



April 12, 2022

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

Re: Public Comment, Agenda Item 1 – Public Hearing to Determine Sequencing of map for By-District Elections and Item 2 – Adoption of Urgency Ordinance Changing the National City’s Electoral System from At-Large to By-District Elections

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

APAC is proud to stand in solidarity with those who courageously advocated for district voting and we are excited to see the victorious fruits of our labor; **a Filipino American/AAPI Empowerment District created in National City**. We are very proud to be part of this historic effort in National City.

We thank you for unanimously voting to pass the resolution to transition from at-large to by-district elections with respect to electing members of the City Council on December 21, 2021. Today, you have the opportunity to show your full support to fair representation in National City governance by unanimously voting to adopt the urgency ordinance changing the National City’s Electoral System from At-Large to By-District Elections for members of the City Council and establishing City Council Election District boundaries which include the creation of Asian empowerment district.

We respectfully request that there shall be an election in 2022 for the newly drawn Asian Empowerment District (District 3) and the newly drawn Western part of National City (District 1). The Filipino American/AAPI community has been underrepresented on the National City Council for decades and the Western side (north and south) has never been represented by a Councilmember who actually resides in that area.

APAC looks forward to working together to ensure successful implementation of District Voting Now/Californian Voting Rights Act and will continue its presence in community civic engagement to help improve the social, economic and political strengths of the community, resulting in improved quality of life in their neighborhoods.

Thank you kindly for your consideration. Please add this correspondence to the record.

Respectfully,

*Steve Hsieh*

Steve Hsieh (Apr 11, 2022 11:03 PDT)

Steve Hsieh  
Chair, APAC

*Mitz Lee*

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Co-Founder, APAC

*Cynthia Suero-Gabler*

Cynthia “CK” Suero-Gabler  
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Cynthia “CK” Suero-Gabler, APAC Vice Chair and District Voting Now Sub-Committee Chair  
Lifetime Member Bay Terrace Fil-Am Seniors Association and Filipina Woman’s Network (FWN)’s Top 100 Most  
Influential Filipinas in the World 2021 Recipient, BAPAC-SD Lifetime Member, RISE San Diego Fellow Gen 1

*Jantima Danford*

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Jantima Danford, APAC Treasurer  
Community Advocate and Interpreter, Thai and Lao Communities

*Sandy Spackman*

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Sandy Spackman, APAC Secretary  
President of the Lao American Coalition (LAC) and Secretary of Lao Advocacy of San Diego (LAOSD)

*Natasha Wong*

Natasha Wong (Apr 11, 2022 07:27 PDT)

Natasha Wong, APAC Board Member At-Large  
Vice President of the Avery Tsui Foundation and President of the San Diego Balboa Park’s House of China

*Denise U Meyer*

Denise U Meyer (Apr 11, 2022 06:55 PDT)

Denise Meyer, APAC Board Member At-Large  
Kupuna (Elder) and Pelekikena (President) of Ahahui Kiwila Hawaii O San Diego (Hawaiian Civic Club of San Diego)

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