

From: Desmond <Redacted>
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 8:57 PM
To: Draw Tustin <DrawTustin@tustinca.org>
Subject: District Proposal by Desmond Silveira

Dear Dr. Levitt, National Demographics Corporation, Tustin City Council, et al.,

Please consider my draft proposal for the formation of Tustin city council districts.

This is the link to the interactive Google Map:

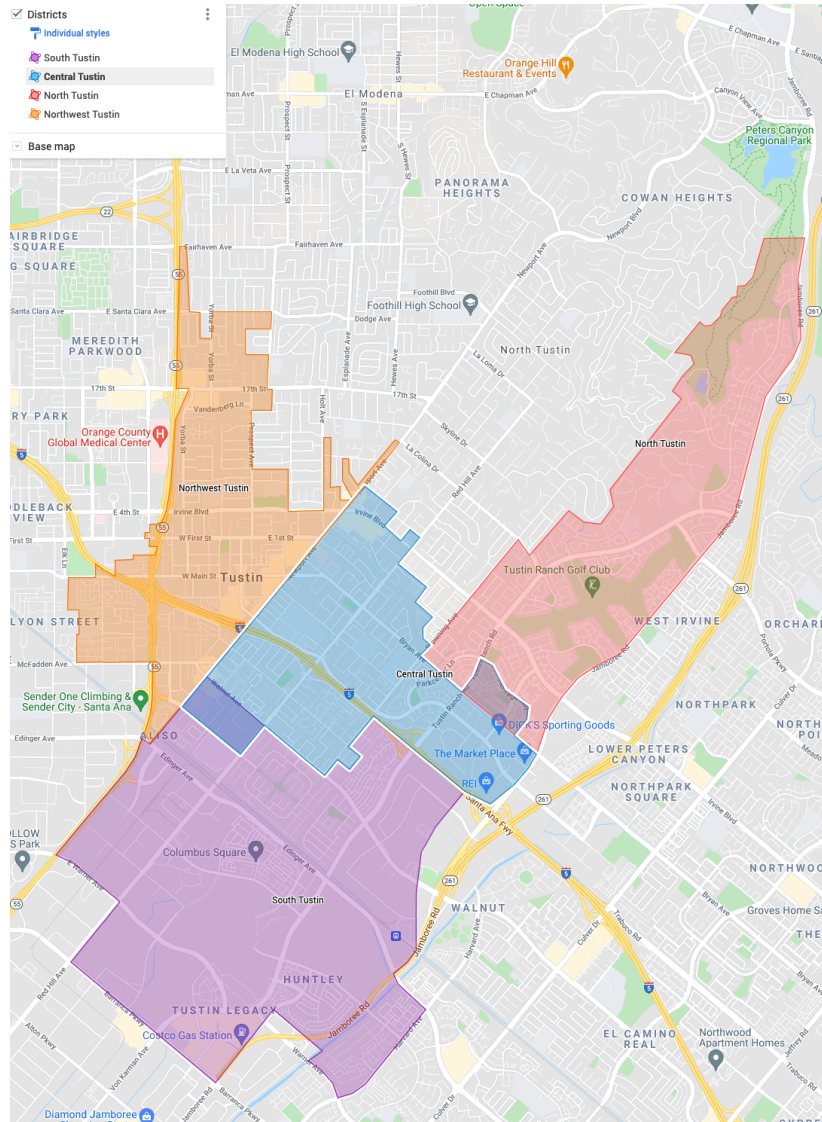
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1ZgqOrsQ4Ks9QcSpnPqItlGrxzomYsqf1&usp=sharing>

Note that as per the motion passed by the city council, the city is divided into four districts. Using some estimate data that I found for CVAP, I divided the districts into equal populations (within the 10% threshold). The northeastern district (in red) is highly contiguous and of a demographic sharing a common interest. The southern district (in purple) is highly compact and contiguous. I had heard people express during the first public hearing that Edinger Ave might be a nice natural border for the district, but for equal population concerns, I included Tustin Meadows, Peppertree, and Laurelwood. Northwestern Tustin (in orange) is nicely delineated with Newport Ave with roughly 1/4 of the Tustin population to the northwest of this street. The remainder is allocated to a central district (in blue) which is also compact and contiguous.

Of particular note is the area north of Bryan Ave and surrounded by Heritage Way and Tustin Ranch Rd. Ideally, this area should be allocated to the northeastern district, if population allows; however, I strongly suspect that once accurate CVAP numbers are published this area won't fit into that district. In that case, it should be allocated to the central district.

