SJECCD Trustee Area Redistricting

I am requesting that the SJECCD Board of Trustees not select Draft Plan D, D2, or E as the SJECCD trustee area redistricting plan for the next ten years. Each of these plans unfavorably divides the Berryessa area of San Jose. Each of these plans, if implemented, would have Asian majority areas which are either in Trustee Area 1 or 3 at the present (both Trustee Areas 1 and 3 are Asian majority trustee areas) transferred to Hispanic/Latinx majority Trustee Area 2 (TA 2). All three of these plans reduce the Hispanic percentage and increase the Asian percentage in TA 2.

While both Draft Plans D and D2 seem to have more of Little Saigon\(^1\) in TA 4 than at present, both of these plans would reduce the Hispanic percentage and presumably increase the non-Hispanic white percentage in TA 7, thus making TA 7 less favorable for the Hispanic/Latinx community than at present. TA 4 in Draft Plan D would actually have a lower Asian percentage than the existing TA 4;\(^2\) while TA 4 in Draft Plan D2 seems to have a higher Asian percentage than the current TA 4, this is accompanied by a transfer of approximately 13,000 with a Hispanic majority in the Seven Trees vicinity from TA 4 to TA 5. Both Draft Plans D and D2 divide Milpitas between Trustee Areas 1 and 3.

As alternatives to Draft Plans D, D2, and D3, please consider Plans Alternative 1, 1B, 2, 2B, 3A, and 3B. Plan Alternative 1 features trustee area boundaries which are more aligned with U.S. Census school district boundaries than with the current redistricting plan. Plan Alternative 2 has trustee area boundaries which are more similar to the current boundaries than with Plan Alternative 1. Plans Alternative 3A and 3B have more of Little Saigon in TA 4 than at present. Alternatives 1 and 1B can be easily adjusted such that both Grand Century Mall and Vietnam Town would be in TA 4.

Alternatives 1, 2, and 3A divide the Berryessa Union School District among three trustee areas (TA 1, TA 2, and TA 3) such that the Hispanic percentage in TA 2 would be slightly higher than with Alternatives 1B, 2B, and 3B which divide the Berryessa School District between Trustee Areas 1 and 3.

Thank you for your consideration.

Presented by James Nakamura

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1 My understanding of the boundaries of Little Saigon may not be correct.

2 The portion of the present Trustee Area 7 which extends to Tully Road between two parts of Trustee Area 4 has a Hispanic/Latin majority.