

November 17, 2021 eComment

ITEM X.a. - Public Hearing - California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) Map Adoption Public Hearing

#1 - Mindy Walker

Hello,

I would like to provide feedback on the options available for the new Trustee Areas. After reviewing the Options C,E and F believe option E makes the most sense and should be adopted. This breakdown accurately reflects the neighborhoods within our Natomas Community.

Thank you,

Mindy Walker

#2 - Michael Ferguson

With respect, there does not appear to be a rational basis for the top center triangle of Map C that carefully navigates around the residences of existing trustees. Maps C raises significant concerns, as other stakeholders have noted, and for this reason it should be summarily rejected, or amended to place the "Westlake Triangle" squarely within District 5. The integrity of the Board, past, present, and future, mandate such a result.

Sincerely, Michael Ferguson

#3 - Navpreet Gill

Dear board of trustees,

My name is Navpreet Gill and I am a resident of the Natomas area, in Sacramento CA. As a member of the Punjabi-American community living in Natomas, I would like to extend my support towards Map F, as this map allows for a greater and more fair representation of the Punjabi community living in Natomas within the Natomas Unified School District Board.

I hope you will consider this request and adopt Map F. Thank you!

Best,

Navpreet Gill, MPH

#4 - Roop Singh

Dear Board of Trustees,

My name is Roop Singh and I am a resident of the Natomas Area, in Sacramento CA. As a member of the Punjabi-American Community living in Natomas, I would like to extend my support towards MAP F, as this Map allows for a greater and fairer representation of the Punjabi Community living in Natomas within the Natomas Unified School District Board.

Hope you will consider this request and adopt Map F.

Thank you,

Roop Singh

#5 - Sachiko Konatsu (on behalf of the Natomas Community Association)

Map E is supported by the Natomas Community Association as it is the only map that ensures equity for voters. In addition, the voting sequencing does not matter and can be changed to suit the needs of the voters in the open areas. Since we have always had a year where there were 3 open seats the years can be altered by the board to meet the needs of the community. This has taken too long for the parents and voters to have representation in South Natomas.

Sachiko Konatsu

NCA Preident

#6 - Sachiko Konatsu

The Natomas community Association is in support of map E as this is the only map that ensures equity for the voters of Natomas. In addition, the sequencing of seats can easily be changed to meet the needs of the newly created

vacancies. Due to the change these seats can be switched as needed to meet the needs of the community.

Sachiko Konatsu

NUSD Parent

#7 - Carlos Alcala

Hello Natomas Board,

Thank you for receiving my opinion. I support Map E as the most Democratic solution for single member Districts in Natomas. Map E creates a Black /Latino majority district that will be most representative of South Natomas.

Carlos Alcala

Chair Chicano Latino Caucus, California Democratic Party*

President Northern California Latino Democratic Club

· Title for identification purposes only

#8 - Andrew Jones

Good Afternoon,

I am a teacher in NUSD and I ask that you choose Map E as it is the most equitable representation of under-served communities.

Thank you,

Andrew Jones

#9 - John Virtue

As an educator in this district I feel Map E is the most equitable of the options.

#10 - Tyler Heminger

Hello,

My name is Tyler Heminger and I am a teacher in the Natomas Unified School District. I believe that Map E is the best choice for the new district map for election purposes. Please take this email as my vote for Map E.

Thank you

Tyler Heminger

#11 - Sean Hanners

I am a teacher a Natomas Unified and I support Map E.

Thanks.

#12 - Sean Cox

I am a teacher in Natomas Unified and I believe that Map E is the most equitable to best have all parts of Natomas represented.

Shawn Cox

#13 - Erin Juneau

I am a teacher in Natomas Unified and I want to share input that Map E is the best choice for our district.

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Erin Juneau

Visual Arts Educator

Leroy Greene Academy || NUSD

#14 - Daniel Lingenfelter

I'm a teacher and know that equity is really important in representation for educational purposes.

I feel Map E would be the best option.

Sincerely,

Dan Lingenfelter

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Mr.L - Dan Lingenfelter

Leroy Greene Academy

Performing Arts Department

#15 - Michael Bradford

Please vote for Map E. It's the most equitable representation of under-served communities.

Thank you.

#16 - Sage Knutson

I am a teacher in NUSD and Map E is the most equitable map for proper representation for all our students.

The gerrymandering has to stop.

#17 - Kellen Miller

I am a teacher in NUSD and Map E is the most equitable map for proper representation for all our students.

Stop gerrymandering for board seats, actually have people who live in the neighborhoods represent their/our students

#18 - Mary Neese

I'm a teacher within Natomas Unified and think that Map E is the most equitable representation of under-served communities.

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Mary Neese :)

she/they

Math Teacher

Leroy Greene Academy

#19 - Amy Bostick

I am a teacher in Natomas and believe that Map E is the most equitable map to represent the Natomas community.

Ms. Amy Bostick

#20 - Carl Siegel

Dear School Board,

I am a teacher with Natomas, and I believe that Map E is the only acceptable choice to be sure our community is represented.

Thank you,

Mr. Siegel

#21 - Ross Roadruck

Hello,

As a teacher in Natomas Unified School District, I am writing to support the adoption of Map E for the Board By-Area Elections.

Map E represents the most equitable representation of under-served communities in the district and I urge the district to continue to pursue their message of equity.

Thank you,

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Ross Roadruck

#22 - Kristy Coehn

I vote for Map E.

Map E is currently the most equitable representation for our students and their families throughout ALL of Sacramento.

Thank you for your time.

