



March 1, 2022

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

Re: Public Comment to be Read Aloud the National City Council Meeting, March 5, 2022

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

In December of 2021, I sent a letter strongly supporting National City Districting because it would allow for our Filipinx-American brothers and sisters to have an Asian Empowerment District. I want to thank you for unanimously voting to adopt district voting in National City on December 21st. This is truly a historic moment in time for all of us, as district voting will allow for fair and equitable representation in elections.

I respectfully ask you to consider adopting a preliminary map by this Saturday, March 5th. By doing so, you will allow for the community to have a starting point to build upon. As you know, the timeline is tight, and we do not want to delay this process. Delaying will only allow for the chance of district voting to not take place in 2022, which defeats the purpose of our districting voting now movement and potentially cost unnecessary taxpayer dollars.

As BAPAC Chair, representing the Black American Political Association of California San Diego Chapter, I support a map that has the highest number of AAPI Citizens Voting Age Population (CVAP) at 36% and Voting Age Population (VAP) of 40%. APAC's proposed map #1 accomplishes this with the creation of District 1, an Asian Empowerment District with a CVAP of 35.5% and VAP of 38.95%.

The APAC Proposed Map #1 is not just strong a map for the AAPI community, but it also provides excellent numbers for the Black community. APAC's map show a consistency of nearly 5.5% VAP and CVAP in all four districts across the board for the Black community. Although the Black population is small in National City, we want to have the best chance to run Black candidates in any district, successfully win, and keep them in office. The APAC map does not dilute the numbers for the AAPI nor the Black population in any of the proposed districts.

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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

[Ellen Nash \(Mar 1, 2022 11:32 PST\)](#)

Ellen Nash
Chair, BAPAC-SD