From: Mark Preston
To: City Clerk Group
Subject: Special Meeting Nov 30
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 11:00:37 AM
Attachments: Redistrict NOV 30 2021.docx

I have attached a 1 page WORD Doc for the record.

I would like to speak to this item in the ZOOM meeting of Nov 30. I do not intend to read my letter as written, rather highlight some of the content in the letter. This is a very important issue.

Pl;ease call if you have any questions.

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Nov 30, 2021
Kingston Ave, Goleta

My name is Mark Preston. I have lived my entire adult life in Isla Vista, Santa Ynez Valley, and Goleta. In 2021, I moved from Buellton to Goleta. I spent many hours in 2011 working on redistricting maps. It is a nearly impossible task. However……

Map 822 divides Goleta into the 2nd and 3d Districts. The biggest portion of Goleta would be combined with the Santa Ynez and Southern Lompoc. Isla Vista would be combined with Hope Ranch, UCSB, and Noleta. This map could likely result in Goleta having a North County slant on many issues.

Map 821B put Goleta in the 2nd District, EXCEPT for a large portion of Southwest Goleta and Isla Vista with all of Lompoc and Vandenberg sited in 3d District. This plan is championed by a well-intentioned group from UCSB that wants a District largely composed of renters and minorities. (Their words).

Map 408B is catastrophic for Goleta, which is divided into areas North and South of 101. South of 101 is combined with Isla Vista, UCSB and Hope Ranch. North of 101 is 3d District combined with Santa Ynez Valley and South Lompoc.

Map 801C is North Goleta with Santa Ynez Valley. South Goleta is, again, put with Isla Vista and Lompoc. This map is ridiculous.

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Map 818 is flawed, but is far better than the other 4 maps. Goleta is in the 2nd District, except for small segment of Western Goleta. Far West Goleta is with Isla Vista, Santa Ynez Valley and a portion of Southern Lompoc. This is similar to the current map, except Guadalupe is replaced with a portion of Southern Lompoc.

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In summary, these maps seem intended to dilute or eviscerate the historic boundaries of the 3d District. The properties of UCSB, Isla Vista and Santa Ynez Valley have been in the 3d District since the 1880s.

Historically, it has always been about the 3d District. Since the late 1980s, every general election 3d District winner, and every loser has been from the Santa Ynez Valley.

As you have seen, Santa Maria has been willing to strong arm any and all efforts to shift the balance of power to North County. I thought the advent of the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission would end this “every decade” drama. I was wrong.

From: Justin Shores
To: City Clerk Group
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 12:48:40 PM

Thank you for all your hard work!

I am writing in support of map 408B because it seems the most logical, keeping like communities together.

Best Regards,
Justin Shores

From: C. Dave G <cdg55@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 3:56 PM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Cc: Dave G <cdg55@earthlink.net>; David Cutaia <dcutaia@cityofgoleta.org>; Deborah Lopez <dlopez@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Recommendations for Agenda Item "A.1 Santa Barbara County Supervisorial Redistricting – Update" 11 30 21

Dear City Clerk – I respectfully request the distribution of my attached written recommendations for Agenda Item "A.1 Santa Barbara County Supervisorial Redistricting – Update." 11/30/21

My name is C. Dave Gaughen, email address of cdg55@earthlink.net, and phone number of (805) 275-6457.

At the present moment, I do not plan on speaking on Agenda Item "A.1 Santa Barbara County Supervisorial Redistricting – Update."

Thank you,

Respectfully, C. Dave Gaughen

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November 30, 2021

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Subj: Agenda Item "A.1 Santa Barbara County Supervisorial Redistricting – Update"

Ref. (1) Agenda Item A.1, Meeting Date: November 30, 2021, "SUBJECT: Santa Barbara County Supervisorial Redistricting – Update (17 pages)"
(2) Agenda Item A.1, Meeting Date: November 5, 2021, "SUBJECT: Santa Barbara County Supervisorial Redistricting (68 pages)"

Dear Madam Mayor and Council Members:

RECOMMENDATIONS

After review of Reference 1 and a brief review of Reference 2, I respectfully request that the Mayor and Council Members provide guidance to staff with regard to the City's position on the Santa Barbara County supervisorial redistricting process and consider the following recommendations as presented in order of preference: 1) Retain current City of Goleta District 2 Map dated 10/27/2011 and Reject all Focus Maps (i.e., Plan 408B, Plan 801C, Plan 818, Plan 821B, Plan 822, or 2) Recommend Redistricting Focus Plan Map 818 and Reject Santa Maria's Preferred Supervisorial Map Detail of Goleta.

