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101 David Bratman

The attached Excel submission is intended not as a serious proposal, but more as an experimental entry intended to provide other entrants with some data they can use to work from, and I hope it will be taken in that spirit.

In this entry, District 2 is intended as the most concentrated Hispanic/Latino district that it's possible to draw with the Excel population units. I started with the units with heaviest concentration of Hispanics in the census population, and built around that with the contiguous districts with the highest concentration until I had a district-sized area. This includes all the highest Hispanic population units except those around Acalanes, which is too far away from the rest to put in the same high-concentration district. It has 42% Hispanic total population, but only 25% Hispanic voting age citizen population, which shows part of the problem in drawing districts this way.

Districts 5 and 6 are drawn to include as much as possible of the Cupertino and Santa Clara school districts, respectively, in one Council district each. In both cases the school district area in Sunnyvale is larger than a Council district.

Following the suggestion at the meeting to draw fill-in districts in the parts of the city you're less concerned with, I've created districts 1, 3, and 4 as fill-ins. Note that District 1 is heavily gerrymandered, connecting two separated populated areas via the unpopulated industrial park, which shows the limitations of drawing the ideal Latino district. And District 3 would require some microscopic adjustment, lower than the population unit level, to keep it contiguous. I hope you will accept it as designated as an acceptable district for purposes of display on the website.

Still, I hope this idea will be useful for other citizens who wish to draw less rigid districts concentrated on the same basis.

Follow up comments:

In the meantime, I have at least modified it enough to make the population balances better, but District 2 is still specifically drawn to maximize Hispanics. I've attached the modified file. If it can be posted for users to see, with my initial explanation of what I was doing attached, and dropped from your list of preferred plans to submit to Council, that would be my preference.

102 Holly Lofgren

Please find attached my district map submission package. It includes: a) the Excel file b) a hard copy drawing of the districts c) this page of explanation. Please acknowledge receipt of all three items in my package with a return email.

I attended one map drawing training where we were encouraged to give reasons for our district lines. Besides dividing them roughly equally for the populations, I took into consideration the following items:

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- a) While there are no really heavily predominant races clusters in Sunnyvale, the data showed a preponderance of Hispanic and Asian ethnicity people in certain areas and I tried to keep them together.
- b) Another community of interest is the high school districts and I followed those lines as much as possible. Notable exceptions are area 50 and area 71.
- c) Another community of interest factor is major highways. I used Highway 101 as a dividing line while still attempting to keep the mobile home parks together, as some are found below Highway 101. Thus, I had a larger population than I desired due to limitations using the Excel tool, but the mobile homes area south of Highway 101 could be selected more specifically by the consultant to reduce the size of that district.
- d) Other major roads such as Old San Francisco, Remington and parts of Hollenbeck also seemed to garner communities of interest.
- e) I kept the central part of the city together as it seemed important to not divide the downtown, so between El Camino and Central Expressway, I have a district.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in district map making.

103 Martin Gates

The districts are relatively balanced numbers and the shapes have a reasonable center of area without outlying branches. [Pop Unit 30 could be in district 3 for better shape, but pushes 3 over 1K from ideal]

104 Pam Anderson

I think this map makes sense because it relies on elementary school boundaries as the primary 'community of interest'. School attendance is one of the strongest ways that our community comes together, and creates natural boundaries in our community. A summary of how my districts are organized is as follows: Properties in Area 1 are generally assigned to Lakewood, Fairwood, San Miguel and Mayne elementary schools, Area 4 is assigned to Cumberland, Cherry Chase and West Valley Schools, Area 5 is Stocklemeier and Nimitz, and Area 6 is those assigned to Santa Clara Unified School District (e.g. Laurelwood, Ponderosa, Braly and Bracher.) Areas 2 & 3 are all assigned to Sunnyvale schools Bishop, Vargas, Ellis, and some San Miguel. For these 2 areas significant road boundaries area also considered (e.g. El Camino, and Evelyn Ave/Central Exwy.) There are a few population units that had to be assigned as exceptions in order to meet the criteria of 'essentially equal population' - specifically, units 47 & 50 are part of the Cumberland boundaries, but are assigned to District 3 (using El Camino as a boundary) and unit 71 is part of Elllis school, but is assigned to District 5. Unit 34 is assigned to Zone 3 because the school assigned to this unit is Vargas which is part of Area 3. I could not assign some of the units with '0' population, as I wasn't sure which was which.

