

**Regular Council Meeting
December 2, 2021**

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



Email / eComment Report

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Actions pertaining to Redistricting

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Amanda Martin

From: Clerk
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 9:43 AM
To: Amanda Martin
Subject: FW: I Support the Inclusive Families Map for the City of Fresno

-----Original Message-----

From: Tony Quezada
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2021 5:14 PM
To: Clerk <Clerk@fresno.gov>
Subject: I Support the Inclusive Families Map for the City of Fresno

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My name is __tony quezada__ and I want to support the Inclusive Families Map for the City of Fresno Redistricting process. I have [lived/worked] in the City of Fresno for [_15] years. I live in [name neighborhood, district, or major cross streets]. I would like you to keep my community together.

My community is____

[Questions to consider:
Who lives in your community? ____
What are the major cross streets that define your community? ____
Are there important places where people like to gather? ____
What makes your community special? ____]

My community is similar to these neighborhoods ____
My community is different from the following neighborhoods _____.

Thank you for your time.

Best,
[Your Name]

Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: Clerk
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 9:42 AM
To: Amanda Martin
Subject: FW: Redistricting

From: Brenda Quispe
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2021 5:20 PM
To: Clerk <Clerk@fresno.gov>
Subject: Redistricting

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I am in support of CNC's map because it is inclusive. Thank-you.

Amanda Martin

From: Clerk
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 9:42 AM
To: Amanda Martin
Subject: FW: I Support the Inclusive Families Map for the City of Fresno

From: J. Ch.
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2021 5:58 PM
To: Clerk <Clerk@fresno.gov>
Subject: I Support the Inclusive Families Map for the City of Fresno

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My name is Jaime and I want to support the Inclusive Families Map for the City of Fresno Redistricting process. I have lived in the City of Fresno for 13 years.

I live in district 3 near Marks and Clinton and i would like you to keep my community together and to be able to engage equitably.

Thank you for your time.

Best,
Jaime

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Amanda Martin

From: Clerk
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 9:39 AM
To: Amanda Martin
Subject: FW: I Support the Inclusive Families Map for the City of Fresno

From: Jimmy Dhah
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2021 6:01 PM
To: Clerk <Clerk@fresno.gov>
Subject: I Support the Inclusive Families Map for the City of Fresno

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My name is Jagmit Dhah and I want to support the Inclusive Families Map for the City of Fresno Redistricting process. I have lived and worked in the City of Fresno for 25 years. I live in district 6 and would like you to keep my community together. My community is North Fresno, with a very diverse population of young families. The area is rapidly growing, populating the neighboring Clovis Unified schools. My community is similar to our neighbors across Willow, in Clovis, feeding literally into the same K-12 programs. My community is different from the following neighborhoods in that we are well represented in our current maps, with several other areas of Fresno currently not. That is why I support the Inclusive Family Map.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Dr. Jagmit Dhah, PT, DPT

Amanda Martin

From: Clerk
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 9:39 AM
To: Amanda Martin
Subject: FW: district maps

From: laura splotch
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2021 7:26 PM
To: Clerk <Clerk@fresno.gov>
Subject: district maps

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is it too late to comment? i just wanted to say how much map 111 is a travesty for district one.
thank you.

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Amanda Martin

From: adam harrison
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 2:17 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: I Support the Inclusive Families Map for the City of Fresno

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My name is Adam Harrison and I want to support the Inclusive Families Map for the City of Fresno Redistricting process. I have lived in the City of Fresno for 32 years. I live in district 6 Shepard and maple.

My community is north east Fresno which is compromised of diversity. Living across from Woodward Park I'm able to see how important it is for our community to come together.

My community is unfortunately similar to Clovis yet we have an immense diverse populace.

My community is different from Fresno even though it's literally fresno. I feel like there's parts of Fresno that have been forgotten that's why I support the Inclusive Families Map.

Thank you for your time.

Best,
Adam Harrison

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Amanda Martin

From: Felipe Maciel
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 11:15 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: I Support the Inclusive Families Map for the City of Fresno

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My name is Felipe Maciel and I want to support the Inclusive Families Map for the City of Fresno Redistricting process. I have [lived/worked] in the City of Fresno for 12 years. I live in West and Ashlan. I'd like you to keep my community together.

My community is strong.

[Questions to consider:

Who lives in your community? Hard working families.

What are the major cross streets that define your community? West and Ashlan

Are there important places where people like to gather? Parks

What makes your community special? Our families

My community is similar to these neighborhoods _____

My community is different from the following neighborhoods _____.

Thank you for your time.

