

Item #1 - Lizarraga

From: [Community Olivewood Gardens](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Redistricting National City
Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022 9:15:07 AM

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Evening Honorable Board Members, city staff and cabinet. I am Rocina Lizarraga, community leader here in my hometown West Side National City and the rest of the community. Will like to take this opportunity for your leadership specially a huge THANK YOU for using three languages on this informational Redistricting National City series of hearings, workshops and input collection for the residents, this open up more opportunities and even more clear understanding on this important matter of how this impact in the area we live & call home. This inclusion action steps are crucial to increase civic engagement and makes me happy. Wish you the best and God bless all of you and your thoughts and decision making power for the better or our working families impacted severely in all aspects in their life, specially children, young, retirees, elders and local businesses.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Joan Rincon](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment, Feb 3 Council meeting, regards Districting
Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022 2:59:59 PM

Item #1 - Rincon

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I will save some of my views on this issue for another day.

However, in the spirit of promoting transparency and always making sure to follow the money, I point out that Luz Molina and Council Member Rios both mentioned the that public outreach PR for the Districting meetings was being handled by Falcon Strategies. Since that name rang a bell, I researched it a bit and found that their website lists politician David Alvarez and his company Causa Consulting to be their Strategic Partners. So we once again have the Mayor and City Manager steering publicity work toward Mr. Alvarez, just as the Reader newspaper disclosed them doing in 2020. Aggravating matters further, Alvarez is now a declared candidate for the 80th Assembly District, which overlaps much of the same area being analyzed-by and outreached-to in this Districting process. In fact, whether National City carves into Council districts or not, and how those boundaries are drawn, will directly affect who turns out to vote in November, and therefore affect Mr. Alvarez' prospects. That is certainly inappropriate.

And, while we are the subject, I have tried to look up the contract with Falcon Strategies on the National City public records portal to see how much is being paid, what the rates are, etc, but it has not yet been placed in the database by the City Manager's office.

I wish something could be done cleanly around here, I really do.

-Joan Rincon, National City

From: [Evangeline Meneses](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Comments Re: Districting Public Hearing #1
Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022 3:30:55 PM

Item #1 - Meneses

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Dear Council Members:

I am writing to you to strongly advocate for the following two main points as you deliberate and finalize your transition from at-large representation to delineated representative districts:

- It is our position that there be a Filipino American/Asian American Pacific Islander empowerment District that is reflective and representative of these demographic groups while also acknowledging other communities of interest.
- We also urge that the Districting process not weaken or dilute the Filipino Voting Age Population (CVAP) as well as the Voting Age Population.

We seek agency as a community and opportunities to have our issues represented and addressed.

Sincerely,

Evangeline N. Meneses, Ed.D.
Former President of The Council of Philippine American Organizations