



CITY OF NAPA

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MEETING MINUTES - Final

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA

Mayor Scott Sedgley
Vice Mayor Mary Luros
Councilmember Liz Alessio
Councilmember Bernie Narvaez
Councilmember Beth Painter

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

6:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

6:30 PM Evening Session

6:30 P.M. EVENING SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 3:30 P.M.

1.A. Roll Call:

Present: 5 - Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Painter, Vice Mayor Luros, and Mayor Sedgley

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS:

City Clerk Carranza announced the following supplemental items:

Item 3.: Email from Jarvis William Peay.

Item 4.A.:

- PowerPoint presentation from City staff.
- Email from Ron Rhyno.

(Copies of all supplemental documents are included in Attachment 1)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

(See supplemental documents in Attachment 1)

Dan Foresman - voiced concerns regarding cell tower installation at Justin-Siena High School.

Richard Bruns - provided comments regarding climate change.

Amy Martenson - provided comments regarding DISH Wireless' telecommunication facility at Justin-Siena High School that was approved by the Planning Commission. Encouraged Council to put a halt on any new installations and to update the City's telecom ordinance.

Valerie Wolf - read an excerpt from the Invisible Rainbow.

Irena Miles - read submitted comment regarding abandoned cars and shared concerns regarding the City's current abandoned car policy.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

4.A. [483-2021](#) 2021-2022 Redistricting Process - 5th Public Hearing with Proposed District Boundary Map

(See supplemental documents in Attachment 1)

City Clerk Carranza provided the staff report.

Mayor Sedgley called for disclosures; there were none.

Mayor Sedgley opened public testimony.

Valerie Wolf - read submitted comment from Ron Rhyno which provided observations of the transition to district-based elections and the redistricting processes noting concerns regarding community representation.

Amy Martenson, on behalf of the Napa County Progressive Alliance - provided comments regarding the redistricting process and shared frustration that the West Pueblo/Linda Vista Island had not been annexed and that boundary lines were not drawn so that some of the unincorporated island could be added to District 4 upon future annexation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Alessio, seconded by Councilmember Painter to close the public testimony. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was brought back to Council; brief comments ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Painter, seconded by Vice Mayor Luros, to approve the second reading and final passage, and adopt Ordinance O2022-005 adopting the final map of district boundaries for district-based election of Councilmembers in accordance with the redistricting process for the 2020 Federal Decennial Census (California Elections Code Sections 21620-21630), and amending Napa Municipal Code Section 1.10.010 to implement the district-based elections. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alessio, Narvaez, Painter, Luros, and Sedgley

Enactment No: O2022-005

5. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL OR CITY MANAGER: None.

6. ADJOURNMENT: 7:06 P.M.

Mayor Sedgley shared that Napa native John Dunlap passed away at 99 years old; the meeting was adjourned in his honor with a moment of silence.

Submitted by:

Tiffany Carranza, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT 1

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS
Office of the City Clerk**

**City Council of the City of Napa
Regular Meeting**

March 8, 2022

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

EVENING SESSION:

SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Email from Jarvis William Peay received on March 6, 2022.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

4.A. 2021-2022 Redistricting Process – 5th Public Hearing with Proposed District Boundary Map

- PowerPoint Presentation from City Staff.
- 1) Email from Ron Rhyno received on March 6, 2022.

SUBMITTED DURING OR AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Email from Richard Bruns received on March 8, 2022.
- 2) Written communication from Irena Miles received on March 8, 2022.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

4.A. 2021-2022 Redistricting Process – 5th Public Hearing with Proposed District Boundary Map

- 2) Email from Napa County Progressive Alliance received on March 8, 2022.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 6, 2022 3:42 PM
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment

[EXTERNAL]

