



October 19, 2021

To the Redistricting Commission,

Thank you commissioners for voicing your concerns, comments, and questions during the October 14th meeting.

Based on the options available to the commission, WGNA supports redistricting maps with at least a 10% deviation in population. A ten percent deviation is less likely to disturb or divide established neighborhoods in all council districts. The higher deviation would also allow for districts to have compactness rather than odd extended arms, legs, peninsulas, etc. The feedback from the 2011 redistricting commission to city council was that if they were provided a deviation range from the beginning it would have made their jobs easier. Fortunately, in 2021 your commission has this direction.

Regarding population, district lines should only be based on existing population and not anticipated population growth as specific developments may not transpire as envisioned or take decades to come to fruition. For example, in District 6 the development of the Midtown area was approved in 1992 during the tenure of Councilmember Nancy Ianni however it has not been completed with some of the projects only becoming occupied in the last two to three years.

Regarding public comment, WGNA shares similar concerns made during public comment regarding special interest groups providing redistricting maps. Special interest groups, including non-profits, have paid staff who lobby the city council year-round for political objectives. Thus, these interest groups should be viewed through this lens when they propose maps, especially maps with a marketing slogan.

During the October 14th presentation by Redistricting Partners, Willow Glen was not noted as a Community of Interest, even though WGNA submitted a letter on this topic October 8th, 9th, 12th, and 14th. The original letter is available for download [here](#).

A suggestion on making it easier for the community is to have a real time editing of district boundaries and the corresponding population changes during the meeting as was done in 2011. Start with the existing district boundaries and modify only as needed to achieve the ten percent deviation.

Boundary maps for the Willow Glen neighborhood are submitted below to provide guidance, with four versions that are slightly smaller each time, understanding the commission's objective of balancing population between all districts within a 10% deviation.

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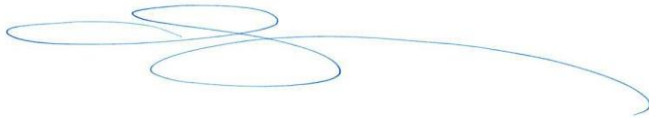
<https://districtr.org/plan/65576>

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Please note, the odd intrusion on the west side boundary of Willow Glen is from the City of Campbell.

Thank you for your service and accepting neighborhood input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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