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**ANAHEIM RESIDENT LEADERS TO ATTEND FINAL MEETING OF
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Anaheim, CA – On May 9th 2013, a diverse group of Anaheim resident leaders are taking responsibility of their neighborhoods by pressing the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to commit to district elections and eight electoral seats. The Citizens Advisory Committee, which was formed last fall by the Anaheim City Council to study the City’s electoral system, will finalize their report to the council. During the last CAC meeting, committee members recommended increasing the number of electoral seats to 6 or 8 but were deadlocked on plan for council districts. Once again, Anaheim neighborhood leaders will be present to remind the committee to fix Anaheim’s broken system by raising the issue of an “equal voice for every neighborhood.”

“The committee unanimously recommended 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,” said 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 at city hall. For far too long, residents have been saying that their neighborhoods and their issues are postponed or ignored. They are demanding an electoral system where their votes will matter in city council elections and a city council that is accountable to their neighborhoods and the city of Anaheim.

“District elections are important because we need our voices to be heard and our votes to count,” said Guinida Lane resident leader, Mariana Rivera, “District elections ensure that our communities will be represented, we need leaders who understand what it means to live in our communities like Guinida Lane.”

Resident leaders and organizers are available for interviews.

WHAT: FINAL CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 9TH 2013 at 6:30 PM

WHO: ANAHEIM RESIDENT LEADERS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

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