Likewise, the area bounded by Walnut Ave on the north, Redhill Ave on the east, Sycamore Ave on the south and Newport Ave on the west might possibly fit in either the southern district or central district, depending on the final census numbers.

For your convenience, this is a screenshot of the same map:



Please confirm receipt of this proposal with an email reply, and please consider my proposal when deciding on the adoption of district boundaries.

Sincerely,

Desmond Silveira

From: Desmond <Redacted>
 Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 8:20 PM
 To: Draw Tustin <DrawTustin@tustinca.org>
 Subject: Re: District Proposal by Desmond Silveira

I received access to the official CVAP numbers from <https://statewidedatabase.org/redistricting2021/cities.html> and have updated my map on Google Maps. Please disregard my previous screenshot. I am attaching a better one. Per my design, the district populations are:

southern: 12454 CVAP

northeastern: 12489 CVAP

northwestern: 12156 CVAP

central: 11568

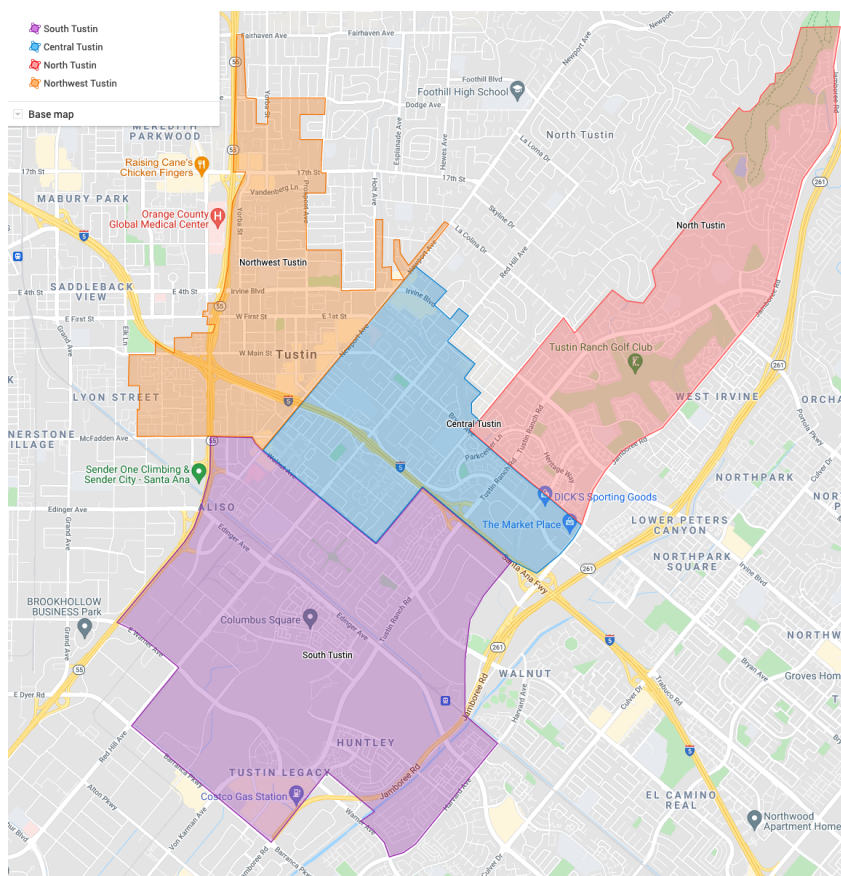
TOTAL: 48667 CVAP

AVERAGE: 12166.75 CVAP

HIGHEST TO LOWEST RATIO: 107.96%

Again, the interactive Google Map is available at:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1ZggOrsQ4Ks9QcSpnPqItlGrxzomYsqf1&usp=sharing>



