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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