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10. Hearing Date

11/02/2021

11. Agenda Item

General Public Comment

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

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Map 118 brings rural towns together into District 1 that include diverse Asian, Black, and Latino communities of interest and are in closer proximity to Highway 99. These district boundaries restore wholeness to the historic Sunnyside community of interest which is currently split into three districts. Sunnyside High School is the largest high school in Fresno Unified and the most diverse in terms of its

robust Hispanic/Latinx, Hmong, and Punjabi communities. This area has become a vibrant and growing area for Hmong and Punjabi families and encompasses their farming and transportation businesses, in close proximity to their cultural centers.

Map 118 keeps Black/African American COI's whole in West Fresno and Central Fresno along the 99 which are different from Kerman, Mendota, Firebaugh, Coalinga, Huron, and Caruthers. This COI is primarily low-middle income, diverse Hmong, Sikh, MENA, and Latino multigenerational households that is not reflected in the current district.

For the Muslim community COI around Masjid Fresno, this map keeps the community together and in the same district (3) as other immigrants with similar interests in the region. It also captures most of the the Muslim COI in northwest Fresno around Masjid Badr within the same district (3). Over the past decade, there has been an increase in Muslim residents moving into these areas, in particular the immigrant community which largely consists first-generation families from Arabic-speaking Middle Eastern countries. Not only do these families have a shared language, they also have shared religious values and cultural similarities.

Benefits to business and investment in families:

Keeps Sanger Unified, West Park Unified and Washington Unified School Districts whole.

This COI is the only area of the county that is not served by a community plan

Keeps the "Golden State Industrial Corridor" connecting Fowler, Selma, and Kingsburg along State Highway 99 whole.

Keeps West Fresno as recognized by Fresno County in the 2021 General Plan update on page 83 and the Environmental Impact Report presentation, slide 10, as the community of "Edison."

For the business community with shared economic development interests map 118 creates opportunities for expansion in Southwestern Fresno County. Specifically for investments in non-agricultural industries such as water, healthcare, and information processing as outlined in the 2015 County Economic Development Strategy (CEDs).

These investments should leverage the area surrounding the Fresno-Clovis Regional Water Reclamation Facility for mixed-use development including housing, office space and innovation centers. Additional resources include the new State Center Community College District campus which will serve our emerging workforce.

13. Attach File

[Nov. 1 2021 Letter to Fresno BOS.pdf](#)

Thank you,

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- Similar to Inclusive Families Map 1, for the Hmong COI Inclusive Families Map 2 respects the COI at it's best interest. The Hmong COI in Fresno are made up of first-generation immigrants who fled war in the early 1980s and 1990s, resettled in low-income and affordable housing areas of Fresno. Due to lack of access to financial capital and literacy, the community are more like renters than homeowners in the area. As community members obtained more financial capital, most have moved to the suburban areas such as Clovis, Sanger, and Central side. Main emphasis is Public 118 keeps the Hmong COI in the Sunnyside area as whole.
- Map 118 more accurately reflects the diversity and dispersion of our communities. There are approximately 5-8.5% Black/African Americans in each district, 9-12% Asian/AAPI, 40-60% Hispanic/Latino, and 30% White, except for District 2, which encompasses Clovis and the Foothill communities at 65% White. This distribution allows more community voices to be heard in the election of representatives from and for our diverse communities.
- Map 118 brings rural towns together into District 1 that include diverse Asian, Black, and Latino communities of interest and are in closer proximity to Highway 99. These district boundaries restore wholeness to the historic Sunnyside community of interest which is currently split into three districts. Sunnyside High School is the largest high school in Fresno Unified and the most diverse in terms of its robust Hispanic/Latinx, Hmong, and Punjabi communities. This area has become a vibrant and growing area for Hmong and Punjabi families and encompasses their farming and transportation businesses, in close proximity to their cultural centers.
- Map 118 keeps Black/African American COI's whole in West Fresno and Central Fresno along the 99 which are different from Kerman, Mendota, Firebaugh, Coalinga, Huron, and Caruthers. This COI is primarily low-middle income, diverse Hmong, Sikh, MENA, and Latino multigenerational households that is not reflected in the current district.
- For the Muslim community COI around Masjid Fresno, this map keeps the community together and in the same district (3) as other immigrants with similar interests in the region. It also captures most of the the Muslim COI in northwest Fresno around Masjid Badr within the same district (3). Over the past decade, there has been an increase in Muslim residents moving into these areas, in particular the immigrant community which largely consists first-generation families from Arabic-speaking Middle Eastern countries. Not only do these families have a shared language, they also have shared religious values and cultural similarities.

Benefits to business and investment in families:

- Keeps Sanger Unified, West Park Unified and Washington Unified School Districts whole.
- This COI is the only area of the county that is not served by a community plan
- Keeps the "Golden State Industrial Corridor" connecting Fowler, Selma, and Kingsburg along State Highway 99 whole.
- Keeps West Fresno as recognized by Fresno County in the 2021 General Plan update on page 83 and the Environmental Impact Report presentation, slide 10, as the community of "Edison."
- For the business community with shared economic development interests map 118 creates opportunities for expansion in Southwestern Fresno County. Specifically for investments in non-agricultural industries such as water, healthcare, and information processing as outlined in the 2015 County Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

- These investments should leverage the area surrounding the Fresno-Clovis Regional Water Reclamation Facility for mixed-use development including housing, office space and innovation centers. Additional resources include the new State Center Community College District campus which will serve our emerging workforce.