

Office of the City Council



November 16, 2021

The Honorable Andrew Do
Chairman, Orange County Board of Supervisors
333 W. Santa Ana Boulevard
Santa Ana, CA 92701

SUBJECT: County Supervisorial District Redistricting – City of Tustin

Dear Chairman Do:

The City of Tustin (City) has reviewed the proposed maps being considered by the Board of Supervisors for new Supervisorial Districts. As of November 10, six (6) of the eight (8) maps being considered currently split the City into two (2) or more Supervisorial Districts. One map (Map 5B) splits the City into three (3) Supervisorial Districts. Two (2) maps keep the City whole.

Section 21500 of the Election Code requires that Supervisorial Districts be substantially equal in population and that district boundaries comply with the United States Constitution, the California Constitution and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10301 et seq.). In addition, the Election Code requires that Supervisorial District boundaries be adopted based on the following criteria as set forth in the following order of priority:

1. To the extent practicable, Supervisorial Districts shall be geographically contiguous.
2. To the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.
3. To the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of a city or census designated place shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.
4. Supervisorial District boundaries should be easily identifiable and understandable by residents. To the extent practicable, Supervisorial Districts shall be bounded by natural and artificial barriers, by streets or by the boundaries of the county.
5. To the extent practicable, and where it does not conflict with the preceding criteria in this subdivision, Supervisorial Districts shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness in a manner that nearby areas of population are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations.

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As drafted, the City does not believe that the maps that split the City into two (2) or more districts comply with items 2 and 3 above, which are two of the most important considerations when evaluating Supervisorial District boundaries.

The City respectfully requests that Tustin not be split into two or more Supervisorial Districts and would support the map(s) that keep the City wholly within one Supervisorial District. Should you have any questions, please contact Matthew S. West, City Manager, at 714-573-3012 or mwest@tustinca.org.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

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