105 Lou Saviano

Thank you for inviting community input on creating new City Council districts. I've attached a proposed map, outlining 6 districts.

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The “population unit” for my proposed districts ranges from 23,061 to 23,665. (Please feel free to check my math.) I’ve tried to construct districts that are geographically compact in shape and that try to generally conform with existing boundaries (e.g. Cupertino Union School District for District 1) and recognizable demarcation lines, (e.g. Highway 101, El Camino Real, Fremont Ave. etc.).

I have lived (happily) in Sunnyvale for 36 years, and I suggest these districts without any hard knowledge of (or interest in) the demographic composition of these areas. I hope that districts will be drawn in a "demographically agnostic" manner — without regard to the presumed political, religious, philosophical, racial, or ethnic background of the residents. One person, one vote. I do not believe “communities of interest” necessarily are defined by demographic factors.

I support moving to district based elections, as long as the districts are not gerrymandered to give an edge to one type of candidate over another.

106 Mei-Ling Stefan

Although Council does not want a 7-district election, I am dutifully submitting a 7-district map, and the excel file, with my thoughts on drawing the map. My guidelines for proposing which 4 districts will be up for election in 2020 are: (1) All council members whose terms expire in 2020 should be able to run for re-election (2) The 2 districts most heavily populated with ethnic minority groups should be included.

107 Frances Stanley-Jones

DISTRICT 1 Keeps the North Sunnyvale Mobile Home Parks together. Keeps Lakewood Village LWV together with residents NORTH OF 101. It is the preference of the LWV residents this is attached to the paper map submission. The Asian population is 44% high for Sunnyvale. Residents north of 101 and between that and highway 237 face similar issues such as traffic increase in crime schools.

DISTRICT 2 Keeps the Sunnyvale Neighborhood Association SNA of SNAIL San Miguel together. Built in the 1970s they have similar single family homes traffic and land use issues in common. They also share the same junior high school. Residents from this area a very active community in Sunnyvale attended the mapping class on August 7 and want to keep the SNAIL SNA in the same voting district.

DISTRICTS 4 5 6 See separate letter. The same map named smhps2 Full Map has also been submitted to Teri Silva as an email. The emailed map includes the letter from the LWN residents and signatures from mobile home park residents supporting this map.

109 John Carlsen

East-west hard division along railway Union Pacific, and north-south soft division along storm channel, East Channel, resulting in population division within about 6 percent of ideal.

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110 John Carlsen

Compact districts with southern four quadrants radiating from Community Center and northern districts stacked numbered spiraling outward from city center district 1 in approximate order in which they were developed and having population distribution variance from median within 30 people.

110 John Carlsen

Population evenly distributed within 0.01%, 0-3 people, with each district neighboring at least 2 others and sharing borders near city center, numbered spiraling outward.

111 John Carlsen

Compact districts with population distribution variation of 0.2 percent, within 0.1 percent of median, numbered spiraling outward from city center in approximate order in which they were developed.

112 Kevin Kelly

Districts are formed by natural transportation boundaries that already separate and define many neighborhoods. Any deviations are purely to provide numerical population balance which would need to be changed anyway after the new census.

113 Kevin Kelly

Designed around the premise that all Sunnyvale residents have a shared interest in the development of downtown and the city core this plan has all six districts converging there and sharing responsibility for the downtown area. Major roadways and transportation corridors are used as district borders and 4 districts share portions of El Camino Real the major commercial retail strip. The high-tech commercial area north of 237 is shared by 2 districts.

114 Yuan Xu

This is a revised plan based on my previous Balanced Cut to make the boundary look more reasonable between district 1 and 3.

115 Timothy Oey

This is as compact, balanced and natural a set of districts as I could create around existing natural Sunnyvale neighborhoods using major roads and rail lines as boundaries.

116 Cameron Kelly

This proposal provides a fair and balanced level of population per district while maintaining sensible dividing lines along major roads and train tracks in order to show how neighboring communities reflect larger areas, which are here translated into districts. This plan also intends to ensure representation among minorities. Each census block has been apportioned into a specific district so that minorities will have more empowerment through voting and representation without rendering their representatives ineffective by allocating a district for a

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single ethnic group. I have been involved in numerous community activities in Sunnyvale which allowed me to interact with a diverse pool of families and individuals. They all have one thing in common: they live in Sunnyvale, and this has inspired me to submit what I believe would be the most comprehensive district map plan unique to the City of Sunnyvale.

