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(O) District 5 – Nathan Magsig

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10. Hearing Date

10/05/2021

11. Agenda Item

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12. Comment (please note that all comments received will be part of the public record)

Note: I was speaker number 6 at the October 5th, 2021 meeting, and my name was captured incorrectly in the record as a result I am providing my comments in writing.

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Thank you,
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COI Testimony from 10/5/2021 Meeting

Good afternoon commissioners, my name is Kaya Herron. I am a resident of the Board of Supervisors District 5 represented by supervisor Nathan Magsig. I've lived in Fresno for almost 5 years and the last two in Sunnyside. I previously lived in Highway City and in Old Fig off the loop and have had vastly different experiences living in the Northwestern and Southeastern parts of the city and county of Fresno.

In my professional capacity, I serve as the Deputy Director of the Fresno Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, representing over 300 small businesses owned by Black, Latino, Asian other people of color in the Central Valley. In 2020 we were a countywide hub for African American census participation and a regional lead for the statewide My Black Counts Campaign to increase Black/African American participation in the census. Our work continued in 2021, hosting two community of interest sessions throughout the county engaging 22 Black residents ranging from local government leadership, small business owners, parents, and teachers.

Today I will share my lived experience in District 5 and desired boundaries to keep my community whole. There are five core concerns that unite our community:

- Access to affordable housing and economic opportunities
- Community resources: such as parks and grocery stores
- Infrastructure: including sidewalks, complete streets, water, and broadband access
- Environmental pollution: not limited to air quality, water quality and smoke
- Lastly public safety, over-policing, and under-enforcement of specific activities like street racing, school zone speeding, etc.

These concerns are experienced differently in each district and community. For instance, public safety concerns are quite different west of Peach in the southern part of the county in comparison to the North East.

Sunnyside is distinctly different from the North Eastern mountain communities that make up the bulk of the geographic territory in District 5 and should be respected as a COI with the following boundaries: Western Boundary-Peach Avenue; Eastern Boundary-De Wolf Avenue; Northern Boundary-East Clinton; and Southern Boundary-East Jensen. My community has more in common with Central and West Fresno than Eastern Fresno County and the mountain communities. The current supervisor districts dilute the voices of Black and Asian communities that live in Sunnyside and does not accurately represent our shared concerns and future.

I'd like to express my concerns on the process and ask questions of the commission, staff, and counsel, and would appreciate my questions be answered in writing.

Questions for Commission under agenda item 3:

1. When is the last day to submit public comment?
2. Will comments received prior to 10/21 be included in the notes shared with the commissioners?
3. Watching the live transcription of the notes from the public workshops, they have contained spelling errors, incorrect attributions, and lack significant detail. They are also not available on the website. How have or will the notes be prepared and reviewed prior to submission to the commissioners?
4. **Meeting times have not been convenient or accessible for community members, including today's midday hearing.**
5. Have the notes captured during the 5 sessions been transferred to the website? I've only been able to find them in the PowerPoint.
6. I strongly encourage the commission to request staff responsible for capturing the COI testimony provided verbally to post the notes to the county website to ensure that what was captured is accurate. In its current form testimony captured on the PowerPoint provided to the commission
7. **I'd like clarity on the process of map being presented to the commission for evaluation prior to their recommendation to the supervisors. There was a specific mention from NDC staff earlier today that quote "8 maps have been submitted and only 5 have an equal population." Is NDC pre-screening the maps based on specific criteria prior to presenting maps to the commissioners? If so, why?**

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony regarding my community of interest, Sunnyside, and request that we be kept whole in the redistricting process, in a district separate from the mountain communities to the Northeast so our specific concerns can be addressed.

Respectfully,

Kaya Herron