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Summary Of Responses

As of July 13, 2018, 3:57 PM, this forum had:

Attendees: 151

Responses: 51

Hours of Public Comment: 2.6

This topic started on July 9, 2018, 6:22 PM.

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Answered 50

Skipped 1

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

Answered 47

Skipped 4

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Answered 50

Skipped 1

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Individual Responses

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July 9, 2018, 6:19 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

No response

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

No response

Name not available (unclaimed)

July 10, 2018, 12:11 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

The two district map. We are a small enough city that two districts is sufficient.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

Every map with more than two districts. More than two is ridiculous and will create several competing factions.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No. The mayor should be elected by the entire city. This would allow for the most civility and compromise.

Anthony Becker inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 10, 2018, 12:42 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Draft map 1 six districts and the plaintiffs 7 districts plan, 6 or 7 meet what the judge requires the city needs to stop hiding this. This is democracy

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

I do not support any maps like the 2 district, or 3 district plan, it's not meeting the requirements, while smaller cities around California etc have more districts, I just don't understand why the city is fighting against more than 3.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

I support this, why because the mayor was unelected before the charter change in the 1960's. Therefore as much as I love the mayor elected separately maybe it is time we revert back to the old charted ways and add more diversity and less retread politicians. So if they do pick 7 districts that means essentially there will be 3

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council seats up for election in November. If they don't pick 7 districts it would 2 council seats and a mayor. So hopefully someone can clarify that 3 council seats will be up for election should the judge pick 7 districts
We must remember that the lawsuit trumps all city charter laws

Name not available (unclaimed)

July 10, 2018, 12:44 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

City of Santa Clara - Three District Map (Draft Plan 1)

It looks like it reaches the right demographic balance without splitting the city into too many districts, thereby reducing election overhead.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

No response

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

Yes. Any voting change from the current setup is an upgrade, in my opinion.

Name not shown inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 10, 2018, 12:46 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I prefer Map #4. It seems to me that it leaves more "neighborhoods" intact. Per Map #4, I would live in District 4. I agree that the area between Lawrence and Scott, and El Camino and Pruneridge, would constitute an area that is comprised of high-density (historical 2-plex, 4-plex, townhomes, and apartment complexes) as well as single-family homes, and of people who would identify themselves as living "near Central Park". There is also a good demographic mix (racial, children/elderly, and income bracket) in this area due to a combination of renters and home-owners.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

Map #5 cuts the "Central Park" neighborhood in two. It really doesn't make sense to declare White Drive, which is not even a major street, as the eastern boundary and it *also* doesn't make sense to exclude residents immediately east of Central Park from a district that may make decisions that would have an impact on them.

I believe that proposed Maps #1-3 create a district between State Road 82 (El Camino) and Highway 237 that is disproportionate from a demographic perspective, as well as from a square mile perspective. It would contain an overly large percentage of Santa Clara's businesses and industry. Any of these proposed districts (Map #1-District 2, Map #2 and Map #3-Districts 1+2) would be faced with choices around infrastructure, new development/construction, and transportation (CalTrain, BART extensions) that are not relatable to residents in the other districts.

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I don't support a seven district map (which, by the way, was not included in the choices here for us to review).

Benjamin Cooley inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 10, 2018, 1:46 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Best would be an interim solution before moving onto a ranked choice voting system.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

The 7 district maps, they split up north side

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

A rotating mayor is a stupid idea we should not use. There are much better ways to eliminate the at-large problem. For example, we could elect all 7 members from a single district using STV with the largest first-round vote-getter being Mayor.

Santa Clara's should choose their mayor.

Michael Bierman inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 10, 2018, 2:35 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

City of Santa Clara - Six District Map (Draft Plan 3) seems to have slightly less Gerrymandered looking shapes that are easy to follow.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

No response

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

This is news to me. I strongly oppose this. The Mayor should be elected by the entire city. I can't find any information on this on the website. I'm disturbed by the poor communication (intentional or not) about such major changes.

