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The redistricting process is supposed to be a non-partisan process that reflects the growth in population of districts as well as the changing demographics and communities of interest. While the BOS made a show of soliciting input from the various supervisorial districts, in actuality the process was a sham. Some supervisors at the beginning stated that they saw little need for significant change in district boundaries. While encouraged to choose an independent redistricting commission, the board instead chose an advisory commission. The composition of the commission appeared partisan. Only two of the commissioners consistently attended the COI input meetings. A great deal of input was provided supporting COI developed maps, particularly the Dolores Huerta Foundation map. NDC did not provide the commissioners, the supervisors or the public with an in-depth analysis of how each map did or did not meet the Voting Rights Act or the Fair Maps Act other than population deviancy and percentage of various ethnic groups by population and voters.

The last commission meeting was held in a hostile environment with the president of the commission not taking control of the situation. Those people supporting the Dolores Huerta Foundation developed map were accused of being partisan and heckled by others in the audience with name calling. Various commission members also labeled this map as partisan. There was minimal discussion. They then chose a partisan map drawn by a Republican operative as one of the three forwarded to the BOS (with 2 commissioners absent). The BOS then chose this map as their starting point, again labeling other maps as partisan. Now there appear to be 5 other maps that are variations of the chosen map. Where did these come from? It appears that supervisors are intent on drawing their own maps which is unconscionable. Future redistricting endeavors need to be done with an independent commission.