

**UNITED PILIPINO INTERNATIONAL**  
**UNITED TO SERVE**  
**501(c)(3) non-profit organization**



Honorable Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis  
Vice Mayor Marcus Bush  
Councilmember Ron Morrison  
Councilmember Mona Rios  
Councilmember Jose Rodriguez

March 13, 2022

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers of the City of National City:

*Magandang Hapon po sa inyong lahat!* Good afternoon to all of you!

The City of National City adopted a resolution stating its intent to adopt district voting with the basic premise of initiating our City to transition to district voting, because the Filipino-American (Fil-Am)/Asian Pacific Islander (API) community experienced vote-dilution and political disempowerment as a result of an at-large election system.

If the purpose of this district transition was to help empower the Fil-Am/API vote, the United Pilipino International, a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization comprised of Filipino and non-Filipino members, from across the county, state, and country, urges you to do your duty to adopt a district map that is objectively favorable to this community.

The goal is to further strengthen the Fil-Am/API vote in a district voting system, and that goal is more reflected in the Public Submission # 1 - the APAC Map. The United Pilipino International on behalf of our many members who are residents of National City urge you to adopt this map.

May I request that this letter be read for the record at the next district voting meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

*Maraming Salamat Po. Mabuhay!* Thank you so much. Long Live!

Very respectfully,

Teddy V. Datun  
United Pilipino International President/CEO  
"United to Serve"

**Tonya Hussain**

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**From:** Stacey Uy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 10:54 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** E-Comment Adoption of District Map March 15, 2022 meeting

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Hello my name is Stacey Uy. I am a supporter of fair representation in support of Map 4, by the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation.

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I urge the leaders of National City to adopt the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation map and move National City into a new era that allows historically underrepresented constituents to thrive in collective empowerment and solidarity.

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Stacey Uy (she/hers)

Illustrator & Designer  
[REDACTED]



March 15, 2022

City of National City Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis  
Members of City Council  
1243 National City Boulevard  
National City, CA 91950

Re: Public Comment, Agenda Item 1 - Read at the National City Districting Public Hearing #4, March 15, 2022

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tell him it is right.”

Today is the day to take that position; to make a choice that will be commemorated for all time. You have the chance to vote on a map that will change the trajectory of the history of National City, so choose wisely. Choose a map that reflects transformational change and breathes new life into the city. This historical moment will be observed by cities across the nation and cited in future case studies. Your vote today will be memorialized in history and remembered at every future election.

APAC understands that taking a stand for what is right is not easy. In fact, some vocal community members refused to join our District Voting Now movement because it was neither safe nor convenient. These same individuals are pushing maps now that it’s safe and convenient to do so; now that the hard work has been done. Can you imagine where we would be today if we were among those who were too scared to advocate for district voting? National City would still be having at-large elections!

**We respectfully ask you to select APAC’s Map #1 (PS#1) which creates an Asian Empowerment District.** Choose the APAC map which has the highest CVAP for the AAPI and Black communities, because it is the right thing to do.

APAC is proud to stand in solidarity with those who courageously advocated for district voting and we are excited to see the victorious fruits of our labor; an Asian Empowerment District created in National City.

Thank you kindly for your consideration. Please add this correspondence to the record.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Cynthia Suero-Gabler'.

Cynthia “CK” Suero-Gabler  
Vice Chair, APAC  
Chair, APAC District Voting Now Sub-Committee

**From:** [Femie Villaflores](#)  
**To:** [Shelley Chapel](#)  
**Subject:** NATIONAL CITY DISTRICT VOTING  
**Date:** Monday, March 14, 2022 11:44:42 PM

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Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

I hope that all is well.

The Filipino / API community is excited in the history that you are about to make, the City's adoption of a resolution to adopt district voting with the premise of initiating the City to district voting to address representation and accountability because the Filipino/API community experienced vote-dilution and political disempowerment as a result of an at-large election system.

As the purpose of this district transition was to help empower the Filipino/API vote, thus, we ask that you have to do the right thing and adopt a district map that is objectively the most favorable to the Filipino/API community.

In the letter sent by Atty de Castro after the last community workshop, there is the appearance of Mayor Sotelo Solis favoring the map submitted later and with less favorable API CVAP numbers because it was from a group who is more familiar to her and of whom one sits in her advisory committee. Also at the last meeting Councilmember Morrison expressed concerns that the geographical boundaries of the map favored by Solis, Rios & Bush showed, signs of gerrymandering.