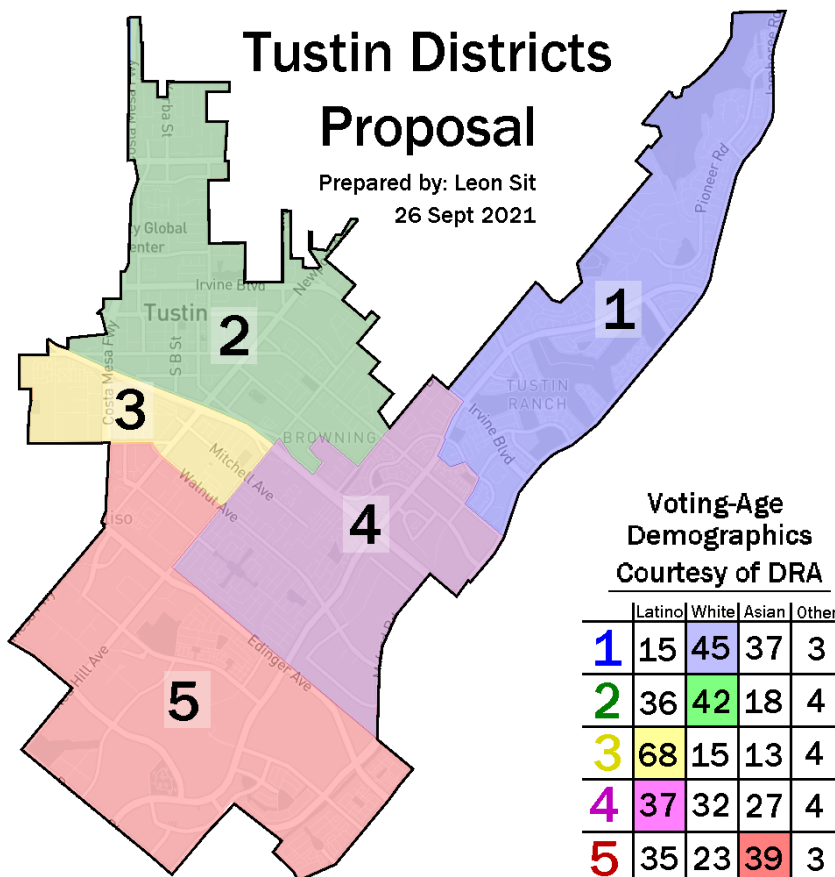
From: Leon <Redacted>
To: Draw Tustin <DrawTustin@tustinca.org>
Date: Sep 26, 11:10 PM
Subject: DrawTustin proposal

Hello!

My name is Leon Sit, and I am a former resident of Tustin, and a student at UCLA. I'd like to share some of my thoughts regarding using a district system.

I personally support the use of districts to elect members of a city council because it protects minority factions of the electorate. Tustin is a diverse city with a diverse electorate. This diversity often varies across different neighborhoods of the city. As you are aware, the lack of a district system has brought Tustin under scrutiny regarding our compliance with the CVRA. By dividing Tustin into five districts, we can better reflect the variance in community makeup across the city.

Attached is a proposal of just one way Tustin could be divided into five districts.



This configuration would account for one majority-Hispanic district, one plurality-Hispanic district (which should address the issue of Latino representation which may have been brought up by MALDEF,) two plurality-White districts, and one plurality-Asian district. These districts individually reflect the differences in demographic makeup across the city, and as a whole, reflect the makeup of the whole city. Regarding partisanship, all districts lean Democratic, as Republican voters are too spread out to form a district of their own. Districts 1 through 4 are mostly built-up, while District 5 concentrates the majority of new growth in the Tustin Legacy district.

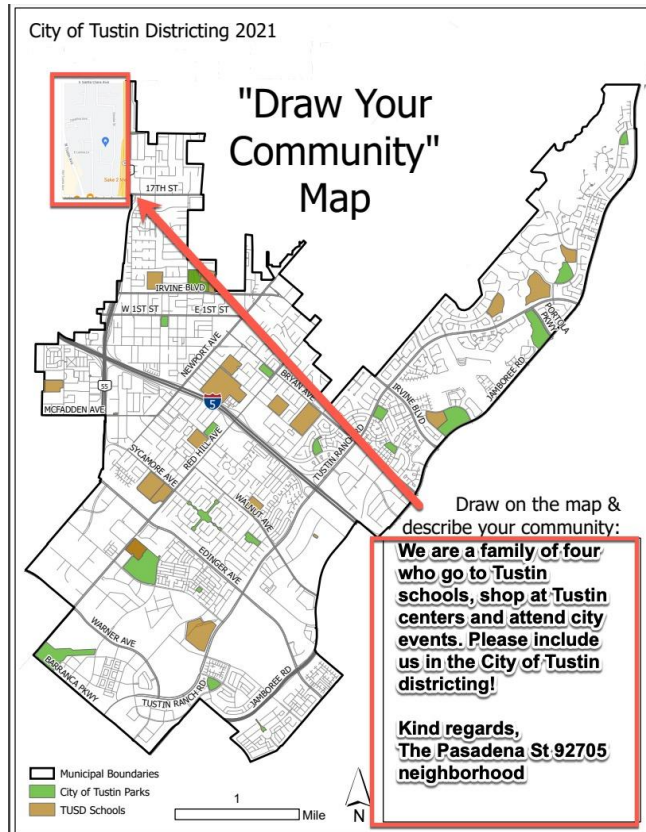
Creating these districts would allow each councilmember to have a constituency to focus on. Residents of each district would have a member on whom to rely to act on their behalf. This decentralizes responsibility for neighborhood issues, which helps prevent communities from being underserved, and helps the council fully represent Tustin.

