

Written Comments to be Entered into the Official Record of the
March 30, 2017 Public Hearing re: Proposed Districts for Santa
Maria City Elections in 2018

I am in support of the creation of four districts and a city-wide election to fill the mayoral seat which would become effective in the 2018 City of Santa Maria elections.

I urge you to start with the common sense approach of using Main Street and Broadway as natural boundaries. The city has set the precedent of using Main and Broadway as logical boundaries in the past, when the City Council commissioned a new city-wide survey be completed by the newly-elected police chief, Ralph Martin. Main and Broadway were used to create four quadrants in the city – a very logical and common sense approach. *If it's a good enough starting point for the City's police department, it is a great starting point to draw electoral districts in Santa Maria!*

I support the four-district plan as represented in the CAUSE proposed map, with one change: Hancock Park should be included in the northeast district. Hancock Park has more in common with the neighborhoods in the northeast district, than the southeast, recognizing that the population of voters must be equal among the four districts.

I strongly urge the City Council and the Mayor to **hear** what the many citizens' of Santa Maria are saying tonight and in the upcoming public hearings. It is the most fair, morally-right and Christian action for your council to take.

Respectfully submitted,

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