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City of El Cajon City Council
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Re: City Council Redistricting

Dear Mayor Wells and City Council Members,

The League of Women Voters of San Diego urges the El Cajon City Council to reconsider adoption of the current district map as drawn in 2017.

California's FAIR MAPS Act (2019) prioritizes district redistricting criteria based on population equity, contiguity, minimizing division of "communities of interest," compactness, and not favoring or discriminating against a political party.

The current El Cajon district map (2017) now proposed for adoption by the City for the next ten years, may meet the criteria of population equity. However, it does not meet the requirement for minimizing the division of "communities of interest" based on the public testimony shown in the public hearing summaries on the City's redistricting website or of the publicly-proposed Map 112.

The League of Women Voters supports California's redistricting process and standards that promote fair and effective representation with maximum opportunity for public scrutiny. We support preservation and protection of "communities of interest."

The League of Women Voters recommends that the City Council reevaluate the community of interest testimony received.

Sincerely,



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