Diane Harrison inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 10, 2018, 3:11 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Number 4, the Draft 1 6-district map, though I would also be quite ok with #5 to keep the families in the

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Cupertino School District together. District 2 makes it likely that Asians will get at least one council member. District 1 gives Hispanics a chance for a foot in the door, and this is a community that does most of the hard work around the city but seems to be woefully under-represented.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

#6 & #7 for 2 reasons. One, I prefer having the mayor elected city-wide, though with ranked choice voting. Two, the demographics are not shown for the plaintiff's maps, so I don't know if they're any good or not.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No - see above.

Name not shown inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 10, 2018, 3:39 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Prefer map 1 (two districts) or draft plan 1 (3 or 6 districts). I believe they divide the city into areas of like concern. Our city has varied neighborhoods with different needs and issues. The issues, as I see them, are MOSTLY NOT RACE related. This process of districting seems to be making this process about race.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

I do not support the plaintiff's maps. The plaintiff appears to have focused on RACE only, ignoring critical neighborhood ties and impacts. This is especially true in the north side (district 1 and 2). Neighborhoods impacted by the stadium, future city place development and Great America theme park. The plaintiff will also dilute

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

There are no maps that show 7 districts, so not sure where the 7th district will be carved out of. I would rather have the 7th council member be elected across all districts.

Name not available (unclaimed)

July 10, 2018, 4:23 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I prefer the original 2 District map.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

I do not support 3 or more Districts because representatives will be elected without my vote, and the fewer Districts there are, the less impact there will be for that unrepresentative situation. At the extreme of 7 Districts, I will have an influence over only one-seventh of the City Council. That would only be acceptable if the Council reduced my taxes by six-sevenths — and we know they won't do that. So fewer Districts is better for Santa

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Clara residents. Two Districts maximum.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

I do not support any District voting because people who were not elected by me will be spending my tax dollars. But under the circumstances, a 2-District map is the least damaging outcome for Santa Clara residents and taxpayers. If the City Council had only put its two district proposal on Measure A, without the confusing ranked-choice voting scheme, the 2 District map would have likely been approved. Adding the ranked-choice voting scheme was the reason that Measure A was rejected by the voters.

Howard Myers inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 10, 2018, 5:04 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

#4.
2 and 3 are too few districts and 7 is just silly.
Of the two 6 districts maps #4 is less gerrymandered and cleaner.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

2 and 3 are too few.
seven is silly, six is already too many for a city our size

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

Not at all. Assuming a rotating mayor system the mayor would be too weak and the city mgr would too much more power.
a mayor needs to make long term relationships with others and if they are only temporary they would have no real authority. much like the vice mayor now.

Name not shown inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 10, 2018, 5:54 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I prefer the Six District Map draft plan 1. I live in district 5 on that plan and feel that the area it represents is more suitable for my area than the six district map draft plan 3 as that one puts me in district 4 which isn't as representative. I do not like the other plans that have 3 or 2 districts. I also like the Seven District Alternative plan, but would not support it if it meant that the mayor was no longer elected by the voters-at-large.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

The ones with 2 or 3 districts. I don't feel that they give enough representation to the different sections of the city.

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If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No. I believe the citizens of this city should directly elect the members of our city council, including the mayor. If the council were to be responsible for picking the mayor, that decision would be made by only a few people. It is easier for a few people to conspire to pick their favorite thus having more influence on their candidate, than to have the general population pick their favorite.

Name not shown inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 10, 2018, 6:17 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

The Plaintiff Alternative 7 Districts Map seems the most fair in terms of the size for each district.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

I do not like either of the 6 Districts Maps. They are oddly sized with District 2 being disproportionately large in comparison with the other 5.

I'm not in favor of anything smaller than 6 Districts. Less than that does not give all residents equitable representation.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

So the Mayor would rotate like in Sunnyvale? I like that idea. The Mayor or for that matter any candidate for a city election should be based on qualifications. If the Santa Clara Mayor becomes a rotating position it could be good for our city.