DISCUSSION

If retention of current City of Goleta District 2 Map is not an option, than Focus Plan Map 818 appears to be an acceptable recommendation

Unfortunately due to time constraints, this section will be drastically condensed.

Exhibit 1 presents a side by side comparison of the current City of Goleta District 2 Map as of 10/27/2011 and the Proposed City of Goleta Redistricting Focus Map "Plan 818." In short, these two maps are similar and could minimally affect redistricting representation for the City of Goleta. Exhibit 2 presents Santa Maria's Preferred Supervisorial Map Detail of Goleta and their subsequent reasoning. In short, it most certainly appears that Santa Maria's preferred map for Goleta would significantly dilute Goleta's ability to retain majority control over supervisorial elections.

Respectfully,

C. Dave Gaughen

Exhibit 1

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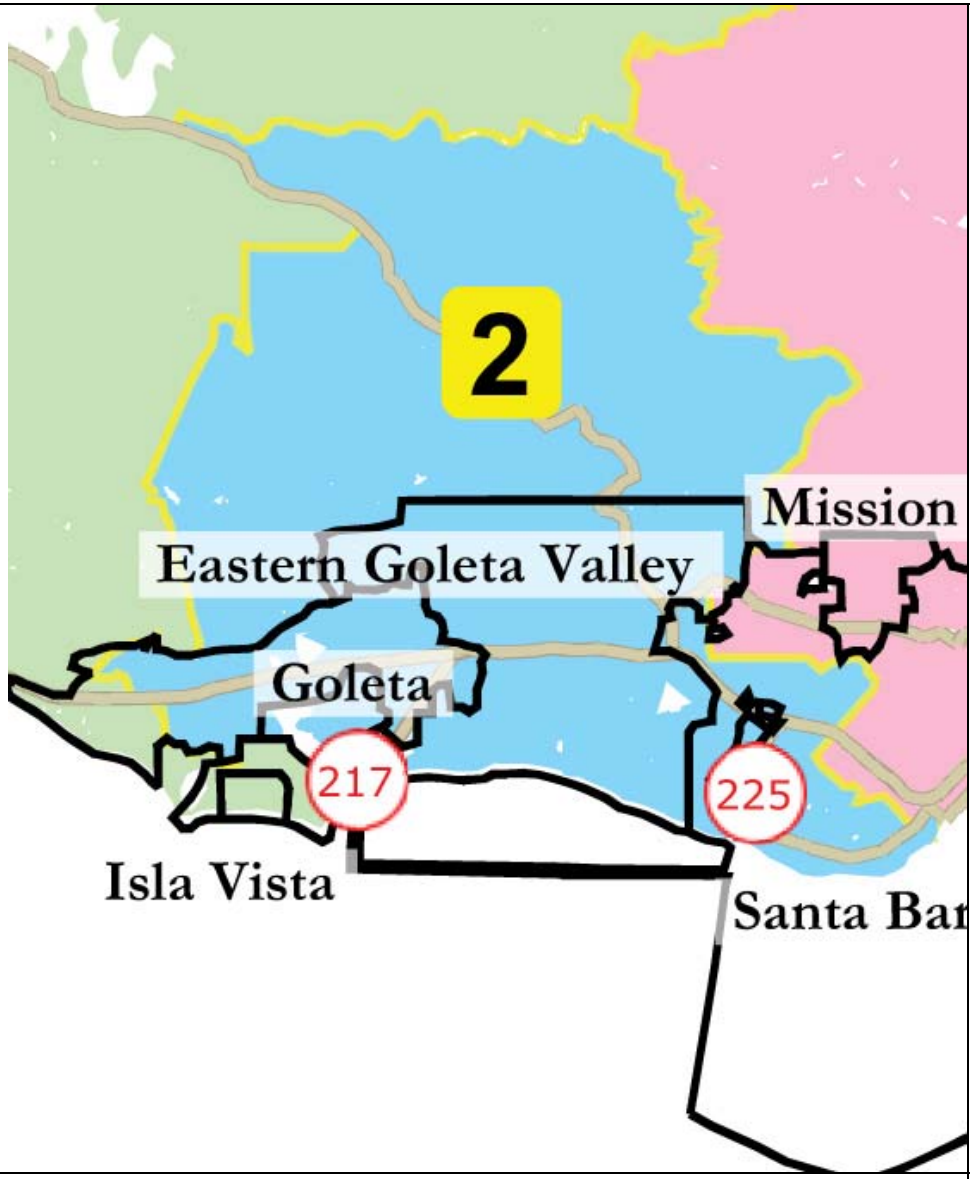
1) Current City of Goleta District 2 Map as of 10/27/2011 (cropped and enlarged).



