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Sacramento Redistricting Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting of June 27, 2011

a. **Correspondence**

1. Item 4 – Review Top Four Maps SR017, SR024, SR031 and SR035
 - a) Patty Kleinknecht - River District
 - b) Various Residents - Oak Park
 - c) Wendy Hoyt – Downtown Sacramento Partnership
 - d) Rick Bettis
 - e) Steve Johns – River Park N.Hood Association

b. **eComment**

1. None.



THE RIVER DISTRICT

June 22, 2011

Mr. Julius Cherry
Chair, Sacramento Redistricting Citizens Advisory Committee
c/o Scot Mende
300 Richards Boulevard, 3rd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95811

RE: Redistricting Maps

Dear Mr. Cherry,

Thank you for hearing my testimony regarding the five maps remaining under consideration by the SRCAC as of your June 20 meeting.

As I mentioned at the June 20 meeting, the **amended version of Map 30 supports our position** (we would not support Map 30 as originally drawn as it splits The River District and the Central City). We have **strong opposition to Map 31** for the following reasons:

- It splits The River District along North 12th Street;
- It separates The River District from the remainder of the Central City (our area shares more common interests with Downtown and the other Central City urban areas than with the neighborhoods of South Natomas, Northgate and Del Paso Heights);
- The American River and American River Parkway would act as a major geographic barrier, separating us from the remainder of the proposed district.

We might consider Map 31 if it was amended to include The River District with the Central City. As has been communicated, the position of The River District is to keep the Central City (as defined as the American River on the North, Business Highway 50 on the South, the Sacramento River on the West and Business Interstate 80 on the East) within a single Council District. In addition, as would follow from this position, we wish to keep The River District within one Council District. **Maps 17, 24 and 35, as drawn, support our position.**

Our comments on any of the maps are purely based on each map's ability to address our position for The River District and the Central City. The comments are not intended to advocate for or against any one map's ability to satisfy criteria supported by other neighborhood groups.

Our thanks to you and the members of the SRCAC for your careful consideration of the many neighborhoods and communities that have addressed your body.

Sincerely,

Patty Kleinknecht
Executive Director

As a point of clarification, The River District Boundaries are:

- Sacramento River on the West
- American River on the North
- Sutter's Landing Park on the East
- On the South the boundary follows the Railyards and North B St. to North 12th; then follows the UP Rail line for the most part to Sutter's Landing Park

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RE: Recommendations from Oak Park residents

Dear Committee Members,

As residents of Oak Park, we are writing to thank you for civic leadership over the past few months and to urge your support for the following concepts as you offer recommendations on district maps that will determine the political future of our community.

As you continue to narrow the list of proposed maps, we as residents of Oak Park strongly support the following principles:

- **Keep Oak Park whole.** While North, Central and South Oak Park are unique areas of our neighborhood, they are each a piece of what makes our neighborhood whole. We wish to move together a shared Oak Park agenda with our fellow residents.
- **Connect Oak Park to sister neighborhoods.** Many Oak Park residents have identified neighborhoods to the North and West as neighborhoods we want to emulate, as the types of progressive institutions, planning and design we want our community to adopt.
- **Garner the greatest amount of resources possible for our neighborhood.** Oak Park is a community in need, and on the cusp of some major changes that will challenge existing health and economic disparities. As residents, we think that by partnering Oak Park with more affluent neighborhoods, we can ensure this path towards culturally-sensitive growth takes place in our community.
- **Recognize Stockton Boulevard as the natural dividing line.** While most of us walk to the North and West of our neighborhood, we generally recognize Stockton Blvd as a boundary for most of our daily activities. In addition, many of us consider the businesses and institutions along Stockton Blvd to be part of Oak Park.

We respect the tough decisions you have ahead of you and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Denny McCarthy & Dennis Harris
3918 7th Ave.

Sara Fix & Jon Bowhay
4065 2nd Ave.

Ed Chandler
3756 6th Ave.