117 Richard Mehlinger

This plan aims to respect use major roads as boundaries where possible. The exception to this is D6, which is designed to maximize Asian-American CVAP. D4 meanwhile gets 25% Latino CVAP, which is probably about as high as it's possible to get. D6 would include Butcher's corner.

118 Frank Hand

I am submitting two suggestions for Sunnyvale's district map. My preference is the map named Bal Neighborhoods Development Downtown (#118). The maps emphasize each neighborhoods identity, inclusion, i.e. communities of interest, values, and encourage participation in Sunnyvale's ongoing revitalization development. Thank you.

119 Frank Hand

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120 Evelyn Rocha

Through meetings with the mobile home park community, SNAIL , the Latinx community, the Asian American community, and the Hindu community, in addition to a joint unity meeting consisting of a large and diverse cohort of Sunnyvale residents, we were able to build broad support for both Unity Maps A and B. These maps reflect robust community of interest feedback and knowledge from the lived experiences of community members across Sunnyvale. Below you will find specific community of interest reasons that support this district map in more depth. Thank you for your consideration. We are sending the full COI testimony by email.

Full testimony email text:

This map is the result of many meetings with a large and diverse group of Sunnyvale residents, representing communities including the mobile home park community, SNAIL, the Latinx community, the Asian American community, and the Hindu community.

This map reflects input from all of these residents and communities on traditional districting criteria based on their experiences living in Sunnyvale. Below you will find specific community of interest reasons that support this district map in more depth. Thank you for your consideration.

District 1

- This district keeps the SNAIL neighborhood (bounded by Fair Oaks, Maude,

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Mathilda, and the 101 freeway) whole. The SNAIL neighborhood should be kept whole because it is a tight-knit community that also has its own official 501(c) 4 non-profit status. SNAIL distributes 1,200 monthly newsletters door to door, hosts the largest and most popular National Night Out, and has an active web presence.

- This district keeps low and middle income communities in North central Sunnyvale together. Socio-economically, SNAIL residents have strong similarities to folks living South of Maude and north of the train tracks such as the Lowlanders neighborhood. It also keeps SNAIL together with San Miguel. Both neighborhoods are made up mostly of single-family homes.
- This district keeps stores used by the Latinx community, such as Chavez Supermarket, Mi Ranchito Produce, and Guadalajara Market together.
- This district keeps important community services (Columbia Neighborhood Center, Sunnyvale Community Services) together in a central district in the City.
- This district also results in a Latino influence district.

District 2

- This district keeps the following mobile home parks in North Sunnyvale in one district so that residents can advocate together on issues that impact their community, like traffic, office development, rent stabilization, and more: Willow Ranch, Cape Cod, Fox hollow, Fair Oaks, El Dorado, Casa De Amigos, Plaza del Rey, and Adobe Wells.
- Historically, North Sunnyvale has been geographically underrepresented on the City Council and a North Sunnyvale district ensures that a North Sunnyvale resident gets elected to the Council.
- This district contains the Sunnyvale Hindu Temple on Persian drive, which is the largest Hindu temple in the South Bay and serves a large Hindu community, including a significant population of Hindus who live in the surrounding area.

District 3

- District 3 respects the boundary between Cupertino Union Elementary School District and Santa Clara Unified School District by following Wolfe Road south of El Camino Real. Parents are actively involved in their children's education in CUSD where there is a special focus on math and music. Council district lines that align with school district boundaries is important for the Asian American community so that the Council can be responsive to issues important to students and their parents.
- Louis E. Stocklmeir Elementary School is in this district. At around 1,200 students, this is the largest elementary school in the entire Bay Area. With a very involved parent community, Stocklmeir has the highest test scores of any public school in the city.
- Next to Stocklmeir Elementary School is Ortega Park which attracts folks from all around District 2 for picnics, playgrounds, walks, sports, yoga, and tai chi. The school and the park are the hub for people of District 2 to meet and be in community.
- This district also creates an Asian American empowerment district. Asian Americans have been attracted to this area by a combination of the quality of the schools; close proximity to different Asian restaurants, grocery stores, and places of worship; and relatively short commutes to major employers.

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District 4

- District 4 respects the boundary between Cupertino Union Elementary School District and Santa Clara Unified School District by following Wolfe Road south of El Camino Real. Aligning council district lines with school district lines have been identified as a priority for the Asian American community.
- This district keeps the Sunnyvale portions of the attendance zones for Ponderosa, Laurelwood, and Braly Elementary schools together. These three zones combine for a close community around Peterson Middle School.