Mayor and Council, the goal is to further strengthen the FilAm / API vote in a district voting and that is more reflected in the Public Submission # 1 - the APAC Map. Please adopt this map.

Maraming Salamat Po!

Femie Cupit  
Founding President  
Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of North County

**From:** [Voting Rights Act Now](#)  
**To:** [Shelley Chapel](#); [Public Comment](#); [Tony Winney](#); [Tonya Hussain](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Ditas, please submit this to "written communications" on my behave, thanks Ken  
**Date:** Monday, March 14, 2022 9:48:40 PM

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Date: Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 8:02 PM

Subject: Re: Ditas, please submit this to "written communications" on my behave, thanks Ken

On Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 7:17 PM Ken Seaton-Msemaji [REDACTED] > wrote:

Hello! Tonya, please be very kind to include Mr. Msemaji's read in the public comment for the record at tomorrow meeting. Thank you.

**03/15/2022**

**Honorable Mayor, Councilmembers, Staff & Your Community Friends,**

**I am shocked at your decision to pick the worse maps over the ones that would give the maximum CVAP to support Filipino/API candidates.**

**I fully agree with the facts and spirit of Attorney de Castro's letter of March 8, 2022 to City Attorney Charles Bell.**

**The facts prove that some of you want a map that doesn't give Filipino Candidates a maximum chance to win a seat on our National City Council. This will appear to be racist while it could also be based on political considerations.**

**I don't understand, you're voting to empower the white votes and disempower AAPI and black votes?**

**I hope you understand the probable consequences that you and your community leaders & organizations may face-up-to and well after**

**November !!!**

**Blatant racist behavior by politicians or community leaders** can't go by unchallenged. This kind of thing we expect in southern states but not here in our precious National City !!!

*Please, let's work together to do the right thing which is to settle for nothing less than CVAP population of 8002 with an API CVAP of 34.88% and 2791 API votes.*

**For Ourselves & History,**

**Ken Seaton-Msemaji**

**Co-Founder of United Domestic Works of America  
& Building Trades Union Retiree**

**From:** [alohamyrrnatfreyes@yahoo.com](mailto:alohamyrrnatfreyes@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** uesday, March 15 @ 4 pm to 5 pm Public Hearing #4 - ADOPTION OF DISTRICT MAP  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 7:41:32 AM

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Good morning Honorable Mayor Solis and Councilmembers,

The goal and basic premise of initiating the transition to district voting is because the Filipino/API community experienced vote-dilution and political disempowerment as a result of an at-large election system.

The purpose of this district transition was to address representation and help empower the FilAm/API vote, therefore, Mayor and Council, please do your diligent duty to adopt a district map that is objectively more favorable to that community.

I urge you to do the right thing and stop politicising the process. The Filipino American / Asian Pacific community is looking forward to the adoption of National City's district voting. Please do not entertain geographical boundaries that show signs of gerrymandering and favoritism because of familiar affiliations and/or special favors. Please do not play with the hearts of your Filipino American / API constituents.

If the goal is to further strengthen the FilAm / API vote in a district voting, it is more reflected in the Public Submission # 1 - the APAC Map. This is the map that has the VAP and the CVAP so the goal of creating the FilAm/API District will come to fruition in the most transparent manner.

Mayor Solis and Council, you are creating history, I urge you to adopt this map.

Maraming Salamat Po!

Signed  
Myrna TF. Reyes  
she | her | hers  
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National Federation of Filipino American Associations  
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- Past President of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of San Diego  
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"Unity is a strength ... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."  
~ Mattie Stepanek

**From:** [Alfredo Leano](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 6:47:18 AM

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Dear Mona Rios

Hello my name is Alfredo Leano

I am a supporter of fair representation in support of Map 4, by the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation

I urge the leaders of National City to adopt the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation map and move National City into a new era that allows historically underrepresented constituents to thrive in collective empowerment and solidarity.

Without this move, the voices of those may not be accurately represented, not allowing communities to be on the same playing field.

I believe that this map will allow those in National City revitalize it for the better.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this comment.



