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**Subject:** Final District Elections Committee Map

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Dear Mayor Rowse and Members of the Council:

Attached to this email is the final District Elections Committee map that the DEC is recommending to the Independent Redistricting Commission.

As you will see, the DEC has attempted to incorporate as much input from the community, including from yourselves, as possible, as expressed at the public hearings and via other means.

This final DEC map--the "Community of Interest Plan"--adheres closely to existing city council districts. Two maps are attached to this email--one shows the DEC proposed lines and existing city-designated neighborhoods, and the other map shows the DEC proposed lines and existing city council districts.

With respect to majority Latino Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) in at least two city council districts, as a result of population changes and the circumstances surrounding the 2020 census, it is not possible to retain a majority Latino CVAP district in district 3, but it is possible to retain a majority Latino CVAP district in district 1.

Concerning district 3, the District Elections Committee believes that the best alternative in the circumstances to a majority Latino CVAP district is a majority minority CVAP district (i.e., including African Americans, Asian Americans, and other protected classes), and the final District Elections Committee map retains a majority minority CVAP district in district 3 as well as a majority Latino CVAP district in district 1.

The District Elections Committee believes that any map that does not include a majority Latino CVAP population in district 1 and a majority minority CVAP population in district 3 would not meet the requirements of the Banales judgement and orders.

The final DEC "Community of Interest Plan" is a result of much community input on many issues. We hope that those of you who attend the final hearing this afternoon will endorse it in your comments to the Independent Redistricting Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Lanny Ebenstein, Ph.D.  
Member, District Elections Committee

cc: Hon. Judge Frank Ochoa (ret.)  
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