Best,
Felipe Maciel

Amanda Martin

From: Jonah Bassman
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 10:44 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: I Support the Inclusive Families Map for the City of Fresno

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My name is Jonah and I want to support the Inclusive Families Map for the City of Fresno Redistricting process. I have lived and worked in the City of Fresno for 23 years. I live in District 5 and I'd like you to keep my community as well as all of Fresno's other established communities together. The Inclusive Families Map is by far the best way to do this. Thank you for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,
Jonah Bassman

Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: Ernesto Saavedra
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 12:38 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: I Support the Inclusive Families Map for the City of Fresno

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My name is Ernesto Saavedra and I want to support the ***Inclusive Families Map*** for the City of Fresno Redistricting process. I have lived and worked in the City of Fresno for over 30 years.

I live in District 1 and would like you to keep my community together and able to equitably engage and represent them.

Thank you for your time.

Best,
Ernesto Saavedra

Amanda Martin

From: Haley White
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 5:00 PM
To: redistrictfresno
Cc: Miguel Arias; Esmeralda Soria; Nelson Esparza; Tyler Maxwell; Luis Chavez; Jerry Dyer
Subject: Redistrict for the People

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You all were voted into office to serve community members and our best interests. If you truly honor that calling, I don't see how any of you can vote for any redistricting map other than one supported by the community groups who are doing the most boots-on-the-ground work with our most vulnerable community members. It is abundantly clear that members of this council are often more interested in what serves their own personal gains than what serves the people. I ask you to please ask yourself WHY you are leaning in favor of any particular redistricting map and who would stand to lose the most from your decision and what is at stake for them before choosing something against the will of the people. Please consider the Fresno Inclusive Families map, which is painstakingly researched and developed by people who witness first hand the consequences of taking these sorts of decisions lightly, or worse, making choices out of selfish motivations rather than serving the greater good.

Many of us do not have money and power to have political sway. We have only our voices and YOU to stand up and do the right thing, even if - and especially if - it is the hard thing. I watch you all continually give lip service about doing what's right and I watch you fail the most marginalized time and time again. People over profit. People over convenience. People over alliances. Please.

The Fresno Inclusive Families Map is the map the community wants and it's the one that needs your support.

Amanda Martin

From: Michael Birdsong
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 6:05 PM
To: redistrictfresno
Cc: Esmeralda Soria; Terry Cox; Miguel Arias
Subject: Redistricting and Tower District Specific Plan Area

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Hello, my name is Michael Birdsong. I live at

I understand the complexities of trying to implement a city-wide redistricting effort. I know that it is difficult to juggle all of the requirements, to manage all of the public input, and to weigh all of the priorities. I also understand the importance of keeping neighborhoods as contiguous as possible whenever the redistricting process is implemented. Furthermore, when there is a specific plan that needs to be considered, I'm sure you must understand the value of keeping that specific plan area as intact as possible.

I was a member of the original specific plan citizens committee which developed the specific plan for the Tower District over 30 years ago, and I served on the implementation committee for that plan for several years after it was adopted. I have also been appointed to the newly created specific plan implementation committee, which has yet to commence. I'm writing to implore you to consider a couple of priorities: First, any specific plan area needs to be kept as intact as possible to ensure proper implementation with a minimum of intracouncil wrangling, communication breakdowns, and territorial bickering (yes, I know you know it happens). In addition, I would encourage you to consider the importance of keeping historic neighborhoods whole and contiguous.

The "preferred" redistricting map being considered not only carves out the Tower District Specific Plan area among 3 council districts. It also seems to draw district boundaries within those areas in ways that are mind-boggling. The historic Fresno High and Wilson Island neighborhoods are separated between 2 districts and in ways that create zig-zagged district boundaries along residential streets rather than along main arterials, or even along straight lines. Quite frankly, I'm baffled by the logic behind creating district boundaries that not only separate contiguous historic districts, but which also separates them in such a mind boggling fashion, running zig-zagged not only north-south, but also east-west.

To be sure, there may be considerations that are beyond my knowledge base. But it seems to me that, in order to effectively preserve the health and vitality of the Tower District specific plan area, you will need to revisit this preferred redistricting map and reconsider the importance of keeping both the plan area and the historic districts within the plan as intact and as contiguous as possible.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Birdsong
10 E Yale Ave
Fresno CA 93704

Amanda Martin

From: Michael Birdsong
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 6:25 PM
To: Esmeralda Soria; Miguel Arias; Terry Cox; redistrictfresno
Subject: Regarding my redistricting comments

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Just an update, if there are errors in my analysis of the redistricting map, please accept apologies. The only map to which I had access was small and lacked labels for North-South running streets. So interpreting the map was pretty much a crapshoot.

Michael