



Fwd: Public comment 11A

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Jonathan Royas

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 2:34 PM

To: Sydney Overly

Kylie Benzing

Begin forwarded message:

From: Julie Latshaw

Subject: FW: Public comment 11A

Date: August 17, 2022 at 1:48:27 PM PDT

To: CityCouncil

Cc: Monica Castillo

, Jonathan Royas

Good afternoon,

Please find the below email as Public Comment on item 11.A for tonights meeting.

Best Regards,

Julie Latshaw

City Clerk

City Managers Office

City of Santa Paula | 970 Ventura Street | Santa Paula, CA 93060

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From: Fabiola Gomez

Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 1:14 PM

To: City Clerk

Cc: Jenny Crosswhite

Subject: Public comment 11A

I'm submitting this public comment on behalf of SP resident Amalia Ochoa for item number 11A.

Item #- 11A

"Hello and good evening council members, my name is Amalia Ochoa. I am a leader with CAUSE. I am a Spanish speaking adult and my CAUSE organizer has helped me translate this public comment.

First, I want to thank you for starting this process for district elections. I am here to advocate for a farmworker district in Santa Paula. I am a retired farmworker, I started working at the age of 13. I have seen, heard, and been through so much as a farmworker, from physical abuse to emotional abuse. Farmworkers have always been underrepresented in our communities. I faced many health problems while still working with no real health insurance or financial support for sick days. I didn't have any health insurance, in our workplace we didn't have clean water, restrooms, nor shade for workers. Everything was extremely inhuman. My husband is also a retired farmworker; he has problems with his lungs due to being exposed to unknown pesticides. My husband and I are not the only ones that went through this, there are so many untold stories. The continuous retaliation, discrimination, and abuse that happens in the fields are hardly ever told, due to fear of any further abuse.

I am very grateful to be living in a farmworker housing in Santa Paula, it's a huge help for myself and my husband whom I take care of. Santa Paula is a farmworkers community that needs the support from the city such as farmworker housing and a district that represents them. Farmworkers have one of the hardest physical jobs, with hardly any increase of wages and little to no support for health insurance. They are essential workers, they go through extreme heat, extreme cold, rain, heavy winds, and wildfires throughout the year.

Our farm workers need protection from rent increases as well, rent is 10 times higher than their wage increase. Overall, we need a better support and resource system for our large farmworker community. I urge you to create a farmworkers

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district where their votes are not going to get diluted. Thank you, I look forward to continuing participating in this process. God bless you."

[Image removed by sender.]<<http://causenow.org/>>

Fabiola Gomez Flores (She/her/ella)
Santa Paula Community Organizer

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Fwd: Public Comment for Agenda Item #4A Closed session 8/17/22

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To: Sydney Overly

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Julie Latshaw
Subject: FW: Public Comment for Agenda Item #4A Closed session 8/17/22
Date: August 17, 2022 at 1:43:52 PM PDT
To: Jonathan Royas

Best Regards,

Julie Latshaw
City Clerk
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From: Loni Kate English
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 12:23 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Public Comment for Agenda Item #4A Closed session 8/17/22

Dear Santa Paula City Council Members,

Thank you for listening.

My name is Kate English, I have lived in Santa Paula for almost 20 years and I support the requests of the community to prioritize redistricting and complete the process by November 16th. We should do so by centering the leadership of the community groups in this public process that serve this community and who understand its disadvantaged neighborhoods best.

Systemic racism is the way that history impacts the present. I use the words not as an indictment of any individuals. I am not talking about interpersonal racism. I am only referring to the way many racist policies of the past are still impacting the present.

The current geographies of poverty in Santa Paula are clear - and they closely follow the lines of the history of segregation and racist housing covenants in Santa Paula that INTENTIONALLY disadvantaged Mexican, and immigrant residents of Santa Paula and other People of Color in this community. This segregation was legally constructed in Santa Paula to keep Brown people away from white people and to keep them out of the political process. Though these laws have since changed, the ramifications of these laws are still impacting our entire community.

In our town, per the US Census, 83.8% of the people are Latino, yet the history of those representing Santa Paula, have mostly not been Latino. Fewer still do we have representation from the neighborhoods that were previously segregated. This should charge all of us with looking at multiple strategies to remedy this lack of representation.

District Elections are one crucial strategy towards leveling the playing field and making it so the socio economics and racism of past politics are not influencing who is able to afford to run a campaign today; which neighborhoods have their potholes filled; are over policed or who have a voice in city policy decisions.

Outcomes and representation based on where you live within Santa Paula is still very much connected to racial inequities.

This is not the fault of the current city council but it is an OPPORTUNITY for the current city council to act with urgency to remedy one layer of the mistakes of the past.

If conversations about systemic racism in Santa Paula make you feel uncomfortable or defensive, I firmly believe that is because your inner values are telling you something is wrong. Your discomfort is the actual evidence of your best self. As long as you are willing to listen through that discomfort and take action. If you instead listen to that human instinct to distance yourself from anything uncomfortable then disastrously, your lack of effort serves to hold the mistakes of the past in place.