Name not shown inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 10, 2018, 6:37 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I prefer Draft 3 with 6 districts. As an adult I have lived in Santa Clara for 36 years. I have been lucky enough to have had 2 council members living within a block of me. They have been dedicated representatives, who are attuned to the needs of our area. It's very nice to be able to personally share my concerns. For quite a few years, I have realized that the rest of our citizens have not shared that access. I hope others share my desire that the City Council more fully reflect all the people of Santa Clara.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

One and Two do not speak to the diversity of Santa Clara.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

I would prefer the 6 districts with the mayor elected by the majority.

Rob Jerdonek inside Santa Clara (registered)

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Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

This districting process is too rushed and is not allowing enough time for thorough analysis or community input. However, I realize that this is a court order and we do not have much choice.

It looks like we need an interim solution for November 2018 to satisfy the ridiculous time frame demanded by the courts. Since the court system likely wants to see "single-member districts", we are stuck with 6 or 7 districts.

For November 2018, as an interim solution, I would choose map #4 (6-district plan)

With map #4, in Nov 2018, we would elect a councilmember from two of the districts only.

Finally, drawing 6 districts alone will not solve the problem of minority representation on our city council. If multiple minority candidates run for office in a district, they could easily split the vote among each other, and the incumbent would still win.

The typical solution for this problem would be run-off elections. However, we all know that run-off elections are expensive and turnout is typically low.

These problems can be solved by requiring Instant Runoff Voting, otherwise known as IRV, in year 2020. IRV is a form of Ranked Choice Voting and is used in San Francisco, Oakland, San Leandro, and many other cities across the country. The state of Maine even uses it for its primaries and its Congressional elections.

The court agreement language should clearly state that IRV should be used for all elected offices as soon as the election equipment is available. (County election equipment will likely be able to support IRV by the year 2020.)

I would also support a plan for 2020 that uses no districts and Ranked Choice Voting for all elected offices to ensure minority representation.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

I do not support either of the 7-district proposals. They split well-defined neighborhoods, including my own. These 7-district maps are obviously drawn by someone who has never set foot in Santa Clara. Also, looking at the numbers on the court website, the 7-district plans do no better at defining the majority Asian-American district that will be expected by the court. Map #4 (6-district plan) already creates the required majority 51% Asian-American CVAP district. These proposed 7 district plans do no better than that.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

I believe our city should continue to have an elected mayor. The mayor needs to be a single elected leader that is accountable for his or her actions. The mayor needs to be able to effectively lead city council meetings and represent our city in external affairs. The mayor should have to *earn* this position in an election. I would like to have a say in who the mayor should be. With a 7-district plan, I would only be able to vote for *one* councilmember, and I would have no input into choosing the other 6. With a rotating mayor, unqualified people would likely end up in the mayor's seat.

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Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I support...

City of Santa Clara - Six District Map (Draft Plan 3)

<http://santaclaraca.gov/home/showdocument?id=58494>

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

I do not support...

City of Santa Clara - Two District Map

<http://santaclaraca.gov/home/showdocument?id=58480>

City of Santa Clara - Three District Map (Draft Plan 1)

<http://santaclaraca.gov/home/showdocument?id=58484>

City of Santa Clara - Three District Map (Draft Plan 3)

<http://santaclaraca.gov/home/showdocument?id=58498>

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

no

Name not shown inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 10, 2018, 11:20 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Map #4 (Draft Plan 1) is my preferred map. It's the closest to the makeup of neighborhoods and communities in Santa Clara and would ensure a fair and balanced representation of the city in the council.

For example North Santa Clara is kept mostly in whole in District 1. District 2 represents the more sparsely populated areas but has two coherent population areas (North of 101 and south of the railroads). I'd imagine that after City Place is built some reshuffling will happen but that is a future concern.

District's 3 - 6 all represent the rough makeup of those communities - Homestead/Bowers/EI

Camino/Wolfe/Saratoga are major roadways and reflect the rough boundaries.