Quite simply, Vladimir Putin had no other choice but to invade The Ukraine. The Russian Federation's very existence likely depended on it, probably in his way of thinking. The idea that the leaders in capitol Kiev were hesitant in consenting to Moscow's campaign for a neutral Ukraine was intolerable. Self preservation is the number one rule in nature and in nations, therefore Putin made the safe and sane decision to be proactive in that regard. Folks may not like it, but apparently he saw that the elimination of any chance of a nuclear re-arming of The Ukraine was required. Walk with me please down a road in the fictional futurescape, where the newly formed " Russia/China Alliance ", (RCA) has chosen our northern neighbors to join its ranks. Canada gleefully accepts the invite, and the military brass at the Pentagon are beside themselves in trying to figure out how this can be nipped in the bud. No way, Jose, the crimson maple leaf can not adorn the letterhead of the RCA's proclamations in this strange, albeit fictional, new world. If our northern neighbors were under the influence of a real or fictional RCA, then it would go from " O Canada ", to " Uh Oh, Canada !, in a heartbeat. Common sense dictates that such an alliance would be an existential threat to America, kind of like the present day threat to the Russian Federation, if The Ukraine were to join NATO. Period. Full stop. NATO has that " ride or die " mentality, where if you mess with one, then you mess with all. Straight up, no chaser. The Ukraine existing under the NATO umbrella would introduce a windy forecast, with a great chance of nuclear fallout. That is only part of it. A NATO branch office in Kiev would bring with it the great possibility of the return of nuclear missiles to The Ukraine, as was the case when she was under Soviet influence. Not. Gonna. Happen. Think about it: If Canada/Ukraine had nuclear warheads, then USA/Russia could be radioactively bombarded in very rapid fashion, due to proximity, by air, by land, by sea, or even underground. Sorry Charlie, that is too close for comfort. Location, location, location. A mere stroke of the pen, yea, or even an electronic signing of a document from a Ukrainian bunker could be the catalyst for you know, NATO membership, with all of the gains and deficits that it entails. This ain't like North Korea, or Iran, where we have to monitor centrifuge developments, and range potentialities, etc., and there is time to weigh options. Time, being of the essence in these NATO versus RCA, or a real time NATO versus Russian scenario would be greatly condensed due to, again: location, location, location. I remember during our bicentennial year, 1976 when I was sitting in as an inquisitive young student at then Weber State College, in Ogden Utah, at a forum featuring North Carolina Senator Sam Ervin, of Watergate fame. I stood and asked the senator, what were his views on MC14/4. MC14/4, was the military code regarding the use of nuclear warheads by the US and what was the Soviet Union, essentially mutually assured destruction MAD, as it was known. You blow us to smithereens at the same time that we blow you to smithereens, kind of like where we may be now. The distinguished senator from the Palmetto State looked like he had seen a ghost, and his face grew as white as the freshly fallen snow outside at Temple Square. Dude was totally miffed, and I knew that I had touched a nerve. You think about your time here, your kids, your grandkids, your loved ones, etc. Let's think it through. Jarvis William Peay Napa

Samantha Pascoe

From: Justine Leuthold
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:57 PM
To: Clerk
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: City Council submission 3.08.22
Attachments: To City Council 3.08.22.docx

From: Ron Rhyno [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:52 PM
To: Justine Leuthold <jleuthold@cityofnapa.org>
Cc: Ron Rhyno [REDACTED]
Subject: City Council submission 3.08.22

[EXTERNAL]

Fyi Justine.
Thank You for your help!
appreciatively,
Ron/Reinaldo

To: Mayor Scott Sedgley and City Council members, &
Steve Potter
From: Ron/Reinaldo Rhyno
Date: March 8th, 2022
Subject: Napa City Redistricting

Scott/Steve and Council members, attached are comments based upon observations over two redistricting processes.