District 5

- Includes Cherry Chase, Cumberland, Cherry Hill, and West Valley. This district keeps together areas that have high rates of home ownership and higher income levels than the city at large.
- The Bar Yohai Sephardic Minyan synagogue and Chabad of Sunnyvale, which both serve the Jewish community, are located in this district.

District 6

- This district has a high percentage of renters and apartment units.
- This district keeps most of the Heritage district or downtown area intact.
- It also keeps a number of Indian grocery stores along El Camino Real together in one district.
- District 6 keeps many of the apartment buildings on the far west side of the City, north of El Camino, together.

Other Notes

- Multiple districts touch the downtown urban corridor so all districts have a responsibility to look after the communities there.

Proposed Sequencing: D1, 2, and 3 in 2020 and D4, 5, and 6 in 2022

This sequencing ensures that the communities that have historically lacked representation on City Council and that see their voting power increased because of the transition to district elections, including Latinx voters (D1), Asian American voters (D3), and mobile home park resident voters (D2), will have an opportunity to vote in the first district-based elections in 2020.

Sign-ons

Valerie Soares - D1; Sunnyvale community chair

Diane Gleason - D1

Kathy Higuchi - D1

Bowman Ching - D1

Janette Brambila - D1

Eloisa Herrera – D1

Modesta Albino – D1

Janet Takahashi - resident of Cupertino but active at the Congregational Church of Sunnyvale located in D1 and previously lived in Sunnyvale for 15 years

Ram Agarwal - D2; active member of Hindu Temple

MJ LaRoche - D2

Galen Davis - D3

Cal Cornwell - D3

Samir Kalra - D3

Scott Manley - D4

Strivats Iyer – D4

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Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto – D5
Beth Claywell - D5
Coleen Hausler - D5
Elsa Amboy - D5
Ray Xu – D5
Evelyn Rocha - D6
Ann Stevenson - resident of Cupertino but active at St. Thomas Episcopal Church
located in D6
Rita Welsh

121 Martin Pyne

This plan preserves communities of interest across Sunnyvale. Districts 2 and 6 roughly break along school district boundaries. District 4 contains all of the trailer parks in north Sunnyvale with District 5 containing the rest of SNAIL and apartments along Fair Oaks. District 5 is a majority-minority coalition district in terms of CVAP while District 2 is an AAPI-opportunity district. I would sequence districts 1, 4 and 5 to go in 2020 as they had the largest drop-off in vote between 2016 and 2014 suggesting that they would benefit the most from voting in a presidential year.

122 Martin Pyne

This plan preserves communities of interest across Sunnyvale in a somewhat different way than in the other plan I submitted. Districts 2 and 6 roughly break along school district boundaries. District 4 contains all of Sunnyvale north of 101 plus the San Miguel neighborhood. District 5 remains a majority-minority coalition district in terms of CVAP containing all of SNAIL, while District 2 is an AAPI-opportunity district. I would sequence districts 1, 4 and 5 to go in 2020 as they had the largest drop-off in vote between 2016 and 2014, suggesting that they would benefit the most from voting in a presidential year.

123 Kristel Wickham

Intention was to create simple district boundaries that aligned to geographic neighborhoods, main roadways and the railroad. Harder than I thought to get the population numbers to be equal. Thanks for the opportunity to suggest.

124 Valérie Suarès, SNAIL

Here is SNAIL's members recommended map.

D1: includes everything north of 101, and the western edge down to the train tracks. Most of the mobile home parks are north of 101, but also includes Pop Unit ID#26 which is Mary Manor Mobile Home Park.

In D2, keeping apts. together, housing single family homes East of Mathilda and North of the train tracks, as we move towards Lawrence Expressway there are more apts. and condos. Pop Unit ID# 53 and 60 are apts. whereas 59 is single family houses. Perhaps Pop Unit# 59 can be with Ponderosa neighborhood.

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In Pop Unit ID# 21, there is a small mobile home park, but the majority of this population unit is single family homes which are part of the SNAIL neighborhood.

This SNAIL neighborhood with over 1,400 is historically very active with a large number of regular and annual events have been and are hosted in this particular Pop Unit. SNAIL neighborhood include Pop Unit IDs# 20, 19, 21, 28. We share similarities economically north of the tracks. The track is a natural boundary.

To reinforce the reasons why we believe SNAIL should remain intact and undivided, I have enclosed a map of the SNAIL neighborhood as found on our SNAIL NextDoor map.