Additionally, I believe Map #4 (Draft Plan 1) is the only map that will pass both adhere to the CVRA as well as the court's review given the population distribution.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

Maps 1 through 3 - the two and three district maps. Map 1 was voted on and didn't pass and the Court has indicated it likely wouldn't pass scrutiny, seems like the three district maps are just a way for the Council to retain the current seat makeup and power. This is a waste of time and resources to even include these in there.

Map 5 makes weird cuts between districts 4, 5, and 6 - incidentally it's the only one that allows all current council members to not have to compete for seats, looks a bit suspicious.

Maps 6 and 7 also have some interesting looking districts (District 3 and 5 respectively) that doesn't make sense with our community makeup.

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If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No. But not because the Mayor wouldn't be elected directly but because the 7 district map proposals don't make sense in keeping communities together. If there were a good 7 district map I'd be fine with that. Especially since the Mayor does not serve as the city executive, the practical change in directly electing vs. rotating seats is very limited.

Name not available (unclaimed)

July 11, 2018, 4:17 AM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Any of the 6 divisions. I want to have a vote for mayor.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

Don't like the 7 options. Important to keep mayor as elected by voters.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No. That would make the position even more political.

Roger March inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 11, 2018, 5:11 AM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I strongly prefer the 6 district map (the one label #5 specifically). Over the many years I have been a resident of Santa Clara I have lived in several of the proposed districts and the boundaries seem a good fit for the character of the regions.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

I think anything less than 6 districts would just be a return to the political gangsterism that has been the norm for Santa Clara. It would be nice to finally feel like an election is a stacked deck.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

Again I strongly feel the mayor should be representing the interests of all voters and as such we should all get a chance at voting for the office.

Name not shown outside Santa Clara (unverified)

July 11, 2018, 5:50 AM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

No!

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This was voted down by the voters and should not even be considered!

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

All!

Voted down by the voters!

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No!

Voters voted this down!

Philip Moorhead inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 11, 2018, 6:15 AM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

No the city is just fine like it is... If the people living here produce a qualified candidate the people will vote for them..The Judge has no right telling the people of the city what to do..

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

NO

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

NO

Name not available (unclaimed)

July 11, 2018, 6:36 AM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I prefer a six district map because the elected officials currently serving have no idea what the various parts of the city need. And I believe a ranked-choice vote for a mayor should be part of the plan, so I dislike the 7-district map idea.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

2-district mapping wouldn't substantially change the layout of the city, especially as proposed. 3-districts would be preferred to 2, but not as good as 6. 7 would give us a non-standard mayoral role, which would weaken the position.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

I would be okay with it, but only because I have near zero confidence in the council and mayor as it stands today. I would prefer a 6-district map.

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Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Yes, being a lifetime resident I have seen many issues split the city in two. I personally believe having the city split along the el Camino with 3 council seats each and the mayor elected at large is the best option for Santa Clara. I think ranked choice was too difficult for most people to understand and cause measure A to fail.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

I believe the city being 19 square miles with many areas consisting of large amounts of commercial and industrial do not warrant individual council seats. The candidate stock will be limited with too many districts and we will be left with a weaker council for it.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

Absolutely not. The Mayor represents (traditionally) the entire city and should be elected by all residents. Having a "Mayor" district with either too much power to one district, create confusion with voters if districts rotate, or will upset people if the elected council appoints someone. This almost looks like someone is trying to divide and conquer Santa Clara.

Robert SHERMAN inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 11, 2018, 7:10 AM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I vastly prefer the two- and three- district maps proposed by the committee, but any of the drafts submitted by the city are vastly preferable to the plaintiff's proposed maps, which seem to me to be tone-deaf in terms of creating districts that have no apparent commonality.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

yes - both of the plaintiff's maps have an artificially constructed district 2 that somehow places my neighborhood (Lake Santa Clara - in the 49ers backyard area) in a district along with areas far south of 101 that share virtually none of the challenges we face in terms of traffic, airport noise, construction, etc. I see no commonality between my neighborhood and the area around Monroe street, yet somehow the plaintiff's proposal places us in the same district - essentially totally diluting the influence of those of us in the small slice of District 2 north of 101.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

I do not. This presages a weak mayor system, in which the power is concentrated in council members elected by a very small section of the city. I vastly prefer a strong mayor, where the mayor is elected by the entire city and is responsible and accountable. Weak mayor systems lead to situations like Chicago's historical example of machine politics in which powerful city council members wield power through patronage.

