

From: [Mark Preston](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Special Meeting Nov 30
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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.

Please call if you have any questions.

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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.

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.

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.

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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