

November 15, 2021

Honorable Orange County Board of Supervisors
333 West Santa Ana Blvd.
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: Letter of Support for Proposed Map 2A-1

I am an involved resident of Newport Beach, a member of Still Protecting Our Newport (SPON) and a member of the Newport Beach City Finance Committee.

After reviewing the new Redistricting Proposals provided today, I have revised my thoughts on the proposed maps.

I **support Proposed Map 2A-1** because it seems to provide the most fair and equitable option for all of Orange County.

1. Proposal 2A-1 complies with the Federal Voting Rights Act by creating a Latino Minority Majority District in Central Orange County.
2. Proposal 2A-1 creates a Non-Hispanic Asian Plurality District in Western Orange County.
3. Proposal 2A-1 does not bypass areas of population to favor more distant populations
4. Proposal 2A-1 is contiguous and compact.
5. Proposal 2A-1 unites communities of interest (social, cultural, economic, environmental, and educational).
6. Proposal 2A-1 reduces city splits and only considers city splits when bringing together a community of interest or balancing population.
7. Proposal 2A-1 appears not to be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

I strongly **oppose Proposed Map 4C-1** because it:

1. Separates Costa Mesa and Newport Beach who share a school district, a Homeless Shelter and concerns about John Wayne Airport.
2. Separates Laguna Beach from contiguous coastal communities of Newport Beach and Costa Mesa (Communities of Interest)
3. Puts Costa Mesa in an API district
4. Isolates a corner of Huntington Beach and includes it in District 5.

Thank you for your consideration.

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