You will find a SNAIL neighborhood profile and collected data of our August 2019 National Night Out, illustrating in red, the streets on which our attendees live. This graphic illustrates that neighbors from most streets in SNAIL, from East to West and North to South are attending this annual and traditional event recognized by City Elected Officials as being most popular with the greatest attendance record in the entire City of Sunnyvale.

Furthermore, you will find some historical and statistical data about the neighborhood historically, which include the location of our annual 3 days yard-sales hosted in a cul-de-sac on Carolina at Glendale, which have generate \$3,652 in its best year.

For these reasons, SNAIL members urge you to keep the SNAIL neighborhood together.

Thank you for keeping the SNAIL Neighborhoods intact, undivided and united.

Dave King, supporting SNAIL map (#124)

Over many years the SNAIL neighborhood organization has worked to provide forums and activities for residents in our neighborhood so that all are given a voice and feel that they've been heard.

When you consider proposed voting districts that include the SNAIL - please keep SNAIL in one piece and avoid gerrymandering pieces of SNAIL into parts of other proposed districts.

Any split or fracturing of SNAIL would inevitably pit neighbor against neighbor and slowly destroy the comity we've sought to achieve in our group.

125 Janice Horn

Abstract: Maps for six Sunnyvale voting districts based on the existing maps of the four Zip Codes that cover Sunnyvale: 94085, 94086, 94087, and 94089.

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129 Herbert Barchie

Please keep Population Unit 21 (population: 2274) in a district south of 101 so I can continue to walk to events of the neighborhood. The district I suggest is comprised of single family homes, rentals, and some condos, all sharing schools and a neighborhood association.

=====**Post-September 10 Map Revisions**=====

121A Martin Pyne

This revision of Map 121 also regularizes lines along major streets while retaining communities of interest as formed by neighborhood associations, school districts, and other factors however it sacrifices a bit of regularity to hopefully do a slightly better job at representing communities of interest. As with the other revision I have five of the six districts bordering El Camino and have attempted to have strong renter influence in District 5 in particular. I have more detailed notes regarding particularly the boundaries between Districts 2 and 3 5 and 6 4 and 5 and the Heritage District and will be providing them via a follow-up e-mail. This map does a slightly better job of empowering minority communities in Districts 2 and 5 than my other revision. As to sequencing I continue to prefer having the districts with the largest difference in percentage turnout between the midterm and general election go in 2020. On this map this would involve Districts 1, 4 and 5 voting in 2020 and Districts 2, 3 and 6 voting in 2022.

121B Martin Pyne

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120A Prakash Giri

Prakash's 120 Revised.

120B Janette Brambila

The Unity group, consisting of diverse Sunnyvale residents who hail from different neighborhoods and communities, including the mobile home park community, SNAIL, the Latinx community, the Asian American community, the Hindu community, and multiple faith communities across the City, met again to revise the Unity Map 120. This map is one of two refined versions of our original Unity Map that we developed and are submitting for review. We have sent our detailed testimony to accompany this map in a separate email.

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120C Janette Brambila

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107A Frances Stanley-Jones

1. Districts are divided primarily for Areas of Interest. 2. There are 4 districts on the El Camino Corridor. 3. Districts are all Contiguous. 4. Districts are divided along major streets or highways: a. North and South they are on 101, the railway or El Camino. 5. Districts are kept compact. 6. Districts have less than 10% deviation from the largest 23,885 to the smallest 22,6817. All Neighborhood Associations are contained in one district. 8. In a city like Sunnyvale that is quite integrated, there was no Gerrymandering along racial lines. However, district 5 has 51% Asian in addition District 6 has 48%. District 2 has the highest Hispanic population with 36%. 9. Follows CVRA.

111A John Carlsen

Accepted map F 111 with southern flag removed smoothed.

111B John Carlsen

Based on F111, with further smoothing of district lines for simplicity and to align better with school district lines. Keeps neighborhoods together better , especially keeping Braly Corners with Ponderosa, which are linked by SCUSD.

120D Unity Group

The Unity group, consisting of diverse Sunnyvale residents who hail from different neighborhoods and communities, including the mobile home park community, SNAIL, the Latinx community, the Asian American community, the Hindu community, and multiple faith communities across the City met over many months to create a map that meets the needs of all our communities. We have responded to Council's request for smoother lines and revised Unity Map 120C to create a Final Unity Map that follows major roads and keeps communities of interest whole.