Again, thank you for listening,

Kate English

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From: Nidia Bello
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 1:02 PM
To: City Clerk

; Jenny Crosswhite

Subject: Closed Session 4A

Hi Please see our attached letter for city council regarding item 4A during closed session.

thank you,

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Nidia Bello (she/her/ella)
Santa Paula Policy Advocate

the recipient named above. If you have received this electronic message in error, please notify the sender and delete the electronic message.”

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August 16th, 2022

Dear Santa Paula Mayor and City Council Members,

We would like to ask that you consolidate the district election map process to one calendar year, specifically from now until the last city council meeting of the year. We believe that this process would benefit from intentional, inclusive and continuous community outreach and engagement. We ask that the Santa Paula city council add more workshops between the months of September and January so that residents can continue to engage in this important process. Community members would benefit from various workshops to brainstorm, draft and collaborate on a map instead of waiting until January of 2023.

During the past couple of months, we have been working in coalition with other Santa Paula constituents, specifically, Santa Paula Latino Town Hall members, and as stated at the last city council meeting; we agree that the process should be completed this year with a hybrid model of outreach, competent interpretation, and extensive social media and print communications in various languages.

Sincerely,

Nidia Bello

CAUSE

Santa Paula Policy Advocate



Fwd: Updated Schedule for tonight's public comment

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From: Laura Espinosa
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 1:13 PM
To: Julie Latshaw
Subject: Updated Schedule for tonight's public comment

Julie,
I sent the old schedule to you. Here is the updated schedule to go along with my public comment to the council members. Thank you, so much.

Laura Espinosa
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 **Community Participation Friendly Schedule.FNLdocx.docx**
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Date & Time	Location & Documents
August 3, 2022 at 6:30pm	<p>First Public Hearing City Hall, 970 E Ventura Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Agenda • Staff Report
August 17, 2022 at 6:30pm	<p>Second Public Hearing City Hall, 970 E Ventura Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060</p>
August 24, 2022 at 6:00pm	<p>Community Workshop Santa Paula Cultural Arts Building @ The Santa Paula Community Center 530 W Main Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060</p>
September 1, 2022 by 11:59pm	<p><i>Deadline for the public to submit maps for consideration at the September 7, 2022 public hearing</i></p>
September 4, 2022 by 5:00pm	<p>Draft maps to be posted to the website</p>
September 7, 2022 at 6:30pm	<p>Third Public Hearing to review draft maps City Hall, 970 E Ventura Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060</p>
Saturday September 10, 2022 at 10:00am	<p>Community Workshop Santa Paula Youth Center, Las Piedras Park 431 N 13th St, Santa Paula, CA 93060</p>
September 20, 2022 at 6:30pm	<p><i>Final deadline for the public to submit maps for consideration (to be posted by September 23, 2022)</i></p>
October 5, 2022 at 6:30pm	<p>Fourth Public Hearing to vote on ordinance to adopt district elections map City Hall, 970 E Ventura Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060</p>
October 19, 2022	<p>City Council Meeting (Second Reading of Ordinance) City Hall, 970 E Ventura Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060</p>

The schedule is subject to change.



Fwd: City Council Communication for Wednesday Meeting

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To: Sydni Overly

, Kylie Benzing

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From: Julie Latshaw
Subject: FW: City Council Communication for Wednesday Meeting
Date: August 17, 2022 at 1:42:54 PM PDT
To: Jonathan Royas

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Julie Latshaw
City Clerk
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From: Laura Espinosa
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 5:21 PM
To: Julie Latshaw
Cc: Jason Dominguez
Subject: City Council Communication for Wednesday Meeting

Hello Ms Latshaw,
Please see attached letter to the city council. Please distribute to them prior to the next city council meeting with a copy to the City Manager and City Attorney and keep one for official council records.

Your truly,
Laura Espinosa

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August 15, 2022

Santa Paula City Council

Jenny Crosswhite, Mayor

Andy Sobel, Vice Mayor

Carlos Juarez, Council Member

Leslie Cornejo, Council Member

Rick Araiza, Council Member

Re: Reduce the timeline to calendar year 2022

Mayor and Council Members,

We do not believe that splitting this process up, with the holidays in the middle leads to strong community participation. To the contrary, we think that community members would lose interest, move on to other issues, and result in more power to professional lobbying agents and special interests.

Please be aware of the following outcomes, focusing on quality process. Community members that I have spoken with, myself, and other organizations such as CAUSE, desire, that you not measure calendar days but rather focus on the following:

1. Close the gap in the map drawing process by moving the final adoption of chosen maps from February 2023 to November 16, 2023 (before Thanksgiving).
2. Use a hybrid model of meeting participation to ensure access for the broader community.
3. Utilize competent multi-language interpretation and extensive social and print publication advertisement.

We ask you to adopt these outcomes and adjust the schedule accordingly. We have acted in a collaborative fashion, agreed not to demand districts in 2022, and we were not consulted when the city acted unilaterally in producing its timeline. Districts make it easier for candidates, traditional and otherwise, to communicate their message and be viable for elected office. We hope you understand and make this happen.

Yours truly,

Laura Espinosa

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