

## Rhonda Garietz

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**From:** Philip F. Sinco  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 9:40 AM  
**To:** Rhonda Garietz  
**Subject:** FW: Districting - Pass Along To Demographer  
**Attachments:** santamariamap.pdf

Rhonda.

Below is an email communications I received from Robert Dickerson, the current chair of the City's Planning Commission, concerning his ideas for composing the voting district and a proposal map for the districts (attached hereto). Please forward to NDC.

Thank you.

### **Philip F. Sinco**

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**From:** Robert Dickerson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 10:04 AM  
**To:** Philip F. Sinco <psinco@cityofsantamaria.org>  
**Subject:** Districting - Pass Along To Demographer

Phillip,

Thank you for being willing to be the conduit between the demographers and myself. Please pass along the following text and attachment. . .

To Whom It May Concern,

Agenda item 5 of the March 7, 2016 Santa Maria City Council meeting elicited input from the public regarding the formation of districts in anticipation of shifting to district-based elections. I submitted a written communication to the City Council regarding my belief that maintaining the Mayoral seat as an at-large elected position would be best for governance of the City. Please look to that communication for my reasoning in this matter.

After the session I was thinking about the districting of the City. Once again, my concerns are that actions of the newly elected Council members may be too district centric in nature and without the proper amount of thought to the City as a whole. I believe I have an interesting idea regarding the formation of the districts that may assist the newly elected City Council members to think of the City as whole rather than potential single constituencies. Current discussions throughout the City seem to primarily view districts in terms of the City being looked at as quadrants, broken down into a NW / NE / SW / SE configuration. I believe this configuration will set the stage for the worst sort of divisions within the City that would pit various parochial desires against one another.

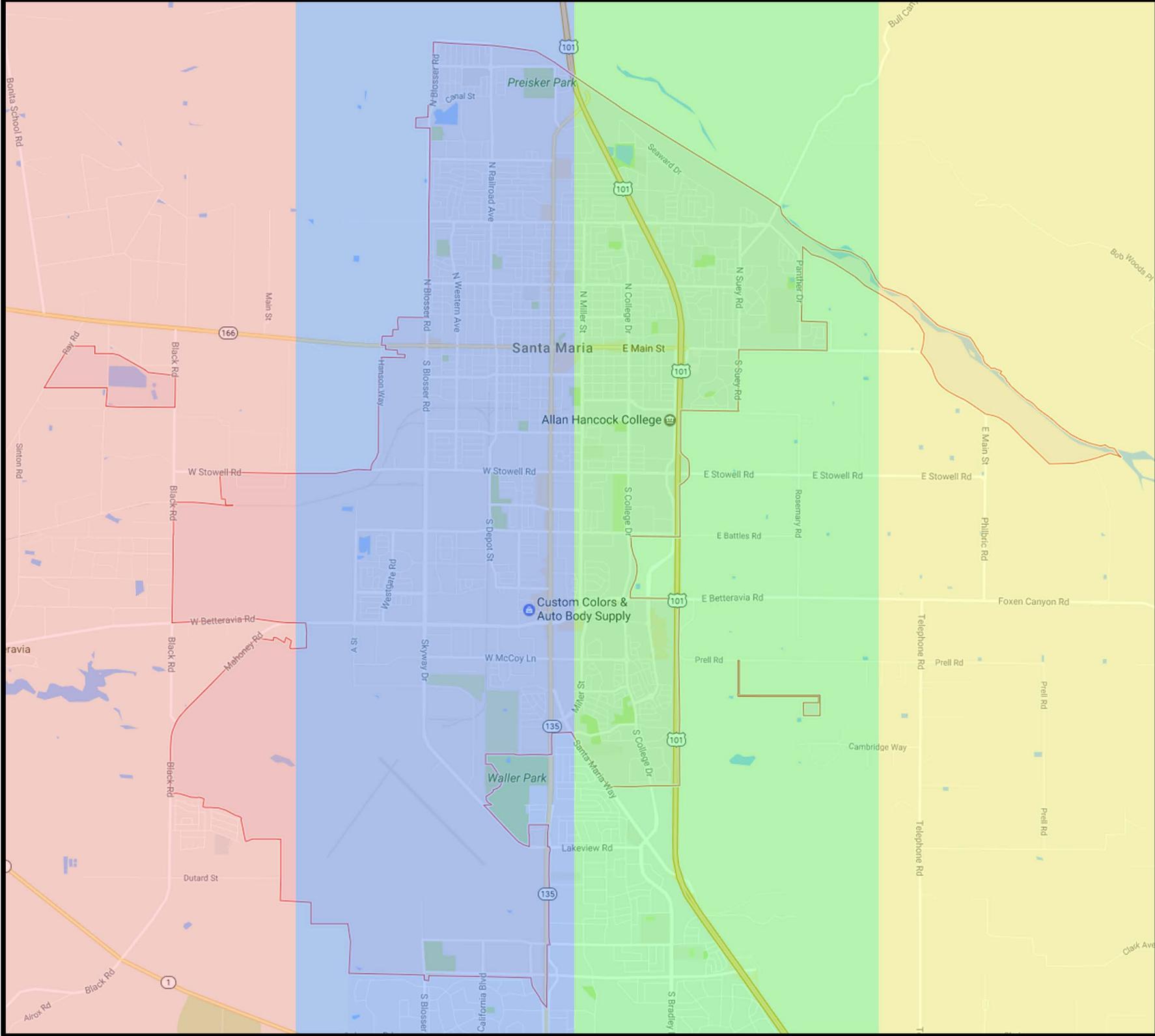
With this in mind I have come up with an alternate division for districts that I believe does a better job of guiding future City Council members. Rather than dividing the City into NW / NE / SW / SE quadrants, I believe creating four North to South strips is a better form for governing. By forcing each Council person to consider the needs of constituency from the far North of the City to the extreme South each Council member would find themselves thinking of what would be best for the City as a whole. I have included a map of the City with four strips overlaid. My map is by no means meant to indicate the dividing lines of the East/West parameters - the various State and Federal requirements will dictate that. Rather, my map is merely meant to provide you with a clearer understanding of what I am proposing. Ultimately my suggestion is focused on the need for inclusiveness in City wide governance. Forcing each Council member to think of that inclusiveness within their own newly formed district gives us the best chance at stable governance.

Should you have any questions regarding clarification of my idea, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert Dickerson  
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