many schools in some and too few in others. Also, it doesn't account for growth in the arena area due to the recent news story and growth in the pink and blue areas in the future. I don't appreciate having less time to figure this out since these are the people who will represent us in the future and we are stuck with these maps for a while! What analysis is

being done with maps that residents are submitting? Are you replying to those maps? I didn't add my email because I don't want my kids retaliated against at their school.

Most even distribution of population and only one area without a trustee at this time.

Looks like student population is balanced best in this map.

same trustee on all the maps

no

None really , think current system is okay 3 trustees live in populated North Natomas son't know why we would pit them against each other that's who voters picked

Map C is the most evenly divided based on purely population numbers, thus seems equal for all areas in my opinion.

Meh. Your maps and data sent tell me you were unprepared and caught off guard. It's going to be difficult to rally the troops for those of us who have paid all the taxes for 20+ years rallied & barely got to keep schools open during the recession. Suggestion for Mr. Evans: instead of academic political surveys sent, send a survey to every teacher, employee, student and parent within the district over the past 5-10 years to get a beat (pulse) on the districts' performance. I've heard there's been a huge turnover NPE due to the lack of organization and the constant changes in leadership...good luck & god speed (but if that vibe continues: we're abandoning Natomas to avoid the HUGE loss of equity and neighborhood dynamics that this community has had for over 20 yrs).

More diverse

Best

The inclusion of Westpark with North Natomas Park in Trustee

Most equitable

They are the most fairly represented

Looked at maps, looks like a lot analysis is required to figure out who is doing what to whom

Makes the most geographic sense, and is the most fair to the community. It follows the law, and does not gerrymander current trustees or any other irrelevant things.

smaller

My #1: Map 3 will finally give South Natomas constituents equitable representation in the governance of this district. I've worked in SoNat since 1997. This is LONG overdue.

Others: Most equitable way to have all constituents represented; these splits make sense geographically and community - wise.

A, B, and C are gerrymandered to help the incumbents. Yuck.

I am most concerned that the maps and representatives clearly represent the populations in the district. I am a little confused at the details of the maps so I didn't choose any. I am a white person and I feel very strongly that the kids in our district and all of their cultures and relative concerns and needs should be represented and

considered. I want my kid to be exposed to as much diversity as we can bring him and I want every kid to feel that they have the same chance at learning as the next. This world needs diversity and we need to take full advantage of the diversity that we have in our district.

I don't like how Natomas Park West is divided in A. Honestly, our children go to a charter school outside our immediate area no matter how it's sliced, so I'm not sure that any of this makes a personal difference to us. I just want to see more equal representation across the whole district, especially since the children at our kids' school (NP3) come from all over the district.

Mostly even and level from a stacked perspective.

I think the boundaries are clean and clear. No gerrymandering.

I feel like map E best represents South Natomas and the older areas of Natomas.

B seems to more equitably distribute power across income levels. C seems to accomplish a similar goal, but perhaps less effectively.

Keeps a strong South Natomas area

Although I don't feel entirely educated about the situation, those maps seem to ensure representation.

Nearly every section is represented.

I don't like any of them. I trust the e educated trustee that get to the board to serve all Natomas

I would like to see every area represented well.

Would like for the North Natomas area to be sheltered

I would like for north Natomas to stay intact

Best representation

Best representation with less cutting important demographics

Population balanced, and the areas are arranged logically - using natural boundaries such as the expressway when practical.

I used to work at Bannon Creek and I think someone who lives in that area needs to help make decisions for that area.

No

I have worked in south natomas schools and see the importance of the our schools being represented by all school board members in the north or south.

It had the fewest breaks in the middle of a neighborhood and kept a good number of the current school board members.

Map E appears to provide the most diversity based on housing types. It avoids diluting the voice of voters in apartments. Ensuring socioeconomic diversity on the Board helps ensure all kids' needs are met and all voices are heard.

Visually it appears to cover equal areas and as we build more homes we do need to consider that.

It's more representative of the areas that should have Trustees that actually know their particular community's needs. Having three trustees from the Westlake area is probably why our highest poverty school communities are IB instead of AVID...they have no idea what the actual needs of American Lakes, Bannon Creek and Jefferson elem students are.

Evenly distributed

Seems simpler and makes the denser areas smaller.

I liked all the maps

It's very clarity for my side

Seems like the best grouping

This should have never happened in the first place.