Stefan Fukushige Wenk & Akie F. Wenk
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Michael McFarland
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June 27, 2011

Mr. Julius Cherry and Members of the Citizens Redistricting Committee
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Subject: Reuniting the Central City

Dear Mr. Cherry and Members of the Citizens Redistricting Committee:

On behalf of the Downtown Sacramento Partnership (DSP) we thank you for your tireless work on the SRCAC. The committee has ensured that the process to redraw City Council districts in the City of Sacramento has been transparent, and you should be commended for the difficult work you have completed to date. Redistricting is a very technical issue that requires balancing the interests of the numerous communities of interest with the necessary legal requirements to create an equitable rebalancing of population within each Council District.

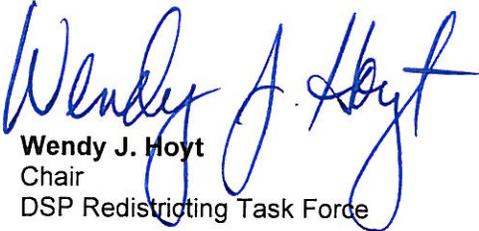
On May 9th the DSP submitted written correspondence and testified at the SRCAC meeting that any map considered by the SRCAC and the City Council needed to reunite the Central City into a single Council District to respect the common economic development, quality of life and policy issues that we share.

As this process begins to wrap up and you prepare to make your final recommendations to the Mayor and Council, we applaud that with the exception of Map SR031, the maps under consideration are consistent with the DSP's vision of a reunited Central City. Throughout this process, the importance of a united Central City has been widely supported and we are very pleased with the number of maps under consideration that reunite the Central City.

We continue to have serious concerns with Map SR031 as it slices the River District and a segment of the Railyards off from the remainder of the Central City. The success of the Central City lies directly in the ability to ensure these new growth areas are well connected to and complement the existing downtown grid and urban core. Without a cohesive voice and unified representation we risk moving down a path that further fragments downtown and threatens the long-term viability of recent public and private investments in the Central City.

On behalf of the DSP we thank you for your service to the residents of the City of Sacramento. We appreciate the thorough discussion over the last several months and urge any maps forwarded to the Mayor and Council include a cohesive Central City Council District.

Sincerely,



Wendy J. Hoyt
Chair
DSP Redistricting Task Force

CC: DSP Board of Directors
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Sacramento Redistricting Citizens Advisory Committee
June 27, 2011 Meeting
Correspondence

From: Rick Bettis [<mailto:rickb@ardennet.com>]
Sent: Sunday, June 26, 2011 6:05 PM
To: Scot Mende
Subject: Redistricting Maps,

I believe that Map 35 best meets the criteria under which the process is being conducted, i.e. compactness, balance and respecting communities of interest, neighborhoods and boundaries such as freeways, major streets and major waterways.

I would only suggest one relatively small change. I would move the triangular portion of District 1 south of I-80 and place it in District 2. I did not use your excellent "tool" to check the effect on the population balance. However, I believe it would be well within allowable limits.

Of course, District 1 will continue to grow as soon as the SAFCA levee projects reaches substantial completion and then FEMA maps restrictions are lifted.

If this change adds too much to District 2, the 'triangle' intruding into District 4 could be removed and/or its boundary with District 3 could be adjusted.

If I had to choose, I would next include Maps 24 and 31 to go forward with 35. They could also use some 'tinkering'.

I still think Map 35 appears to be clearly the best.

Sincerely,
Rick



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Dear Members of the Sacramento Redistricting Citizens Advisory Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the City's redistricting process. The River Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors has discussed the City's redistricting efforts for the past few months and the Board recognizes the importance of reapportionment and the effect that it will have on River Park's representation. On June 16, the Board unanimously voted to support two key principles that should be reflected in the maps being considered by the Sacramento Redistricting Citizens Advisory Committee:

1. The River Park neighborhood should remain in the same council district as the East Sacramento neighborhood. The adjacency of River Park to East Sacramento has created a strong bond between the two neighborhoods, and any map that proposes to put the two neighborhoods in different council districts would be dividing a community of interest in an unconscionable way.
2. East Sacramento is a cohesive neighborhood and should remain intact and within one Council district. Any efforts to divide the East Sacramento neighborhood should be rejected.

Thank you for recognizing these principles in your deliberations and recommendations to the City Council.

Very truly yours,

The River Park Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors

Steve Johns
Secretary