**From:** [David Garcias](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** David Garcias - May 15th Public Comment - I support Map 4, by the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:26:28 AM

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Dear Mayor and Council members,

My name is David Garcias, I am both a veteran and the former President of SEIU Local 221, and **I support Map 4, by the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation**. I believe we need fair representation in National City for the residents and businesses of historically underrepresented groups, and they've been in need of district boundaries for many years. This map was created by the work of community members that live in National City with support of many concerned residents and community organizations.

This map supports the maintenance and growth of the AAPI business corridor spanning across Plaza Blvd from the northwest end of the city to the northeast border toward San Diego. The map keeps the AAPI community together, although separated by district boundaries albeit next to each other. This is the best map that not only advocates for an AAPI/Filipino Empowerment district, but also for the west side Old Town National City district, and equity throughout. It is equally important to recognize the historical and shared experiences of residents on the west side who have been impacted by industrial zoning and its environmental injustice. This map seeks to support the advancement of efforts of resident empowerment in that area.

I urge you, as the elected leaders of National City, **adopt the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation map**. This will move National City into a new era that allows historically underrepresented constituents to thrive in collective empowerment.

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*David Garcias*

*Former SEIU Local 221 President (Retired)*

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**From:** [Joyce Ann Eclarino](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** General Public Comment  
**Date:** Monday, March 14, 2022 10:16:44 PM

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Hello, my name is Joyce Ann Eclarino.

I am a supporter of fair representation in support of Map 4, by the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation.

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This is what community and solidarity looks like. I urge the leaders of National City to adopt the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation map and move National City into a new era that allows historically underrepresented constituents to thrive in collective empowerment and solidarity.

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Thank you,

Joyce Ann Eclarino

Hola ! Me llamo Angelica Ramirez y soy residente de National City.

Yo estoy apoyando el mapa #4 que es del Colectivo del South Bay para Representación justa. Este mapa es un ejemplo de las comunidades de National City que trabajan en gran colaboración y llegando a un acuerdo. El mapa #4 respeta a mi comunidad del Westside, poniendo a nuestra comunidad que sufrimos de las injusticias ambientales, unidas en un distrito que no pasa de Highland Ave. y contiene toda la parte oeste de la calle D.

Yo le pido a la alcaldesa y al Concilio que apoye este mapa como simbolo de la comunidad de National City trabajando en gran colaboración. Gracias

**From:** [Silvia Calzada](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Comment: Adoption of District Map 3/15/2022  
**Date:** Monday, March 14, 2022 6:40:42 PM

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Council Meeting: City of National City

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Re: Special City Council Meeting - Adoption of District Map

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Good evening Mayor Sotelo-Solis and City Council Members,

My name is Silvia Calzada and I'm a resident of National City. I support MAP #4 presented by the Southbay Collective for a just representation. It respects the Westside community, unifying the neighborhoods who have suffered environmental injustices and it does not pass Highland Ave and contains all west of D Avenue in one district. Plus, it supports a District of Empowerment for the API/Filipino community.

I ask the Mayor and Council Members to please select MAP# 4 as a symbol of collaboration between the residents of National City in this new district elections process. Thank you for your time and attention in working together.

March 15, 2022

Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis  
City of National City  
1243 National City Boulevard  
National City, CA 91950

**Re: Selection of District Mapping for National City**

Dear Honorable Mayor Sotelo-Solis and City Councilmembers,

As a longtime community advocate, especially for Filipino residents, I urge you to consider selection of the district mapping presented by the Asian Pacific American Coalition (APAC). While several maps merit discussion, Map #1 by APAC presents the greatest opportunity for equitable representation amongst all demographic groups.

Beyond the consideration of pure numbers, the APAC map clearly creates a unified corridor of residents and businesses. To consider separating like establishments along Plaza Boulevard would be antithetical to this process. While any separation is imperfect, a tenet of districting should be to create a balance of population centers that offers the widest diversity of representation. Map #1 offers that greatest proportion of equity amongst communities of color, thus empowering residents to foster potential candidates and elect future councilmembers that understand their district.

As previously stated by Mr. de Castro, our community has been denied adequate representation on the City's five-member council for decades, and it has been denied the fair opportunity to just influence the outcome of an election. It is time for National City to not only be in parity with other municipalities across the county but take the bold step in basing districts on more than just an equal number of residents. Give greater weight to increasing opportunities for more voices from people of color, and keep together common assets.

