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Re: Redistricting: Fairness in Separating Cities into Two or More Districts

There appears to be little concern regarding separating the City of Oxnard into 3 supervisorial districts. It is mentioned briefly once (on page 5) in the CEO's letter to the Board. Yet in the letter's overview of each of the maps to be considered, the cities being divided are clearly identified with no mention of Oxnard being also divided into 3 districts.

It appears little consideration was given to limiting division of Oxnard into only two districts. Perhaps this was not feasible unless more cities were divided. Perhaps this should be considered since it appears dividing a city is not a serious concern as in Oxnard's case.

More attention should be given to ensuring that communities and neighborhoods of common interest within each city are clearly identified and kept within a single district to avoid disenfranchising any area.

It is clear if there are to be two majority minority districts, some cities will need to be divided into 2 or 3 districts. Oxnard should be given the same consideration as any other city.

We support the creation of two majority minority districts but also ask that the City of Oxnard be given the same consideration as other cities when dividing cities is necessary. Oxnard has been divided into 3 districts in the past 10 years, why should there be any major concern for other cities being divided?

Best regards,

Rene Aiu on behalf of the Harbor & Beach Community Alliance

cc: Clerk of the Board, Oxnard City Council