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Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Draft #1, for six district, seems to be a fair representative of the City.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

1, 2, 3., 4.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

Yes, its a waste of money

Nancy DuPuy inside Santa Clara (registered)

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Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

No

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

No

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No, I think we should be able to elect a mayor

John Lemon inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 11, 2018, 8:23 AM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Six District Map (Draft Plan 1) seems to accurately reflect neighborhoods. Second best is Plaintiff - Seven District Map Proposal.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

Any of the maps with fewer than 6 districts as they don't reflect actual neighborhoods. Also the lines in Six District Map (Draft Plan 3) and in Plaintiff - Seven District Map Alternative do not reflect actual neighborhood boundaries.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

I don't care.

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Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Draft Plan 3 seems to keep most neighborhoods (as they are thought of) together. I do wish the area the City considers the Old Quad (which runs on both sides of El Camino Real was not split between 2 districts.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

The 2 and 3-District plans have too few Districts. I have spoken to several people that live in a 6-District plan Cities, and they tell me it works well. The 7-District plan has too many Districts.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No because the Mayor has to preside over all the representatives from all the districts and should be elected by everyone who votes.

Leonne (Lee) Broughman inside Santa Clara (registered)

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Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I prefer one of the 3 district options because I would be able to vote for more than on council member but if that is not to be considered then of the 6 districts plans, I would prefer Draft option 3. The reason for my preference is that it address neighborhoods lines.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

I do not consider the 7 district option to be viable since it violates our charter.

I do understand that this court action can overrule our Charter but hopefully it won't.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No, I have noted Sunnyvale's has a revolving mayor and seem to lack leadership on important issues.

Name not shown inside Santa Clara (registered)

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Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Draft Plan 1 - Six districts (#4) has the most reasonably drawn districts, which keep neighborhoods of interest together.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

Every other map. It seems clear that three districts is not enough for Santa Clara. The seven district maps also introduce further confusion with the mayoral issue referenced below. The other six-district maps cut neighborhoods in strange places and create groupings that don't make sense.

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large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No. People in Santa Clara want to be more involved with city politics, not less. Further, I've heard concerns about creation of a weak mayor that make me very skeptical that this could be good for our city.

Name not available (unclaimed)

July 11, 2018, 10:10 AM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

No. They are all roughly equivalent as far as I am concerned. I studied the data for as long as I could stand it, but there is too much information and not enough summarization of what it means.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

No. Same answer as above.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No. I believe the voters should elect the mayor.

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July 11, 2018, 11:15 AM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

No. I believe the process is flawed by the time line and a judge engineering a method of voting without input from an informed Public and a City Council Public debate.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

No response

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

NO! The Mayor is an important position. Without a City wide vote and separate elected position the balance of representation is adversely disturbed.

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July 11, 2018, 11:31 AM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Draft Plan 1 with 6 district plan has good grouping.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

7 District Proposal because district 3 is too spread out.

7 District Alternate because Mayor should be city wide.

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If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No. Mayor should be city wide.

Under seven district map, will there be a mayor? How will the mayor be determined? Need more details here.

Name not available (unclaimed)

July 11, 2018, 11:41 AM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

No

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

I don't support breaking up the city. We need one mayor.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No I don't support this. As I stated, we need one mayor for the entire city.

Ted Hasegawa inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 11, 2018, 11:54 AM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I prefer 6 or 7 district proposals as they would seem to both localize and focus representation. I also favor proposals with districts that are compact and do not divide neighborhoods along minor roads. Thus, 6 and 7 district proposals are favored over and 3 district proposals; 6 district Draft Plan 1 is slightly favored over Draft Plan 3; 7 District Alternative and 6 district Draft Plan 1 are my top preferences.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

7 District Proposal is undesirable due to the shape of District 3

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

I do not understand why there is a need to combine the two changes, cannot they be considered separately? I might imagine that the "all-or-nothing" choice may encourage rejection of any changes.