Vote for APAC Map #1 that will pivot National City in strengthening its position as a "Filipino Village" for the region!

Sincerely,

Joseph V. Mazares III  
Concerned American Filipino

**From:** [Doom](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** National City 3/15 Public Comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:54:07 AM

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Hello my name is Eric and I am a youth active member with Asian Solidarity Collective. I am a past resident of National City and I am in support of Map 4, by the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation.

**This map was created by the work of community members that live in National City with the support of individuals and community organizations who are following the lead of their resident members. This process is what community and solidarity represents.**

- This map supports the maintenance and growth of the AAPI business corridor spanning across Plaza Blvd from the northwest end of the city to the northeast border toward San Diego.
- The map keeps the AAPI community together, although separated by district boundaries albeit next to each other.
- This is the best map that not only advocates for an AAPI/Filipino Empowerment district, but also for the west side Old Town National City district, and equity throughout.
- It is equally important to recognize the historical and shared experiences of residents on the west side who have been impacted by industrial zoning and its environmental injustice. This map seeks to support the advancement of efforts of resident empowerment in that area.

I urge the leaders of National City to adopt the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation map and move National City into a new era that allows historically underrepresented community members to thrive in collective empowerment and solidarity.

Thank you so much for your time.

**From:** [Pebblz Luv](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** National City 3/15 Public Comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:50:09 AM

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Hello my name is Pebblz and I am a youth active member with Asian Solidarity Collective. I am a past resident of National City and I am in support of Map 4, by the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation.

**This map was created by the work of community members that live in National City with the support of individuals and community organizations who are following the lead of their resident members. This is what community and solidarity is all about.**

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Thank you so much!

**From:** [CYPHER ST8](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** National City 3/15 Public Comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:45:55 AM

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Hello my name is Dyno and I am an active member of Asian Solidarity Collective. I am a past resident of National City and I am in support of Map 4, by the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation.

**This map was created and forged by the work of community members that live in National City with the support of individuals and community organizations who are following the lead of their resident members. I feel that this is what community and solidarity looks like.**

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Thank you.



**From:** [Ron T. Cho](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Support for the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation Map.  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:25:10 AM

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Dear Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

My name is Ron Cho with Asian Pacific Islander American Public Association, a national organization for API empowerment and civic advocacy. I urge the leaders of National City to adopt the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation Map and move National City forward into a new era that allows historically underrepresented constituents to thrive in collective empowerment and solidarity.

It is important to note the Fair Representation Map sought out communities of interests for discussions and with their inputs, collectively created a map that is inclusive and represents the diversity of National City. Organizations such as PWD, PMC, and Anakbayan have community members that live in National City. ACCE and EHC, members also live in National City and strongly advocated for the West End. Pillars was involved from the beginning. SEIU221 represents members that work and live in National City. With over 25 organizations in collaboration and support of the Fair Representation Map, this is a map drawn with the heart and soul of the members of those organizations that live in the communities and has the best interest of an equitable National City.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Ron Cho

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----- Please excuse typos. Sent from my mobile device.

**From:** [Go, Diana](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** E-Comment for 3/15 Adoption of District Map meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:15:19 AM

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Hello,

My name is Diana and I am a supporter of fair representation and in support of Map 4, by the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation. My family grew up in and around National City, with some members currently living in National City, for over almost 40 years. This map was created and forged by the work of community members that live in National City with the support of individuals and community organizations who are following the lead of their resident members. This map not only advocates for an AAPI/Filipino empowerment district, but also for the west side Old Town National City district, and equity throughout. I am urging for the support of Map 4. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,  
Diana Go

**From:** [debbie.espe@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.espe@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment – Sent on Behalf of Neighborhood Voices of San Diego  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:52:46 AM

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3/15/22

*Dear Honorable Mayor Sotelo-Solis and Councilmembers,*

*Neighborhood Voices of San Diego agrees that the goal of districting is to ensure proportional representation to make sure everyone's vote, and interests count as equally as possible. We also agree in the importance of ensuring that districts make sense geographically, while not discriminating or intentionally favoring a specific candidate or issue. To that end, Neighborhood Voices of San Diego supports the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation map. We believe that this map keeps the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community together, and emphasizes resident, voter, and business empowerment.*

*Sincerely,*

*Neighborhood Voices of San Diego*

**From:** [Amy Castaneda](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Comment in Support of South Bay Collective for Fair Representation  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 12:57:42 PM

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Hello,

My name is Amy Castaneda and I am a supporter of fair representation in support of Map 4, by the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation

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**This is what community and solidarity looks like.**

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I urge the leaders of National City to adopt the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation map and move National City into a new era that allows historically underrepresented constituents to thrive in collective empowerment and solidarity.