2) Proposed City of Goleta Redistricting Map “Plan 818” (cropped and enlarged).

EXHIBIT 2

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SANTA MARIA'S PREFERRED SUPERVISORIAL MAP
DETAIL OF GOLETA AREA

Santa Maria's Reasoning

1. Creates two minority majority districts, consistent with VRA priorities
2. Divides districts primarily by major throughfares rather than gerrymander
3. Maintains communities of interest including:
    A. Comports with City of Santa Maria City Council resolution
    B. Keeps VSFB, Lompoc, Mission Hills, Vandenberg Village, and the Federal Prison in the same District
    C. Keeps the entire Santa Ynez Valley together including the Lake Cachuma Watershed
    D. Keeps the Cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara as whole as possible.
    E. Puts the two medium sized cities (Lompoc and Goleta) together for the first time. These two communities "share" some 10,000 commuters each day.
    F. Restores Guadalupe with both Santa Maria and Orcutt districts and restores Cuyama and the City of Santa Maria'

From: Greg Hammel <gshamm72@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 4:34 PM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Redistricting for Goleta

Good Evening Council, Please review my preference for map 408B in the attachment and let me know if you have any questions about it.

Thanks,

Greg Hammel (805) 451-4934

I live in Goleta north of the 101. We can improve our representation Goleta, Santa Barbara, Isla Vista and Santa Ynez Valley by upgrading the boundaries of districts 2 and 3. District 3 as it now exists is a mish mash of differing interests including the agricultural venues of the Santa Ynez valley, the student urban areas of Isla Vista, the vast coastline encompassing the county, the high tech area of Vandenberg, and the farming areas of Guadalupe. The current district boundaries eliminate the important relationships and mutual interest Isla Vista has with Goleta, Santa Barbara, and Santa Barbara City College. The current district map divides western Goleta and Isla Vista from eastern Goleta which is a disservice to the citizens of Goleta, Santa Barbara and Isla Vista.

As Commissioner Ordin stated- Keeping communities together is key. This is a disservice with IV. IV has no shared interest with Lompoc, We have the opportunity to eliminate these inequities. Map 408B provides much needed equity to Isla Vista, SBCC, Lompoc, Guadalupe, Goleta, Santa Barbara and the Santa Ynez valley.

The strengths of map 408B include:

1) District 2 captures the mutual interests of Goleta, Isla Vista, Santa Barbara, and SBCC. There is coherence with these citizens as they share similar geographical, growth, educational (college: higher learning), housing and cultural issues.
2) We need to keep Ellwood, Old Town Goleta and El Encanto together.
3) The airport needs to be in County District 2 not district 3. The airport is part of the SB City Mesa District and map 408B has both the airport and Goleta in the same district (2). Other maps have the airport and Goleta in different County districts.
4) UCSB and SBBC share common interests.
    a. Thousands of SBCC college students live in Isla Vista and share mutual housing, cultural, and educational interests.
    b. UCSB students work, live, visit, and spend time in Santa Barbara City. They seldom travel to Lompoc, Santa Ynez or Santa Maria.
    c. SBCC is a strong feeder school for UCSB. Each year hundreds of students transfer from SBCC to UCSB
5) Lompoc Valley and Guadalupe keep their common geographical, cultural and rural interests outside of the urban areas of Isla Vista.

We need to unite the educational areas, coastal region, and the Foothill region of the south county for equitable representation on the County Board of Supervisors. Please support map 408B.