Peter Feain inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 11, 2018, 12:29 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Where are they?

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

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If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No....I do not want an appointed Mayor...I grew up in a Monarchy...I'm a American now...I want to elect my officials.

Thank you.

Name not available (unclaimed)

July 11, 2018, 12:30 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Draft plan 1, 3 districts. It has the simplest district shapes, with minimal gerrymandering.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

Maps that split the north-side in an attempt to dilute the influence of near-stadium voters.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No, the mayor should be directly electable by the whole city, to provide a check & balance against the council.

Jim Narveson inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 11, 2018, 1:12 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

#7 best fit for SC

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

Any with less than six districts

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

Better representation

Name not shown inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 11, 2018, 2:51 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I don't feel I have enough info to make an informed choice. Doesn't the statewide non-partisan districting commission have districting tools that could be used?

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Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

The even-numbered maps don't make sense to have if the reporting on the issue by the Weekly is true.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

I used to live in Sunnyvale and they just rotated being mayor. Seemed like a nice perk to be able to say you once were the mayor.

Travis Flora inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 11, 2018, 4:31 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I'm ok with the 2-districts map from Measure A, and the 3-districts Draft Plan 1 map. I also think we should consider establishing districts according to zip code.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

I do not support 7 districts. The mayor needs to be independently elected by City voters at-large and represent the entire City.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No, the mayor needs to be independently elected by City voters at-large and represent the entire City.

Name not shown inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 11, 2018, 7:00 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

#4 or 5 because we might get better representation

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

1 the 2 districts not enough variety

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No on 7 district, how would the mayor be chosen if not by election?

Name not shown inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 11, 2018, 7:03 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Either of the plans with 3 districts. I like that it's not the "north side" vs "the south side". I like that each district gets two representatives. Not matter how hard we try, representatives always have pet projects; this way voters

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have a chance of hearing their voices heard on more issues.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

Any of the district maps with 6 or 7 districts. No single district is made up of a single demographic. The plaintiffs 7 district maps are absurdly gerrymandered-district 3 is awful. 7 districts require strange boundaries that don't align with real issue boundaries. Furthermore - the city population is ~126,000. That's about 18,000 people per district and not all of them can vote. 40,000 showed up in June. So only about 6000 people or less elect a council person - there is way too much room for error and unqualified candidates to hold office. Boundary houses are likely to swap representatives too often.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No! Our charter lays out democratic election of the mayor. Every voice in the city should get a day in the mayor, even if our first choice of councilperson does not get elected. A mayor should be a visionary and a leader and inspirational to the voters - not the 6 people on the council. We couldn't even get the council to appoint a vacant council seat - why would we trust them to select the mayor? The democratic election of mayor is a Santa Clara feature I've valued.

Name not shown inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 11, 2018, 8:20 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I prefer the alternate 7 district map, because it gives minority voters and candidates a good chance to organize and win council seats.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

Any maps with less than 6 districts, and the 6 district draft plan 3 map because it is based on nextdoor proprietary data. Local politicians who know the district are a good thing, and the 6 district draft plan 1 map along with the 7 district maps does that.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

Yes, let's have a rotating mayor like Sunnyvale and give any of the council members an equal chance to be mayor.

Name not available (unclaimed)

July 11, 2018, 10:19 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I prefer Draft 3 of the 6 district map. It appears to do the best job of keeping neighborhoods together.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

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I do not prefer Draft 2 of the 6 district map, as the split between Districts 1 and 2 is not keeping similar neighborhoods on either side of Lafayette together.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

I prefer the Mayor to be elected by the city voters at-large. However, the preference is not strong.

