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ANAHEIM COUNCIL SET TO CONSIDER PLACING DISTRICTS ON THE BALLOT

Anaheim, CA – On June 11th, 2013, Anaheim residents and community leaders will push the Anaheim City Council to adopt the recommendations of its Citizens Advisory Committee and specifically vote to place a referendum on the ballot that will allow Anaheim citizens to decide whether they want the Council elected by districts or by the current at-large system. The Citizens Advisory Committee, which was formed last fall by the Anaheim City Council to study the City’s electoral system, recommended that the City Council take this action, and suggested increasing the number of council seats to either 6 or 8. Councilwomen Kris Murray, who had first proposed the committee last year in August stated the committee, “...is an important opportunity to engage our citizens and how we’re governed in Anaheim.” But the question still remains will the Anaheim City Council follow the recommendations of the committee they created.

“The committee recommended unanimously increasing the number of council seats and putting district elections to a popular vote. The City Council could have done this nine months ago in August,” added Eric Altman, Executive Director of OCCORD, “Now the question is, “Will the City Council follow the committee’s recommendation and do it now?”

Resident leaders, youth and adults, feel that their voices are not being heard and that their needs are not being addressed in city hall. For far too long, residents have been saying that their neighborhoods and their issues are postponed or ignored.

“I support districts in Anaheim, because if you look at the history of representation there has been no representation of South or West Anaheim. Districts ensure that its about fair representation for all communities” added Citizens Advisory Committee chair, Vivian Pham, “The Citizens Advisory Committee was a long process but the outcome was the best I could have hoped for. I hope the city council takes the recommendations.”

Resident leaders and organizers are available for interviews.

WHAT: ANAHEIM CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

WHEN: TUESDAY, JUNE 11TH 2013 at 5:00 PM

WHO: ANAHEIM RESIDENT LEADERS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

**WHERE: ANAHEIM CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 S. Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92805**