

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 10:56 AM
To: districting <districting@sanbruno.ca.gov>
Cc: Melissa Thurman <MThurman@sanbruno.ca.gov>; Linda Mason <LMason@sanbruno.ca.gov>
Subject: Public comment on San Bruno Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my concerns about the public input process for redistricting. I've heard people at city council meetings and in social media say that the redistricting tool is easy to use. That was not my experience. At all. The people who find it easy to use may be knowledge workers who use computers and computer software every day. I am not. I spent hours trying to create, balance, and submit a redistricting map. Either I was unable to successfully submit my map or else I guess I didn't successfully balance it for population, even though I thought I had. This is a fail.

(I later created a quick-and-dirty neighborhood-only map that I submitted via email, but by the time I thought of doing this and was able to get it done it was a little past the 5:00 deadline for inclusion in the last meeting.)

In addition, in the last city council meeting where this was discussed I was disappointed that maps which were not successfully balanced for population seem to have been dismissed out-of-hand. Was there any analysis of what the submitter might have been attempting to say regarding neighborhoods? Was there any attempt to determine whether that might be valid and whether an attempt to correct whatever population imbalance existed should be looked into? It doesn't sound like there was. This seems like a fail too.

I know it is possible to submit a paper map. This still requires using the mapping tool to get the map and figure out how to balance it. Getting a paper map may be simple - I didn't try. But balancing it by population still seems to require using the tool with the additional burden of having to do the math yourself. And if you get it wrong it appears you will have totally wasted your time and effort. Submitting a paper map isn't really a solution to not being able to use the tool.

So far, I have not seen any maps that reflect the proposed districts I created, including one based on the transit corridor.

I would also like to better understand what effect by-district representation will have when various types of projects arise. We have seen several instances in which city council members have had to recuse themselves because of property ownership near a project. When does this occur and when does it not occur (types of projects, not proximity)? Obviously it can already be a concern that city council members who may have the most intimate knowledge of the impacts of a project on the immediate community can be excluded from having a say on it. How will district representation affect this? Could districts end up without not having their interests fully represented on projects such as grade separations, road changes, and other types of projects? Sure, all city council members should be taking the interests of the city as a whole into account but they will also have a responsibility to reflect the interests of their own voters. Sometimes the interests of one neighborhood do not coincide with the interests of another. Is it reasonable to expect them to vote on projects in a way that would not reflect the outcome preferred by residents of their district? It seems like communities could sometimes end up with less of a voice instead of more.

Thank you,

Marsha Glassner

From: william walker [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 9:05 AM
To: districting <districting@sanbruno.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: Last Chance to Submit Your District Formation Map - Today at 5 p.m.

Stop the federal government from tampering with local elections, we are watching.

From: info@districtingsanbruno.org <info@districtingsanbruno.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:12 PM
To: districting <districting@sanbruno.ca.gov>
Subject: San Bruno Districting - New submission from Contact Us

Name

Diana Gilbert

Email



Message

Thank you for going back to district representatives. In the recent past when I had an issue related to my neighborhood, I didn't know who on the council so I didn't contact anyone. That is like not have any representative at all. I look forward to the next City Council elections.

From: John Devincenzi [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 4:22 PM
To: districting <districting@sanbruno.ca.gov>
Subject: Districts

I received a flyer today saying you want input on the district maps presented. Asking for input is a commendable democratic practice and I applaud that. What I do not applaud is that we have not been asked for input as to whether districts are a good idea for the city. That is something that I feel should go to a vote to the citizens because essentially you are denying me the right to choose 3 of the 4 city council seats under your belief that my voice will be louder in my one district. I believe the city is small enough that districts are not necessary and the entire council should be accessible to all the citizens.

If districts are going to happen it should be the decision of the citizens and not the council or the city manager. Anything less than that I feel is a denial of our right to vote on matters that significantly impact our voice.

This is like saying we decided to execute you without your input but we are giving you a choice between firing squad or lethal injection because your input is important to us.

JohnDevincenzi

From: info@districtingsanbruno.org <info@districtingsanbruno.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:34 PM
To: districting <districting@sanbruno.ca.gov>
Subject: San Bruno Districting - New submission from Contact Us

Name

David Heran

Email



Message

San Francisco switched to district elections years ago. It was to their detriment. San Bruno should not replicate this failed model of unrepresentative government. The people of San Bruno now have the entire City council, and the mayor to voice their concerns to. Why limit to only ONE Council member, and the mayor? That is LESS citizen access to government, not more. I wish to voice my NO vote to district elections.

From: william walke [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 6:12 PM
To: districting <districting@sanbruno.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: Join San Bruno's District Formation Hearing on Feb. 22

STOP federal tampering in local elections. Citizens are watching you.

From: info@districtingsanbruno.org <info@districtingsanbruno.org>
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 9:34 AM
To: districting <districting@sanbruno.ca.gov>
Subject: San Bruno Districting - New submission from Contact Us

Name

James Prescott

Email



Message

We are not in favor of District Elections. What is the criteria for it? How is it going to improve elections. We believe it does not. Why are they pushing for it? It seems to divide us not support the City as a whole. It has shown elsewhere to tribalize the community..."we get this and you don't"
James and Kathleen Prescott, since 1969 in San Bruno.