Kristy Cohen

LGA

#23 - Shawna Fadden

I am a teacher and I feel it is important that all areas are represented on the board, south Natomas is and has been underrepresented for a long time. Map E is the most equitable as making sure all areas of Natomas are represented fairly and appropriately.

Shawna Fadden

Leroy Greene Academy

Business Teacher

Varsity Softball Coach

sfadden@natomasunified.org

#24 - Ben Wickenden

Hello,

My name is Ben Wickenden, I am a teacher at LGA. I believe that map E is the most acceptable.

#25 - Magen Ayres

I am a NUSD MOTHER OF 3.I support map E. We want and NEED TRUE Representation!

#26 - Rina Thiara

Dear Board of Trustees,

My name is Ranjot and I am a resident of Natomas. I am writing you today in support of Map F for the Natomas Unified School District Board redistricting. As a Punjabi-American living in Natomas, who has nieces and nephews who will soon be attending schools within NUSD, I truly believe Map F gives a chance for my Punjabi community to have fairer and a more accurate representation within our school district. A large portion of students within the Natomas Unified School District are of Punjabi background, sharing the same cultural, linguistic and historical background, and as such it is a must that the new maps that are adopted for the school district ensure this sort of representation.

More and more Punjabi families are moving from other parts of California like the Bay Area into Natomas, and this type of increase will certainly continue in the upcoming years. With this sort of influx, there are going to be more students from Punjabi background that will need a more robust support by the school district board. Adopting Map F paves the way for this sort of support in the future and I sincerely hope that you will consider my request.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Warmly,

Ranjot

#27 - Manjeet Thiara

Dear Board of Trustees,

My name is Manjit and I am a resident of Natomas. I am writing you today to voice my support for Map F for the Natomas Unified School District Board. As a Punjabi-American who has grandchildren currently attending NUSD schools, Map F allows for a fairer and more accurate representation for my kids.

I hope you will consider my request, and adopt Map F.

Best Regards,

Manjit

#28 - Chatenveer Singh

Dear Board of Trustees,

My name is Chatenveer and I am writing you in support of Map F. As a Punjabi-American and resident of Natomas, I believe Map F allows for a more accurate and fairer representation for children who come from a Punjabi background and attend NUSD.

I hope you will sincerely consider my request and adopt map F.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Chatenveer

#29 - Jasvir Kaur

Dear Board of Trustees,

My name is Jasvir and I am writing in support of Map F. I am Punjabi-American, resident of Natomas. I have grandchildren who currently enrolled in NUSD. Along my grandkids there are many other Punjabi families I know who have kids that attend the same schools as my grandchildren.

It is important our Punjabi children are given a fair and more accurate representation within the Natomas Unified School District Board and I believe Map F allows for that.

I hope you will consider my request and adopt Map F.

Thank you,

Jasvir

#30 - Angela Herring

Good Evening Board Members,

My name is Angela E. Herring and I am a parent, resident and a social justice advocate. I submitted my public comment at the last board meeting on November 8th, for my vote to be casted for Map E and I wish to submit my public comment for this board meeting for Map E again.

I appreciate the words of Trustee Lisa Kaplan

“...I believe as trustees we should not be approving anything that takes away the voter's ability to choose trustees, but I'm also here to listen...”

I request that all of the board members listen to the residents and parents of Natomas that have participated in this process, not take away or infringe on the voting process and what they feel is best for Natomas Unified School District.

I also appreciate the words of Trustee Micah Grant as well when he stated, That he was

“...open minded about Map C, but there appears to be from my perspective and maybe the public perspective, I don't want to give off the appearance of a gerrymander...”

Unfortunately, one of the maps presented, Map C, visibly represents an example of the distasteful and disrespectful tradition of gerrymandering.

Map E that was presented by the board reflects the least number of inequities. As I have stated in my previous public comment, I will state again that Map E highlights the diversity of the communities of South and North Natomas, equitable school boundaries, and provides a trustee seat or two located in the district, which will truly reflect and represent what makes up Natomas Unified School Board.

Thank you for taking my public comments into consideration.

Angela E. Herring

"I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept." —Angela Davis

#31 - Heather Fargo

Dear Chair and Trustees:

I am writing again to offer my **full support for Scenario E** for future trustee areas. It is the only map of the 3 left that offers South Natomas residents a fair shot at fair representation in the future. Map C and F are drawn in ways that appear to violate the criteria. On the other hand Map E respects neighborhood and community boundaries, creates compact and contiguous areas, follows natural and manmade, and conforms with the Voters Right Act.

Thank you for considering my comments. Since my last letter was not shared with you during the last meeting, I am including it again today.

Sincerely,

Heather Fargo

South Natomas Resident

On Oct 27, 2021, at 1:31 PM, Heather Fargo <h-fargo@comcast.net> wrote:

Dear Chair and Trustees:

I am writing to support Scenario/Map E for the new NUSD trustee areas.

I believe it best meets the criteria for fair representation of all areas of the district. It respects neighborhood and community boundaries, creates compact and contiguous areas, follows natural and manmade, conforms with the Voters Right Act, and establishes trustee areas within the 10% deviation limit.

Maps A-C clearly violate the criteria and should be rejected out right. Map D is a possibility but not as good for South Natomas residents as Map E.

I want to thank you the Board for committing to this change to create trustee areas. I appreciate each of your efforts on behalf of the students of Natomas, and recognize that this change is personally difficult for you. Establishing trustee areas is what is best for the overall community. Thank you for doing this.

Sincerely,

Heather Fargo

South Natomas resident