



December 21, 2021

City of National City  
Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis and  
Member of City Council  
1243 National City Boulevard  
National City, CA 91950

**Re: Request to Implement District Voting under the California Voting Rights Act - Item #3**

Mayor and City Council,

Please adopt a resolution to transition from at-large to district-based elections as soon as possible.

The City's at-large elections have resulted in vote-dilution and political disempowerment for the Filipino-American and other minority communities. Our community has been denied adequate representation on the City's five-member council for decades. It has been denied the community the fair opportunity to just influence the outcome of an election.

At-large elections also has an adverse impact on a variety of communities of interest. For example, it does not result in representatives being elected from different geographic regions of the city. This could result a majority of council residing from the same neighborhood and focusing on the needs of that particular neighborhood.

The disempowering of minority voters and communities of interests is the reason why 13 out of 18 cities in the County have already transitioned to district voting.

Last, the transition now would save the city the costs of litigation. Other cities have had to pay millions of dollars, only to not prevail. National City can use its resources in more productive ways to help its citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ellen Nash", is written over a horizontal line.

[Ellen Nash \(Dec 21, 2021 13:07 PST\)](#)

Ellen Nash  
Chair, BAPAC-SD

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