From: Robert Riechel [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 1:44 PM
To: Melissa Thurman <MThurman@sanbruno.ca.gov>
Cc: Riechel Robert [REDACTED]
Subject: Comments for Feb 22 Council item 5a

City Clerk Thurman

Please post the following comments for Feb 22nd's council meeting under item 5a

Comments of Council Item 5a – Districts for Council

The City States: The City Council is not prohibited from considering and adopting at this time both a four-district map that would be used in the November 2022 general election, and a five-district map that could be used in 2024 if the voters repeal the directly elected mayoral process in November 2022.

City staff and the Council is putting too much into one election and or one election ballot issue. The staff report includes mention of possibly considering changing to a Charter City at the upcoming Nov 2022 election.

The City is not providing full information on what a Charter City CAN DO and CAN NOT DO. Mention is only that it could impose fees on property change of ownership.

There has to be other CANs and CANNOTs not discussed.

This November's election should only cover asking the voters to approve a single map showing 4 Council Districts – AND notification that if passed which current council members would serve in which districts and if a proposed council district would not have a

current council person, this would need to be so advised so one or more citizens could run for election to these districts at the Nov 2022 election.

Stop providing incomplete information to the residents

Stop confusing the subject

Stop adding more than 1 item on a ballot issue.

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Robert Riechel

From: info@districtingsanbruno.org <info@districtingsanbruno.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 12:33 PM
To: districting <districting@sanbruno.ca.gov>
Subject: San Bruno Districting - New submission from Contact Us

Name

rob barn

Email

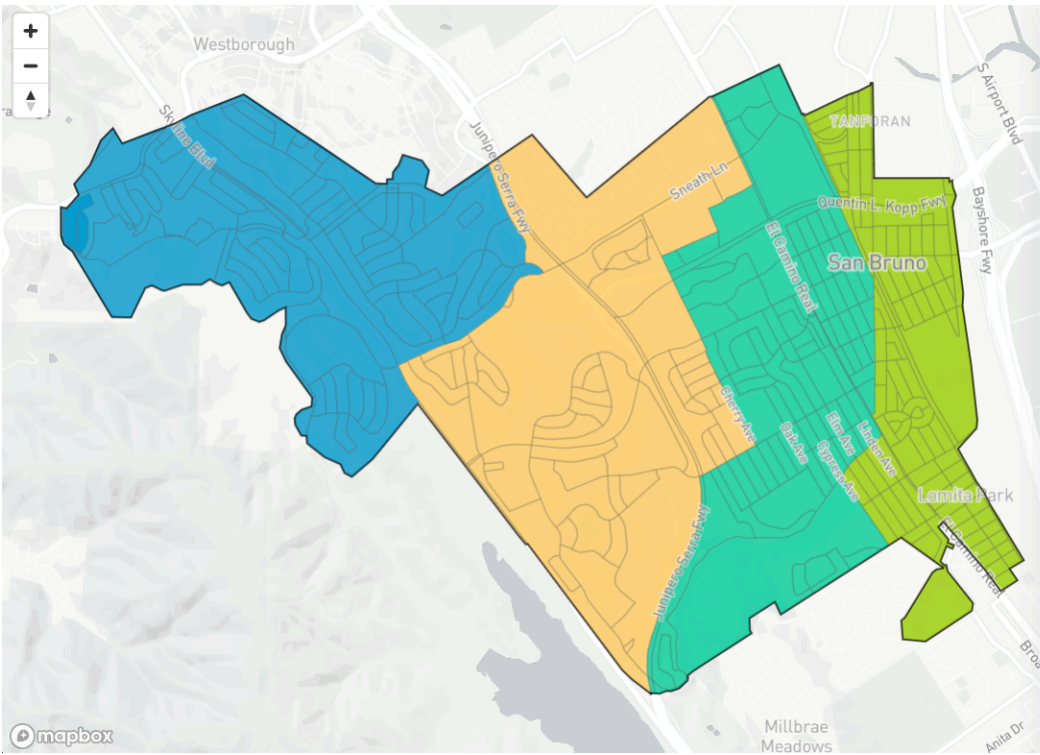
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Message

Good afternoon, is this Zoom meeting also going to be open for other opinions\input (written)? If it is, can we have that listed for the residence before the Zoom date. Tks Rob

From: Marsha Glassner [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 2:36 PM
To: districting <districting@sanbruno.ca.gov>; 'marsha.glassner@yahoo.com' <marsha.glassner@yahoo.com>
Cc: Melissa Thurman <MThurman@sanbruno.ca.gov>; Linda Mason <LMason@sanbruno.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: Public comment on San Bruno Redistricting

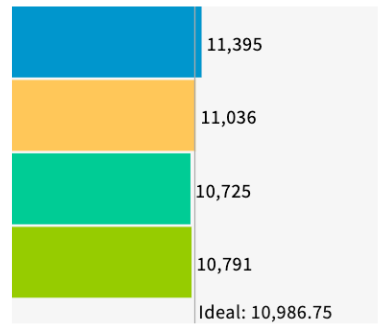
Thank you. I'll hope to see some indication at the 2/22 meeting that my input was considered. I have a similar concern about the app for the streets project. Again, the software didn't work for me. I hope the city realizes that this could be a social justice issue. I could easily have simply given up and not provided any input when I couldn't get the software to work. Especially for this one where, for example, the citywide districting maps I tried to create won't be included now, only the neighborhood map I eventually submitted via email.



Population Data Layers Evaluation

Population Balance

① Uses adjusted 2020 Decennial Census population with processing by National Demographics Corporation on 2020 Blocks.



UNASSIGNED POPULATION: 0
 MAX. POPULATION DEVIATION: 3.72%

Highlight unassigned units

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