- Napa City has grown from approx. 4000 residents in 1900; to 13,500 in 1950; to 62,000 in 1990; to over 80,000 in 2020.
- The Council membership has been 4+1 since the 1950s – 4 Council members & 1 Mayor
- There is a difference between being a District Representative and Representing a District. The latter actively involved in communication to and from District residents.
- During the City's existence there have been 3 "new majority" members -Chew, Pedroza, and now Narvaez post-redistricting.
- During the last redistricting, members of the Progressive Alliance and others including myself and students submitting maps to increase representation from 4+1, to 5 with a rotating Mayor position; and 7 districts within which 2 districts had numerical "new majority" number advantages.
- The reported lack of participation is not because of lack of interest, but because it's been made clear that the past and current Council want to limit voice [i.e. control] by limiting the Council Napa City's community representation.
- The GIANT in the City is the ongoing unwillingness to incorporate the decades-long Unincorporated Islands, a contemporary form of redlining.
- The Council begs the question of what actions our Communities need to be take to receive real representation?

Submitted 2:50 pm 3.08.22





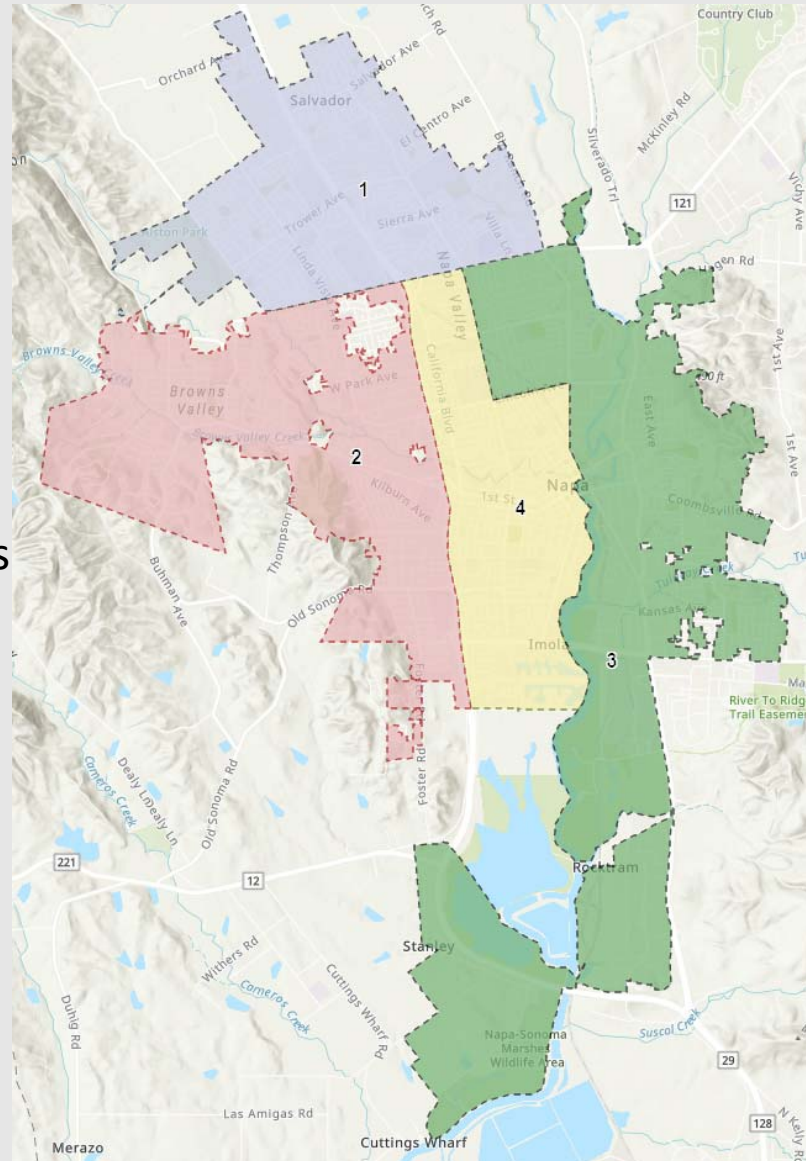
2021-2022 REDISTRICTING PROCESS

5th Public Hearing
Final Map of District
Boundaries

March 8, 2022

Redistricting Process for Councilmember District Boundaries in the City of Napa

- Councilmember District Boundaries
for November 2020 Election
 - (Based on 2010 Census)
- Redistricting Process for
November 2022 Election
 - (Based on 2020 Census)



Overview

- Receive a brief presentation from City staff.
- Invite public input regarding the proposed final map and ordinance.
- Adopt an ordinance adopting the final map of district boundaries and amending NMC Section 1.10.010 to implement the district-based elections.



COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS:

Date and Time	Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Napa Valley College Community Room 2277 Napa Vallejo Highway
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thursday, January 6, 2022 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	***ADDED VIRTUAL OPTION!*** Join Us via Zoom
Saturday, January 15, 2022 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Harvest Middle School Library 2449 Old Sonoma Road
Saturday, January 15, 2022 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Las Flores Community Center Gym 4300 Linda Vista Avenue
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunday, January 30, 2022 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Held via Zoom
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunday, January 30, 2022 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Held via Zoom

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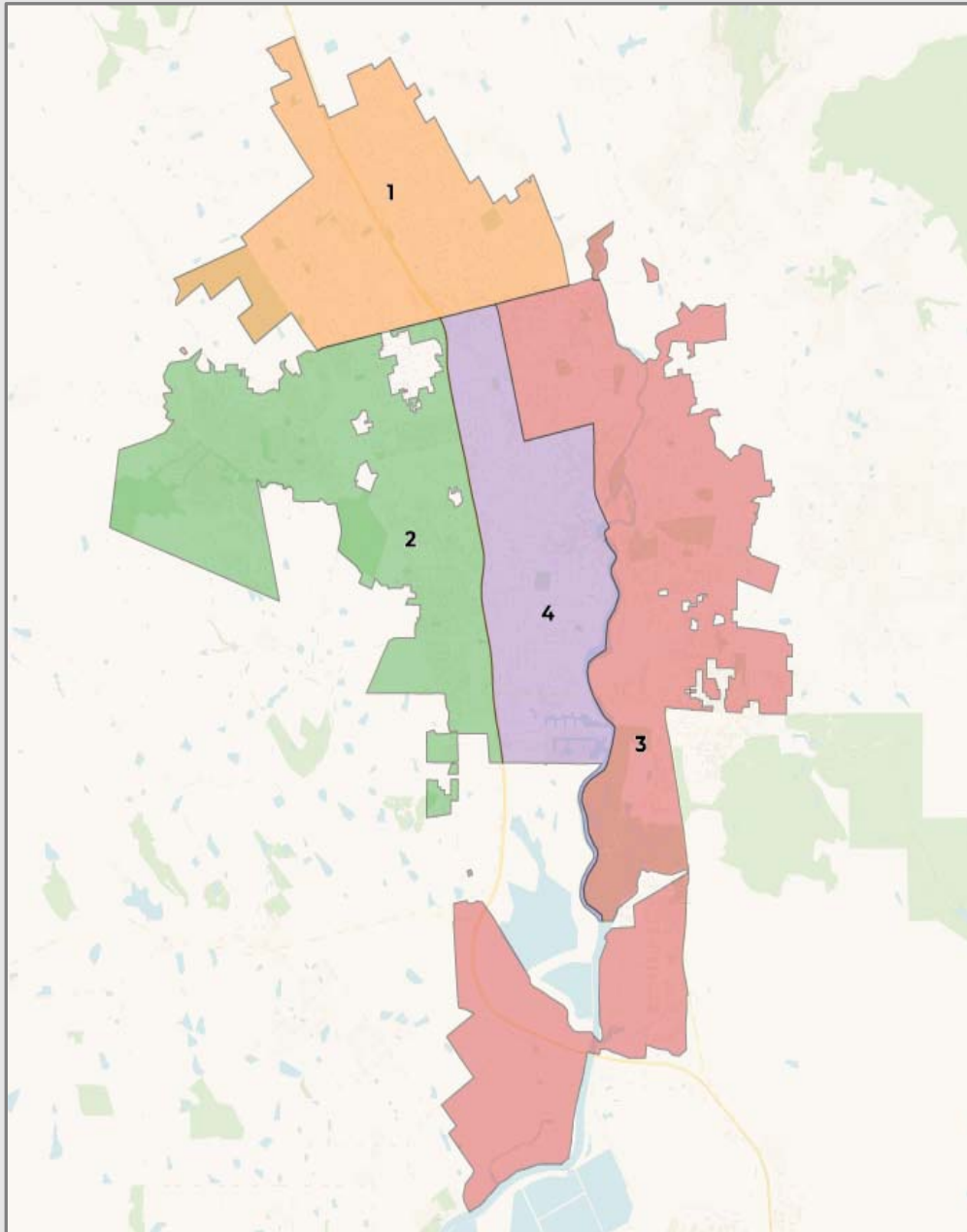


