

## Rhonda Garietz

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**From:** Gil Trujillo  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 5:06 PM  
**To:** Rhonda Garietz  
**Cc:** Rick Haydon  
**Subject:** FW: More Questions on Public Engagement in Drawing City District Map(s)

Hi Rhonda,

Please forward to NDC. Thank you.

Gil

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**Cc:** 'Jack Boysen' [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** More Questions on Public Engagement in Drawing City District Map(s)

Hi Rick & Gil,

Following up on the invitation "How would you draw the districts?" presented in the City's ad on p. 7 of Sunday's SMT, it would be helpful for people proposing a map to have a rough idea of the population in each district under consideration.

Could your consultant demographer provide a map of the census districts in the City, along with the latest population count for each? Or, lacking that detail, could the demographer at least provide a link to a web site (Bureau of Census or elsewhere) from which a member of the public could access the population by census district and a map showing the location of each district? (A link to an interactive census tract map would be ideal.) Such information is necessary to develop districts with nearly equal population.

Thanks.

Ron Faas

P.S. I hope the demographer will also address my questions (particularly the 3<sup>rd</sup> one) that councilmember Boysen forwarded to you on Mar 7<sup>th</sup>, which is:

Is similar opportunity planned, or could be considered, for citizens to receive help (of staff or the experienced demographer the city has retained) in examining possible district boundaries (as the County redistricting process provided)?

**From:** Jack Boysen [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Re: Question on Public Engagement in Drawing City District Map(s)

Hi Ron

These are all great questions and should certainly be addressed during our first few public hearings. I have included our city manager and city attorney on this email so that they are aware of your concerns and will be prepared to respond when these concerns are brought up. It is my understanding that the City has hired a professional Demographer who has significant experience in the redistricting process throughout California to assist in the boundary configuration process. Certainly, the Demographer will take all public input into consideration before providing us with alternative boundary ideas and present them in a public setting for feedback and comments.

Again, thanks for your input and I will make sure those questions are addressed.

Jack

On Tue, Mar 7, 2017 at 9:40 AM, RON FAAS <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Jack,

Having participated in 2011 in the State's redistricting process (by submitting testimony to hearings of the Citizens' Redistricting Commission in San Luis Obispo and after Ventura) and the County's redistricting process (by submitting a proposed map with justification), I am following the recently announced City districting effort with considerable interest. However, I will not be actively participating, as I live outside the City boundary and am trying to conserve energy coping with age & family health issues.

Nevertheless, I do have a question on the public participation process, particularly on opportunity for citizens to be engaged in the drawing of district boundaries. I forget whether you still had any affiliation with the County in 2011, but you may recall there was considerable possibility for public participation. One of those was the opportunity for an individual or small group to schedule a meeting where County staff (in our case, the deputy director county surveyor over on Foster Rd.) helped us tweak the County map on the computer to adjust boundaries by precinct to see which configurations would best meet specified criteria, mandatory such as equal population in each district, and permissive such as fewest people being moved to a different district. At the close of the session, our individual maps were saved to be accessed if any of us chose to submit a proposed map for consideration. Mine was among the 15 or 16 considered by the Board of Supervisors.

My questions are:

Who will draw the map(s) outlining district boundaries?

What opportunities will there be for public engagement in drawing the district boundaries?

and,

Is similar opportunity planned, or could be considered, for citizens to receive help (of staff or the experienced demographer the city has retained) in examining possible district boundaries (as the County redistricting process provided)?

Thanks for your attention.

Ron

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**Jack Boysen**