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Office of the City Clerk

City Council of the City of Napa
Regular Meeting
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FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

EVENING SESSION:

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Written communication from Elba and Maria received on 2/4/2020.

ELBA

Good evening, Mayor Techel, Council Members and City Staff.

I am here representing a group of Latino members of the community. If they could please raise their hands.

We are members vested in the equitable boundary design of districts for Napa City Council Elections. We understand this important decision will require the Council to deliberate whether to keep the elections, from at-large or to change to by-district voting.

We see this as an opportunity for the City of Napa and the community to partner in creating an equitable process which engages underrepresented members of our community from various socio-economic backgrounds, ethnicity, geographic representation, and that is reflective of the diverse community that is the City of Napa.

We as Latino/a/x members, offer our support in these efforts. We would like to thank City of Napa Manager Steve Potter and staff for meetings with us and listening to our recommendations and perspectives.

MARIA

We are here to formally and respectfully request that the Council consider the following in preparation for an inclusive and effective hearings pre- and post-map drafting, if this is the path the council takes next week.

- We encourage the Council to consider a demographer that holds equity as the central guiding value in identifying the “community of interest” for redistricting and taking into consideration the community input in making the important decision of selecting the right person.
- We encourage you to partner with community members in hosting an informational meeting that will educate Napa Residents on the process and the implication of by-district voting.
- We also encourage you to ask for an extension from the 90 days of the initial notification giving more time to engage the community and ensure that it is built upon the foundations of the values of our community.

We appreciate your consideration and we thank for your leadership.

THANK YOU