

November 8, 2021 eComment

ITEM IV - Public Hearing - CVRA Map Consideration Public Hearing #2

#1 - Dharía McGrew

Dear Natomas Unified Trustees -

As a resident and parent in South Natomas, I am writing to comment on the proposed school maps. Despite the creation of new Map Option F dated 11/1/21, Map C remains the map that respects the natural boundaries of South Natomas, keeps our communities whole, and allows voters to have the most choice in their representatives moving forward. Additionally, Map C has far less variance in population than Maps D,E, or F. For these reasons I support Map C.

While I appreciated that an attempt was made to more equitably distribute the number of schools and still maintain integrity of Latinx and Black voting groups, this map does so at the expense of one school and one neighborhood. Map F is unacceptable because it quite obviously divides the American Lakes School neighborhood between two trustee areas, splitting representation of the neighborhood. Carving American Lakes into District 1 using Stonecreek Drive, the front door of the school itself, splits half the residents of the neighborhood off from the trustee district of their neighborhood school. This boundary clearly divides a low socioeconomic neighborhood away from the school they attend and will have an adverse impact on those families.

I urge your support for Map C.

thank you,
Dharía McGrew (she/her)
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#2 - Mario Guerrero

Greetings,

On behalf of Sacramento Stonewall Democrats of Greater Sacramento, I write in support of Map C. We believe that the district should adopt a map that allows voters to choose their trustees. Trustees should not decide which board members

retire. We also support possible alterations of the lines in Map C that promote equity in the wealth divide by making sure each trustee area has roughly the same percentage of residences vs. apartments.

We have concerns with maps D and E. Maps D & E promote wealth inequity between North and South Natomas because both Trustee areas 1 & 2 have a significant higher percentage of the population living in Apartments. Further, these maps remove the ability of the voters to choose who their elected representative should be and give the power to play politics to Board members to approve a map that automatically retires two experienced board members.

For the reasons stated above, we strongly urge the Trustees to adopt Map C or a slightly altered Map C (as described above).

best,

Mario Guerrero
President
Stonewall Democratic Club of Greater Sacramento

#3 - Rosalyn Bell

I wanted to correct my comment below, I do not support Scenario A (I read the maps out of order). I no longer have a second choice.

I support map D. Also, 3 trustees live in the Westlake area. That area is one area & should not be divided.

Roslyn Bell

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bell Family <thebells916@gmail.com>
Date: October 20, 2021 at 6:55:48 PM PDT
To: PUBLIC COMMENT <publiccomment@natomasunified.org>
Subject: Proposed Maps

I believe that Scenario A & D most reflect our community. While the district transitions to trustee-area, what happens when several trustees live in one area?

Roslyn Bell

#4 - Michael Ferguson

Do disparity and disproportionality really matter? It is time to honor this district core belief with action. Map E is the only map that truly empowers South Natomas, and allows it to have a substantive voice within the district. Let's inject this power-point platitude with life, and enact Map E for the future of our learners.

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Sincerely,

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#5 - Virginia FairAmitani

Dear Natomas Unified School Board:

I support Map E for the census redistricting.

Thank You

Virginia FairAmitani

#6 - Sandee Smith

Good Afternoon

Map F is the only appropriate map that legally meets all requirements. As a South Natomas resident of 35 plus years I'm offended at how we are being manipulated into Map E.

Sandee Smith

#7 - Helen James

Dearest Trustees,

I'm saddened that the survey didn't go until at least Nov 16, less that 24hours is ridiculous. I liked Map E but your board can't be trusted to make the best decisions. So, I must select Map F because it will cover all and seems to be cover all areas equally as possible as can be under these circumstances.

Sincerely,

Helen James (Bannon Creek Grandma)

#8 - Rob Schopen

I support Map E.

Thank you,

Rob Schopen

ELD Teacher on Assignment

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#9 - Natomas Black Parents United

We would like to see a map that is equitable to all residents of Natomas. With that in mind, we believe it is critical that South Natomas have two trustees.

Natomas Black Parents United.

#10 - Noel Mora

I support map E as it is the only map that supports Democracy and a true representative for South Natomas. I urge the NUSD board to do the right thing for the community and children of South Natomas. This process started 10 years ago, It is time for equity in South Natomas.

#11 - Jeff Bryan

Greetings,

I am a teacher at Natomas High School and after reviewing the various map proposals, I support Map E because it is the most representative and ensures long-term equity to a greater extent when compared to the other map choices. I want my students and their families to be fairly represented.

Thank you,

Jeff Bryan

#12 - Eric Branner

I want MAP F for SN

Eric Branner

#13 - A Smith

Hi, I'm a mother of four and the only map that makes sense is Map F!

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

I am commenting on the behalf of Natomas Community Association. We are in support of map E as it is the only map that gives South natomas true representation. We support map E as it is the only map that supports Democracy and a true representative for South Natomas. I urge the NUSD board to do the right thing for the community and children of South Natomas. This process started 10 years ago, It is time for equity in South Natomas.

Sachiko Konatsu

NCA President

#15 - Sachiko Konatsu

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Sachiko Konatsu

NUSD Parent

#16 - Angela Herring

I am a parent, resident as well as a social justice advocate in Natomas. My vote is for **Map E** since this map reflects the least number of inequities and will highlight the diversity of the communities of South and North Natomas. It is paramount to establish and maintain equitable school boundaries in Natomas.

I request for my three sentences to be read into the record.

Thank you,

Angela E. Herring