I hope you consider my proposal! I don't think it's perfect, as it may require adjustments to address population inequality or possible division of communities of interest. However, I stand by the overall configuration as a reasonable way to split the city into five districts with five unique constituencies with five sets of interests and voices that should be heard in the City Council.

Sincerely,
Leon Sit, former Tustin resident

From: Ria <Redacted]>
To: Draw Tustin <DrawTustin@tustinca.org>
Date: Sep 27, 9:19 AM
Subject: DrawTustin Map

Hello, our neighborhood was recently incorporated into Santa Ana, but we believe we should be part of the Tustin City district. Here's our map attached.



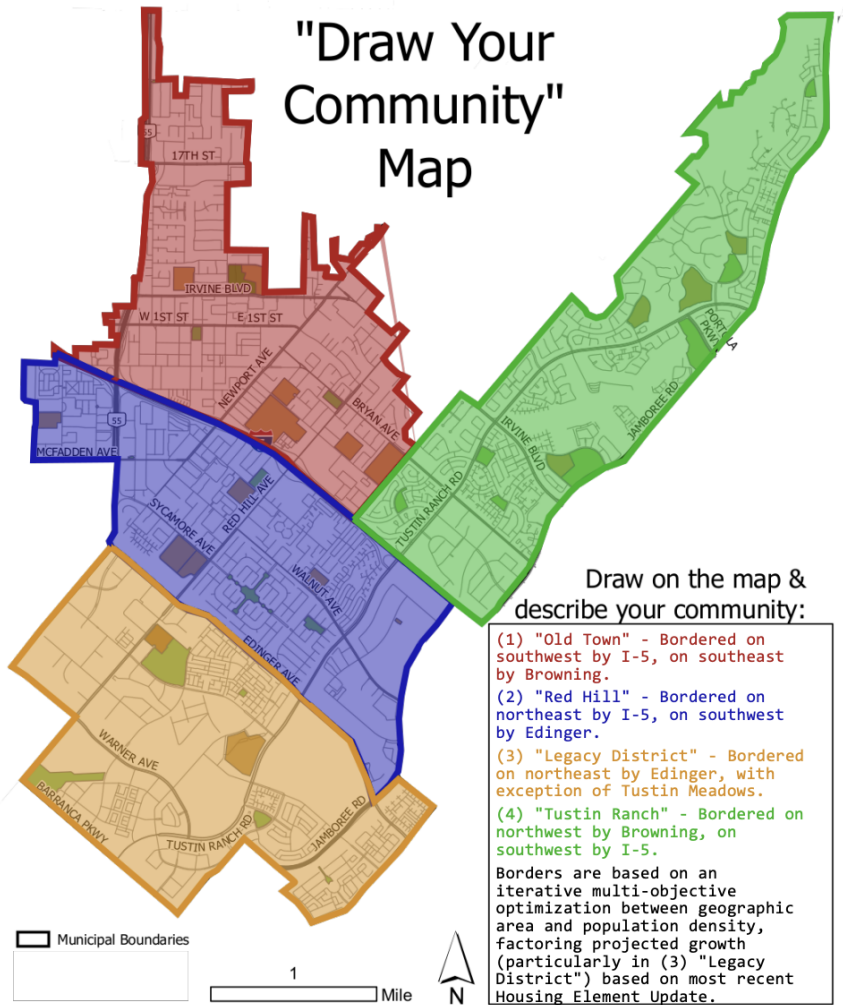
Thanks for listening!
Ria Lamenzo

From: Brian <Redacted>
To: Draw Tustin <Drawtustin@tustinca.org>
Date: Sep 27, 2021, 9:50 AM
Subject: "Draw Your Community Edits" - Kirkpatrick

Good morning,

Please find attached to this email a PDF diagram of four Tustin districting candidate boundaries. Borders are based on an iterative multi-objective optimization between geographic area (contiguous, least-skew) and population density (see <http://www.city-data.com/city/Tustin-California.html>), adjusted to factor in projected growth (particularly in (3) "Legacy District") based on most recent Housing Element Update.

"Draw Your Community" Map



Thank you,
Brian Kirkpatrick
Tustin, California