SJECCD Trustee Area Redistricting

I am requesting that the SJECCD Board of Trustees not select Draft Plan D3 as the SJECCD trustee area redistricting plan for the next ten years. With D3 approximately ten thousand with an Asian majority would be transferred from the Asian majority Trustee Area 3 (TA 3) to the Hispanic majority TA 2, thereby causing a decrease in the Hispanic percentage and an increase in the Asian percentage in TA 2. With D3 approximately eight thousand (to the nearest thousand) with a Hispanic majority would be transferred from the Hispanic majority TA 7 to the Asian majority TA 4. Not surprisingly the Hispanic percentage of TA 7 would be lower than with the current TA 7; it seems that the non-Hispanic white percentage of TA 7 would be increased. D3 splits the Milpitas Unified School District between Trustee Areas 1 and 3.

A portion of the present TA 7 is within the boundaries of McLaughlin Avenue, Tully Road, Lucretia Avenue, and Story Road. This portion of TA 7 (TA 7 Southeast) has a 2020 Census and a 2020 adjusted-Census population of 8,000 (to the nearest thousand); it also has a Hispanic majority. With D3 TA 7 Southeast would be in TA 4.

In the November 2018 election race for the District 7 San Jose City Council seat, overall TA 7 Southeast voted for challenger Maya Esparza rather than for incumbent Tam Nguyen; by comparison certain areas, although not all areas, of TA 4 which are also in San Jose City Council D7 voted for incumbent Tam Nguyen. Thus, given its demographics and the November 2018 District 7 election result, it seems that TA 7 Southeast should ideally remain in TA 7 or be transferred to the Hispanic majority TA 2. It shouldn’t be placed in an Asian majority US citizen voting age population trustee area.

As alternatives to Draft Plan D3, please consider Plans Alternative 1C, 1D, 3B, and 3C (with all of these alternative redistricting plans both Grand Century Mall and Vietnam Town would be in TA 4). All four of these alternative plans have both a TA 2 and a TA 7 with a higher Hispanic percentage than with D3.

With 1C TA 7 Southeast would be in TA 7 while with 1D TA 7 Southeast would be in TA 2. With both 3B and 3C TA 7 Southeast would be in TA 4.

Thank you for your consideration.

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