City of Garden Grove Redistricting Workshop Minutes

January 29, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California

Community Workshop Start Time: 10:08 a.m.

Presentation of workshop materials provided by David Ely of Compass Demographics, which provided information on the process for redistricting, and the laws applied to redistricting. Mr. Ely also provided instructions on using the online tools for creating a district map. Members of the public can learn more about the redistricting process and the participation tools available online at ggcity.org/redistricting

Workshop is recorded on zoom and is accessible using the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9u1iMLQfvuI

Public Comments

Dorothy Nguyen, representing VietRise, spoke on the need for districts to represent common recreational patterns and communities of interest, i.e., Little Saigon, which needs to remain whole and intact – recording time: 30:41

Lena Tran, with VietRise, spoke on boundaries between districts 3 and 4 to run east and west and not north and south, and to keep low income high density communities combined – recording time: 32:56

Lena Tran spoke by proxy for Lam Nguyen with VietRise, who wrote that districts 3 and 4 need to be mapped horizontally along Garden Grove Boulevard to properly reflect low income and common cultural significance and to include public transit points with the purpose of better representation – recording time: 34:45

Mr. Ely read a question submitted on zoom regarding voting age and voting for those incarcerated and responded to those questions – time: 37:51

Vincent with VietRise spoke on the need to keep high density apartments and mobilehome parks along Garden Grove Boulevard together throughout the city – recording time: 39:00

Mr. Ely recommended submitting maps electronically to delineate communities of interest to cityclerk@gcity.org.

Victor Valladaves of Santa Ana spoke on the need to keep communities of interest together and noted that district 5 that includes the resort area has different needs from district 6. He concluded that the district map needs to consider the Latinx community – recording time: 48:51

Mr. Ely requested that anyone interested in providing maps email the City Clerk at cityclerk@ggcity.org no later than the last public hearing date scheduled March 8, 2022, at the City Council Meeting. He further emphasized that the earlier proposed maps and related comments are submitted the better so they can be included in the various considerations and will be more likely to influence the rest of the process.

Workshop adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by: Teresa Pomeroy, City Clerk