James Stott inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 12, 2018, 2:11 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

No

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

I do not support any map that does not split the old quad.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No I definitely want the mayor elected by the city voters

Lisa Eckstein inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 12, 2018, 3:40 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I attended the meeting last night (7/11), and after hearing the explanations for the different maps, I came to the same conclusion as the committee. I prefer the idea of having 6 districts and using the revised version of DP3, which takes into account the school district boundaries and other adjustments made from public comments.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

I don't think it makes much sense to switch to 3 districts. If the city is changing from citywide to district elections, it should be a full switch, with one council member per district.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

I'd prefer to keep the mayoral election citywide. The switch to district elections will already be a major change, so it's better to keep one piece of our system unchanged.

Name not shown inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 12, 2018, 4:37 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I prefer either of the 6-district plans. I was against having only 2 districts and don't think that having 3 will be

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much of an improvement. I think it's important to follow the Court's directives to ensure fair representation of all communities within the city. I think that having the appropriate and current demographic data about the racial/ethnic make-up of the proposed districts (especially of voting-age residents) will go a long way toward meeting the Court's requirements and toward making the City Council more representative of Santa Clara's population. I am not sure I'd support the two 7-district plans, especially if one or both would mean that the mayor wouldn't be elected by a majority of voters throughout the city (as noted in your question below).

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

I do not support the proposed 3-district plans and feel ambivalent about the 7-district plans (see above). The City should follow the Court's directives to ensure that we are in compliance and have a more demographically representative City Council. Please avoid trying out plans (like the doomed 2-district plan that City Council put on the ballot) that aren't in legal compliance with fair elections practices, both to avoid wasted money on legal fees and wasted time in achieving a more democratic City Council election method.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

No--I think the Mayor SHOULD be elected by a majority of all city voters. If it were possible to have 7 districts (instead of 6, the number I prefer) without changing how the mayor is elected, that might be a possibility.

Ken Mignosa inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 12, 2018, 8:00 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

Plaintiff Draft 1 appears to be a reasonable distribution of voters

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

Any maps with less than 7 districts

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

Yes. The current at-large system disenfranchises minority voters and has kept the council and leadership positions free of any minority representation. Changing to a district based election system might allow for the council to be more representative of the communities each council seat represents.

Name not shown inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 13, 2018, 9:52 AM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

not really, honestly the ideal would be to stay one community and have a change in the voting system. If I had to pick one I liked the original two districts only concept. Dividing us into multiple small districts feels like a divide and conquer system.

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Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

the seven or 6 districts none of those work for me - deciding to split us into seven districts creates a divide and conquer system, factions, fractions and discord.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

Not at all - the court / judge clearly doesn't live in our city and does not understand our city and the concept that it is so small what happens on the north side affects the south side, the west side affects the east side - we are ONE city not divided city but this concept of 6 or 7 districts divides us and creates separation / division / upset in a city.

Ammy Woodbury inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 13, 2018, 10:05 AM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I found the draft maps on the page very hard to view. There were a lot of symbols and lettering undefined. (D1+D2? What does that refer to?) There was no accounting for why the lines are drawn where they are. They're just pictures. What population is being divided? Do the districts represent similar volumes of population? How are we to effectively judge from an under-labeled map alone?

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

I don't support the 2 district map.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

It depends on how the rest of population is divided. There needs to be some additional background information provided to make a rational, informed choice.

Linda Schwalbe inside Santa Clara (registered)

July 13, 2018, 12:58 PM

Do you prefer any of the draft maps? Explain why.

I have attended or watched most of the city run discussion on this issue. I prefer being all one city, but since the Judge will make the decision, I can only assume that he will want at least six. In addition, if it does actually create better opportunity for a more diverse city council, that would be wonderful. I can live with the maps showing 6 districts.

Are there any draft maps you do not support? Explain why.

I do not want 7 districts, as it appears to support a rotating Mayor. Also, we are a small city, why divide us so much.

If the Court adopts a seven district map, the Mayor would no longer be elected by the City voters at-

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large. Do you support this change? Explain why.

I do not support the 7 districts with a rotating Mayor. I support the City Mayor election at-large. I may no longer have a voice on all city council members, but I want to at least have a voice in who will be my Mayor.