

## City of Orange By-District Election System

### Public Input received between September 10 to October 11

#### Map submitter comments:

#### **Map 136**

While Map 135 isn't perfect and what I had hoped we could achieve, here are my thoughts on Map 135:

- 1) Keep all of District 2 as shown intact. As a past property owner living very close to Old Towne, I believe it is best to keep Old Towne together.
- 2) Move the homes part of the Presidential named streets east of Handy to District 3. Consider the area east of Villa Park for inclusion in District 6.
- 3) To make up the loss of voters to District 5, evaluate expanding District 5 east to include the SF homes on the west side of North Gravier St. and the gated SF homes inside the Kensington community. Further, the homes part of Cambridge 2 (gated too), are similar to the town homes west of Prospect and may need to move to District 5 too with the work needed for the Presidential streets north of Collins. These private streets include Carnegie Ln, Londonderry Ln. and Wedgewood Ln. It all comes down to the total loss of comment 1 to District 3.

See the pdf attached with the yellow post it notes for the area referenced in comments 2 and 3. This is hard, but I believe we are there. Please send this information to Justin.

#### **Map 139**

Good afternoon - I write in reference to the City's transition to by-district elections and its current consideration of district maps.

I had the opportunity to attend the City Council's last meeting held on August 27, 2019. During the publicly held discussion the City Council narrowed down its consideration of maps from 22 to 3 maps (Map 106, 110 and 122) and it was evident that the Council had a strong preference for Map 122 as a "leading candidate".

We have since demographically assessed the remaining 3 maps under consideration. We have also discussed the three remaining maps with community members and local leaders.

In light of our findings, we have developed the attached Modified Map 122. Also attached is the correlating demographic breakdown for this modified map.

We acknowledge that the submission of this map comes late in the day before tonight's Council meeting. Nonetheless, we would appreciate the City's consideration of this map, even if doing so requires the scheduling of additional public hearings.

## **Map 140**

Consistent with our discussion a couple days ago, attached is a modified map 135 - with the revisions we discussed (swapping territory between districts 1 and 2, districts 3 and 5, and districts 5 and 6). A spreadsheet detailing the demographics of each district is also attached.

After sharing the 135B map (sent to you on Friday) with some residents of the El Modena neighborhood, they suggested that the La Paloma area is part of El Modena and should therefore be included in District 5. So, we made that very minor modification, to create map 135C. A copy of map 135C, as well as its demographics and a corresponding shp file, are attached.

### General Comments:

1. Area 5, take a look at "El Modena" area. Best way to describe it, if you are at Hewes and Fairhaven, the boundary from that intersection should follow Hewes Street going north, picking up the streets east of Hewes, El Modena Park, El Modena Library and stopping at Chapman Ave. That would keep most of El Modena Area together.
2. Support a map which The Reserve is NOT included with OPA.
3. The El Modena community would like to go on record to oppose Map 135. Map 135 violates the Voting Rights Act and the terms of the Lawsuit filed by Southwest Voter Registration Education Project and Luis Ortiz Franco by placing the El Modena Barrio in area 6 the most affluent Area in Orange. We believe the City of Orange is intentionally gerrymandering with the intent to keep a Latino from the El Modena Barrio from being represented on the City Council. We therefore are seeking legal council to protect the terms of the lawsuit and the Voting Rights Act.
4. Map 135 looks pretty good after the adjustments, but is it possible to keep more of the El Modena neighborhood intact? The people there have lots of common interests. We don't want to dilute their voting power.

### U.S. Mail (copies of letters attached)

1. Letter dated September 10, 2019 (received September 13) from Orange Parks Acres.
2. Letter dated September 17, 2019 (received September 23) from Jeannette McClain