PUBLIC HEARINGS:

	Date and Time	Location
	Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:30 PM	Council Chambers at City Hall 955 School Street
	Tuesday, December 14, 2021 6:30 PM	Council Chambers at City Hall 955 School Street
	Tuesday, January 25, 2022 6:30 PM	Council Chambers at City Hall 955 School Street
	Tuesday, February 8, 2022 6:30 PM	Council Chambers at City Hall 955 School Street
	Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:30 PM	Council Chambers at City Hall 955 School Street



“Plan A”



Recommended Action

Approve the second reading and final passage, and adopt an ordinance adopting the final map of district boundaries for district-based election of Councilmembers in accordance with the redistricting process for the 2020 Federal Decennial Census (California Elections Code Sections 21620-21630), and amending Napa Municipal Code Section 1.10.010 to implement the district-based elections.



Questions from Council to Staff?

Invite Public Input



From: Richard Bruns <rbnewsnapa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:34:57 PM
To: Tiffany Carranza <tcarranza@cityofnapa.org>
Cc: Richard Bruns <rbnewsnapa@gmail.com>
Subject: letter to CCouncil

[EXTERNAL]

Hi Tiffany,

Nice to be in chambers again.

Attached is a copy of my comment script which I read earlier tonight It includes an intro cover page with links to materials referred to in the comment text.

If it's inappropriate, please let me know.

Thank you,

Richard Bruns

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[Democrats of Napa Valley]

Napa Climate NOW!

"The First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

"Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear."

—Harry S. Truman

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TO:

**Mayor Scott Sedgley
Vice Mayor Liz Alessio
Council Member Beth Painter
Council Member Mary Luros
Council Member Bernie Narvaez**

March 08, 2022

I am submitting to you the manuscript of my comments earlier this evening, with a couple of links to information regarding comments about the February 8 UN Climate Change Update Report.

Admittedly the information is a bummer, but hopefully it will serve to give you more up to date “backstory” for decisions you must make in the future.

IPCC PRESS RELEASE RE IPCC REPORT

<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/resources/press/press-release/>

REPORT SUMMARY FOR POLICY MAKERS

https://report.ipcc.ch/ar6wg2/pdf/IPCC_AR6_WGII_SummaryForPolicymakers.pdf

TECHNICAL REPORT

https://report.ipcc.ch/ar6wg2/pdf/IPCC_AR6_WGII_FinalDraft_TechnicalSummary.pdf

TECHNICAL REPORT

https://report.ipcc.ch/ar6wg2/pdf/IPCC_AR6_WGII_FinalDraft_FullReport.pdf

***Best wishes,
[signed]
Richard Bruns***

**Richard Bruns, Napa
GOOD EVENING MAYOR,
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

WE ARE POISED AT THE NEXUS OF SEVERAL CATASTROPHIC TIPPING POINTS.

In America, democracy is being seriously challenged by the seriously challenged.

In Europe, a peaceful nation is being bombed, killing or injuring thousands of civilians – men, women and children.

Over two million refugees have fled to Poland.

Looming over all these tragedies are the cascading consequences from human-caused Global Warming. **

“A new United Nations science report released 8 days ago is saying climate change is about to get much worse. It's likely going to make the world sicker, hungrier, poorer, gloomier, and much more dangerous within the next 18-20 years.

