

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS I
Office of the City Clerk

City Council of the City of Napa
Special Meeting

March 16, 2020

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

EVENING SESSION:

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

10.A. Proclamation of Local Emergency to Respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

- Email received on March 16, 2020 from Conchita Marusich.

Napa Districting Process Needs an Extension Because of the Coronavirus Crisis

I have been following the voter districting process that the City of Napa is undertaking with increasing concern. Determining how to divide up the city into 4 voter districts for electing city council members is an important decision that needs to be done thoughtfully and with maximum input from residents. With the Coronavirus becoming a growing threat here in Napa and throughout California, I would hope that the City of Napa will obtain an extension to the districting process so that all residents will be able to be part of the process. Meetings are being cancelled across the state to keep people of all ages safe in this crisis. People are being encouraged to engage in “social distancing” which includes staying away from events with a number of people. Seniors over 60 years old are particularly at risk and are being told to stay in their homes. These containment measures will definitely affect who will be involved in making the critical decisions in the districting plan. We need to address this districting plan after the Coronavirus crisis subsides.

Thank you for your consideration of asking for an extension of the districting plan because of the Coronavirus crisis.

Conchita Marusich