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I really feel as though this entire process is being rushed and citizens not being given proper time or information for input. I only knew about the first two meetings (hearing/planning) because I am signed up for emails. Even those offered only a day or two notice. It wasn't even until today that I received anything by mail regarding drawtustin.org, or the concept of Council districts. And the whole thing has to be decided within a month and a half or so? Where's the red tape?

I oppose creating boundaries within the city and believe it is an incredibly unwise and dangerous idea. I believe that the citizens of Tustin (and every city) have the right to vote for every member of their City Council and for their Mayor. If this is the system we're using, we are all their constituents. This concept just furthers divisions between the city's diverse communities. It won't make it any easier for someone in a more depressed area to run for office. I can't think of anything more inefficient than Musical Chairs Mayor. I'm really looking for any benefit to creating districts. I can't name one.

If it has to be done, I think Tustin should adopt an even number of districts and one Mayor who acts as a mediator between districts, but has no influence on the final decisions of the Council. This makes it harder for districts to gang up on one another and forces negotiation. I know it's "not partisan", but there is no way of fairly dividing the city. Might just as well divide it up by property values.

I live on Red Hill, just outside of the gentrification zone (Red Hill plan), and I do not know how winding up in a Tustin Ranch district would effect me. It's like two entirely different worlds with different needs and priorities.

That's what Tustin Ranchers hate about it. When you exit I5 at Red Hill, you are where you are. You are in the land of Big Lots, empty lots & buildings, an old Stater Bros. and two 99 Cent Only stores, two 7-11s and two ARCO stations within a couple of miles of one another. Some of us depend on those places whether it's pretty or not.