"The cumulative scientific evidence is unequivocal: Climate change is a threat to human well-being and planetary health," says the major report.

“Today's children who will be alive in the year 2100 are most likely going to experience up to four times more climate extremes than now, even with a few more tenths of a degree of warming over today's heat.

“In addition to that, if temperatures increase two more degrees Celsius from now (3.4 degrees Fahrenheit), they will feel over five times the floods, storms, drought, and heatwaves, according to the collection of scientists at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) .”

The future is literally in our hands, the governments large and small, like this city council ; But the protocols of Parliamentary procedure are slow, requiring weeks, months, even years, to conclude a project.

Mayor and Council members, with respect, **We DO NOT HAVE** years to effect changes. Climate consequences are battering us now!

Given the childish resistance to pandemic health measures we've seen, it will take great courage to embrace the much harder decisions to come.

Folks, It is no longer theoretical – We have only one chance–greenhouse pollution MUST stop, and we must expand our own resolve.

UN Chief Antonio Guterres has called our situation a “damning indictment” that is nothing short of “criminal. **The world's polluters** are guilty of arson of our only home.”

I ask you for our grandchildren to continue the courage to make the hard decisions survival requires. Please make all relevant future decisions in favor of the planet, and its children.

Thank you

** An Online report from MOMENTUM states:

[Climate Reports - the United Nations](#)

<https://www.un.org › climatechange › reports>

https://www.themomentum.com/now/climate-2-28?utm_source=Google&utm_medium=Google+Ad&utm_campaign=now+sem&utm_term=climate-2-28&gclid=Cj0KCQiAmpyRBhC-ARIsABs2EAqieKdIzRljoAWXEZw4ndXtmqWtGRrOwWxUGRjhSUjpD42LyGY7AYcaAo2uEALw_wcB

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Good evening and thank you for this time.

I'd like to thank Tony Valdez, the Parking Manager, for taking the time to explain the current abandoned car process and the Napa Police Department for getting the abandoned cars tagged within 4 hours of my call.

Current program for abandoned cars.

- Citizen observes abandoned car for 72 hours
 - If and when car is tagged, there is another 72 hours waiting period(minimum 144 hours of abandonment)
 - priority for abandoned car enforcement
 - 1-damaged, full of trash obviously non-operable vehicles
 - 2-oil leakage resulting in storm water contamination
 - 3- no real set of priorities after this point for abandoned cars
 - once car tagged, it MAY be towed 72 hours later
 - currently, the parking enforcement is made up of 2 people
 - back log of 350 cars
 - as is the system does not work. The city does not have a working program.
- Lack of staffing and resources indicates the city has no intention of improving the situation for the parking manager.

The parking problem is only a symptom of the larger systemic situation. Too many high density housing projects surrounding single family homes in a few Napa locations. No thought is or was given to mitigating the consequences of high density housing and providing relief to the surrounding homes. At this time the city has shown no intention to distribute the high density housing to other locations, such as Alta Heights or Browns Valley. The brunt of high density housing is felt by a few, while the outlying areas are unaffected.

Establishing a Resident Permit Parking Program, is an option, However, the Public Works Department has no funding for the required studies as outlined in the program. Again the brunt of the high density housing is only felt by those homes adjacent to the projects. Areas of the city that have successfully avoided high density housing are not subject to funding studies nor taking time to write numerous emails on parking violations. For the current families who are in this situation the only recourse is to support future council members who support distribution of high density housing across the entire city and who agree that relief is needed to those currently feeling the impact from existing projects.

The cars mentioned below do not belong to our neighbors. We have witnessed drivers park their cars, wait till picked up by another car and drive away. Or the driver walks to a house on Pueblo, or the apartments at Pueblo and Soscol or the apartments on Soscol. A few homes in our neighborhood watch the cars for the driver in their absence. This is based

on the fact of the four cars tagged at noon on 3/7, two moved in 4 hours and the third was gone by 9pm.

