

January 10, 2022, Minutes from the Second Redistricting Hearing

(Hearing time – 7:00 pm)

8. Second Redistricting Public Hearing (City Attorney/City Clerk)

Doug Yoakam, Redistricting Consultant from National Demographics Corporation (NDC) detailed the Redistricting Process.

There were no comments on Zoom or in person from the public.

Council Member Silveira commented that being that we are in the recommended percentages for the areas he is in support of not changing the districts.

Council Member Ryno would like to see what the changes might be.

Council Member Kline commented that when they first did this, he thought there were a few areas out of skew. He would like to see one district on the other side of the freeway instead of it being split between 2 and 4. He commented that he can see where Council Member Silveira stands, but he would like to explore possible changes to the districts.

Mayor Lopez commented that the way the districts are now allows for underserved communities to be served by each councilmember. He would like the redistricting process to be focused on the citizens of Ceres, instead of it being used as an opportunity to move council members from their own districts. He is in support of not redistricting but is open to the public for map suggestions.

Council Member Ryno would like to see the public's input on the way their districts are drawn before making a decision that may keep the districts as they are.

Motion fails

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Silveira, seconded by Mayor Lopez to leave the districts as there and not accept redraws from the public or Councilmembers. **2/3/0** Motion fails see below by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 2 Council Members: Silveira, Mayor Lopez

NOES: 3 Council Members: Casey, Ryno, Kline

ABSENT: 0 Council Members: None

Motion Passes

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Ryno, seconded by Council Member Kline that we allow input from the community for suggestions and modifications to the districts understanding that the Council will still have the final vote. **5/0/0 Motion passes** see below by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 5 Council Members: Casey, Ryno, Silveira, Kline, Mayor Lopez

NOES: 0 Council Members: None

ABSENT: 0 Council Members: None

7:35 pm - Mayor Lopez closed the Public Hearing and adjourned meeting.