Thank you,  
Amy Castaneda

**From:** [Voting Rights Act Now](#)  
**To:** [Tonya Hussain](#); [Shelley Chapel](#); [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** RE: NATIONAL CITY DISTRICTING - SUPPORT TO APAC MAP # 1  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:17:30 PM

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Please read for the record at today's meeting. Thank you.

03/15/2022

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

Hope you are all well!

The Filipino/API community is looking forward to the City's adoption of a resolution stating its intent to adopt district voting. The basic premise of initiating the City to transition to district voting is because the Filipino/API community experienced vote-dilution and political disempowerment as a result of an at-large election system.

In short, the purpose of this district transition was to help empower the API vote, therefore, you have to do your duty to adopt a district map that is objectively more favorable to that community.

At the last meeting Councilmember Morrison expressed concerns that the geographical boundaries of the other map Mayor Solis, Ms. Rios & Mr. Bush preferred, showed signs of gerrymandering.

In the letter sent by Atty de Castro after the last community workshop, there is also the appearance of Mayor Sotelo Solis favoring the map submitted later and with less favorable API CVAP numbers because it was from her cronies, of whom one sits in her advisory committee.

If the goal is indeed to further strengthen the FilAm / API vote in a district voting, it is more reflected in the Public Submission # 1 - the APAC Map. I urge you to adopt this map.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Signed  
Aurora Soriano Cudal

**From:** [Angela Subido](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Map 4 South Bay Collective for Fair Representation  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:30:50 PM

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Hello my name is Angela Subido and my family are long time residents of National City. I am messaging in support of Map 4, by the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation.

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I urge the leaders of National City to adopt the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation map and move National City into a new era that allows historically underrepresented constituents to thrive in collective empowerment and solidarity.

Please support this map!

Warmly,

Angela Subido

**From:** [Jerry Cano](#)  
**To:** [Tonya Hussain: Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Shelley Chapel](#)  
**Subject:** NATIONAL CITY DISTRICTING - Support Public Submission #1 (APAC)  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:43:58 PM

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[Mayor and Councilmembers,](#)

This is to remind everyone that the City adopted a resolution stating its intent to adopt district voting. And the basic premise of initiating our City to transition to district voting is because the Filipino/API community experienced vote-dilution and political disempowerment as a result of an at-large election system.

In short, if the purpose of this district transition was to help empower the API vote, you have to do your duty to adopt a district map that is objectively more favorable to that community.

At the last meeting Councilmember Morrison expressed concerns that the geographical boundaries of the other map showed signs of gerrymandering. There also is the appearance of the Mayor Sotelo Solis favoring the other map of her cronies, of whom one sits in her advisory committee?

If the goal is indeed to further strengthen the FilAm / API vote in a district voting, it is more reflected in the Public Submission # 1 - the APAC Map. I urge you to adopt this map.

Thank You.  
Jerry Cano  
former National City Council Member

March 15, 2022

Members of the City Council & Mayor Sotelo Solis

My name is Karla Nava and I live on the west side of National City. I'm also a member of EHC. I'm writing to support map # 4 which was drafted by the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation. This map is a clear example of the communities of National City working together and getting into an agreement. Map # 4 meets all the objectives that we need here on the west side of the city as well as keeping the Philippine community together to address their own needs.

We are kindly asking for your support on map # 4 and thank you for your time and listening to the community's needs.

Best regards,

Karla Nava



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Please support Map 4, by the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation. This map that not only advocates for an AAPI/Filipino Empowerment district, but also for the west side Old Town National City district, and equity throughout. It is equally important to recognize the historical and shared experiences of residents on the west side who have been impacted by industrial zoning and its environmental injustice. This map seeks to support the advancement of efforts of resident empowerment in that area. I urge the leaders of National City to adopt the South Bay Collective for Fair Representation map and move National City into a new era that allows historically underrepresented constituents to thrive in collective empowerment and solidarity.

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