Below is a synopsis of how the current abandoned vehicle process worked for my neighborhood.

1-Ford F350

License C73390

Online Form Submittal : Abandoned Vehicle Report (4 total)

#1 March 2

#2 March 4

#3 March 5

#4 March 6

March 7, phone call to police department, truck tagged at noon

2- Chevy Van

License 5SND711

Online Form Submittal : Abandoned Vehicle Report (1 total)

#1 March 2

March 7, phone call to police department, Van tagged at noon

March 7, 9pm, van moved

3- Kia

License 8DDE658

Online Form Submittal : Abandoned Vehicle Report (6 total)

#1 March 2

#2 March 3

#3 March 4

#4 March 5

#5 March 6

#6 March 7, car packed in the same spot 15 of the last 16 days

March 7, phone call to police department, Kia tagged at noon

4pm Kia moved to Beecham Ct, (maybe 150ft away) driver attempted to remove red tag
this is incidental moving, yet the 72 hour clock started again.

4- Chevy Geo, covered with blue tarp

License 3XBT133

Online Form Submittal : Abandoned Vehicle Report (4 total)

#1 March 2

car tagged 9AM

#2 March 5

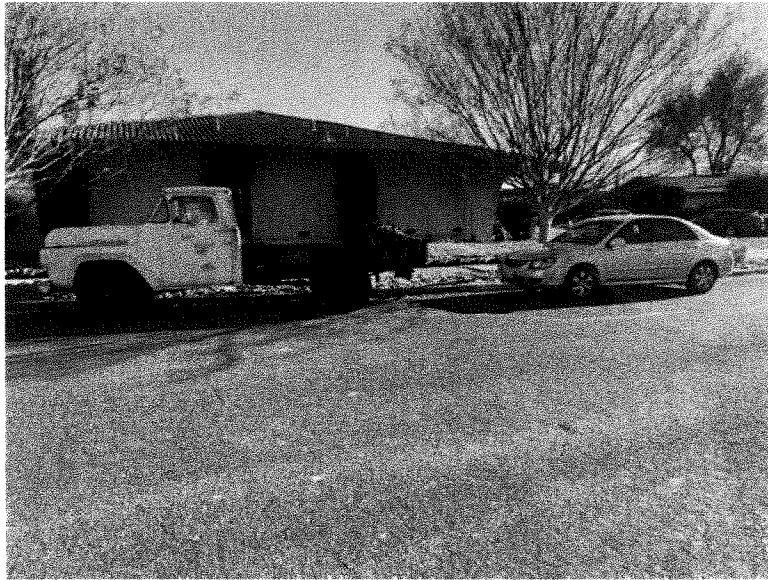
Geo moved early Sunday morning, March 6, to 725 Pueblo, incidental move to public street

#3 March 6

#4 March 7

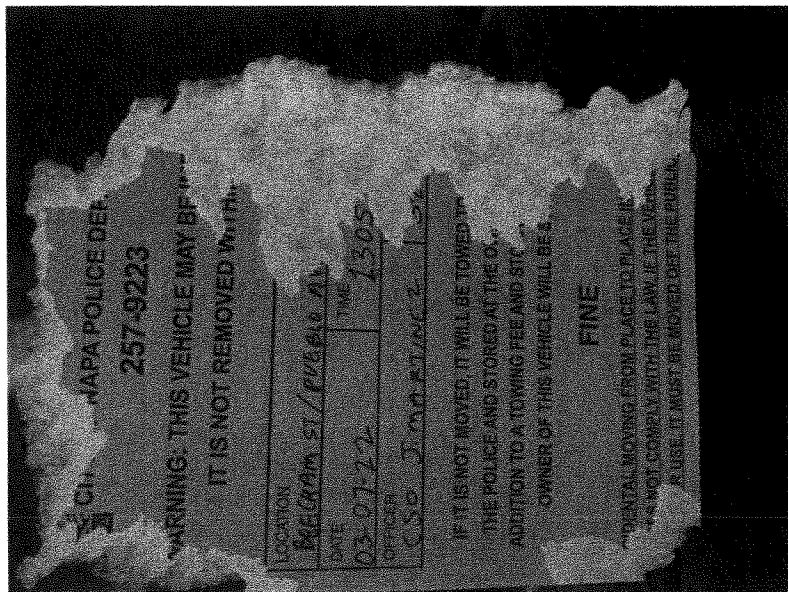
March 7, phone call to police department, Geo tagged at noon