Evenly divided.

I don't feel I am knowledgeable enough about the boundaries to answer this question.

I just feel it should be fair and equal distribution.

Every one needs to be represented.

It seems to have a more equal concentration of neighborhoods in each section.

Looks more even

Too many choices and too confusing.

Need more representation from different areas and socioeconomic status. Trustees have served for too long and have become complacent and "yes men." Need trustees who are going to question more and who go out into the community and listen to the needs of the community and what is best for the students who reside in the community.

I didn't because I did not exactly understand what I was looking at

I like E for shared and concentrated focus.

I like F for it's directed focus and both for covering entire NUSD mapping and not leaving open areas slated for 2024.

Note: that's if I am reading it right?

Why do all 6 maps split up the Natomas Park Neighborhood. It is insulting that there was not one map that did not devide our neighborhood and weaken our influence. We do not have a representative currently on the board.

Provided areas with more representation.

I don't understand what the maps are showing me

South Natomas needs representation. This socioeconomic discrimination and bias has existed on the board for decades.

E looks like it gives more representation to South Natomas. The others look like disenfranchisement of the South Natomas community by splitting their representation with the North

the representation is the most spread out

More representation

South Natomas NEEDS REPRESENATION AND ALL AREAS NEED TO BE BROKEN UP AS EVENLY AS POSSIBLE!!

Based on the knowledge I have and read, that is what I think is the best choice.

I really didn't the way any were district but Mario D was the closest. I don't believe that North Natomas and by the River should be in the same district but I do agree with other neighborhoods for the most part. I do not believe the three reps in three same area should be in different boundaries. They are all in the same boundary as far as I am concerned. Also Erika does not represent South if 80 for South Natomas. That area needs it's own rep. We are really underserved in this area.

I didn't really understand the maps so didn't chose.

It spreads the current trustees out most equitably to represent all areas of Natomas

With the opportunity of a trustee living in each particular area it would provide more diversity and knowledge in regards to that specific area with the trustee living in that area. The three trustees currently living in one area but trying to represent an area they do not live in, does not provide first hand knowledge of the needs in that area. Diversity is having a represented who lives in the particular area represented.

no idea

I choose these two maps (E and F) because they seem to ensure the best representation of our students and their families. The demographics seems most balanced and cohesive in both of these maps.

Best geographical representation

It appears to be the most equitable scenario.

We live in Davis, but I wanted to answer this to indicate that inclusion of all types of diversity is one thing that drew us here. DJUSD suffers greatly from a lack of such!

Please do not divide the district. To many Chief's not enough Indians

Most balanced and most fair for the community as a whole.

Most time spent crafting and based on community feedback

being a resident of North Natomas for 16 years and teaching at NUSD for 15, I see the inequity in the other maps. I know the neighborhoods and have worked in 5 of our schools. I know the people and my community well and have. history here and care about what happens to the people who they represent.

Unable to open attachments.

I feel that all of these maps have issues that need to be considered and dealt with. I would like more information about the house to apartment ratio on these maps as it does make a difference in equity. I like map C because it allows for me to be able to vote for the trustee and I am not just going to be told who it is. The whole point of this process is to be able to vote for a trustee that I feel will represent my community well. That will be taken away in all of the other options. I also liked map F because it appears

to have a more equitable division and the boundaries seem to take into consideration for future growth (upper westside project). However, this map would mean that I would lose the ability to vote for my trustee and that is not something that I would give up willingly.

We have on trustees from South Natomas and this map seems best at including the earlier Natomas residents in south and west Natomas.

Map E best represent the Natomas Community as a whole.

I don't think we should be basing the decision on whether or not the board gets to keep their job; I think the most important thing is that our students and families are represented.

This maps is more equitable and makes sense for representation.

More targeted representation and school based orientation.

Most representative.

I am in favor of any map that is equitable, fair and doesn't leave three representatives in Westlake.

More even areas

It seems the fairest way to divide the district for kids.

Although these seem like they will make for challenging elections in the short term, they seem to make long term sense.

NTA recommendation

South Natomas is an extremely underrepresented and high needs area and we need people who live in our community on the school board so we have a voice. People think they understand our community but don't actually live in it and know.

Puts my neighborhood and its schools with similar neighborhoods and schools.

Map E areas are drawn with respect to boundaries that make sense to our community.