Unfettered parking at the Pueblo Beecham intersection has resulted in the loss of visibility to oncoming traffic when going from Beecham onto Pueblo. Numerous times the cross walk has been blocked, and when cars are parked on both corners, there is no room for a car to safely exit and another to safely enter Beecham Street.



The silver Kia was red tagged, then moved 100ft and tag was partially removed. See Photo below. This is an incidental move and the 72 hour clock should not start again. The truck has been there since 2/26 and was first reported on 3/3.

72 hrs clock started again





The Geo was red tagged, then moved to Pueblo. ~~Because this was an incidental move~~ the car was tagged again.

*moved 10 feet and
the 72 hr clock starts again*

-----Original Message-----

From: Napa County Progressive Alliance <napacountyprogressivealliance@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2022 5:34 PM

To: Redistricting <redistricting@cityofnapa.org>

Subject: Public Comment on Item 4A: Redistricting for the March 8, 2022 Meeting

[You don't often get email from napacountyprogressivealliance@gmail.com. Learn why this is important at <http://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification>.]

[EXTERNAL]

Napa City Council:

Since the beginning of this process, we have come to you, not because we expected you to do anything differently than what you will do tonight, approve the existing district map, but for posterity and to document the Council's unwillingness to take any meaningful steps to include the underrepresented residents of Napa's largest county island— the West Pueblo/Linda Vista county island— in a meaningful way.

There was enough time to annex this large county island to include its residents in the redistricting process, both in terms of their numbers and their input. The City Council refused.

As a compromise, to again give voice to these residents, we encouraged the Council to attach the six precincts between the eastern border of the county island to the central district, District 4, so that upon annexation the entire island or at least the eastern half, which has demographics that are similar to the central district, could unite with its voters to elect their candidate of choice, rather than having their votes diluted by automatically being included in District 2, dominated by Browns Valley voters. The City Council refused.

Two council members could not get over a district crossing Highway 29, perhaps forgetting that districts are not for incumbents but are for voters: to increase their voting power, especially that of underrepresented voters, when possible.

We believe the lack of participation this time around is not a sign that citizens are happy with the current districts but rather that citizens are savvy and understand that representatives will always be married to the system under which they were successful in getting elected. Perhaps District 2 and District 4 incumbents, Painter and Narvaez, feel that adding almost 1,800 working class and a majority Latinx residents to their district could hurt rather than help their re-election, especially if a grassroots candidate came along who would better represent their interests.

As much as we were criticized by some members of this Council for forcing the City to change to districts by applying legal pressure, there is no doubt in our minds that this Council would not have changed any other way. We foresaw the Council's unwillingness to make changes to the new district map during redistricting, which is why we, along with other organizations representing voters pushed for an

independent citizens redistricting commission. The Council's refusal to relinquish power and control over the process by refusing to approve such a commission and Council comments made early in the redistricting process made it abundantly clear that the Council had no intention of changing anything, desiring to maintain the status quo. It is for this reason, we believe that there was a lack of community interest and participation in the process.

What will it take for the Council to annex all of the county islands that are completely surrounded by the city, so their residents have a city representative they can lobby on issues effecting them? The threat of a lawsuit by a Latinx voter? What will it take to put into place an independent redistricting commission for redistricting ten years from now? A voter-led ballot initiative? Or will the Council start doing the right thing and begin making decisions that benefit average citizens on its own?

Sincerely,
Amy Martenson
NCPA Chair