



November 23, 2021

President Keith Carson  
Alameda County Board of Supervisors  
1221 Oak Street, #536  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Alameda County Supervisorial Redistricting 2021

Dear President Carson:

On behalf of the Hayward City Council, I am writing this letter to express the views of our Council on the upcoming hearing regarding redistricting and approval of the new County Supervisorial maps. Before I discuss that matter, I want to first express my deepest condolences on behalf of the Council on the tragic death of Supervisor Wilma Chan. Her legacy and work in Alameda County will be remembered fondly and our thoughts are with the Alameda County family and her family during this time. On Tuesday, November 16, the Hayward Council adjourned our meeting in her honor and memory.

At that same Council meeting, we discussed the four supervisorial map visualizations that have been circulated and discussed at recent Board workshops. We understand that the Board took action that evening to support Visualization A and to prepare that as the preferred map for adoption at the upcoming hearings in December. Our City Council was divided in its discussion regarding which visualization to support. While the Council disagreed on which visualization to support, there was one thing that the Council did agree on: resources in the County need to more evenly reach Hayward. While some members felt strongly that Hayward should remain entirely in one Supervisorial district, as is the case with Map A, others felt that the city could benefit from having a part of the city represented by a second Supervisor, as would be the result of Map D being chosen. Still others are concerned about balanced representation throughout the County.

Hayward is the third largest city in Alameda County; we have one of the most diverse populations in the United States; we have some of the lowest income census tracts in Alameda County; we maintain south County's only safety net hospital (St. Rose), and we have had some of the hardest hit zip codes during the COVID-19 pandemic. For us, the redistricting debate is really about equity in the distribution of County resources to all cities within Alameda County.

Council Members agree that Supervisor Valle has done an excellent job supporting and advocating for Hayward but were disappointed to see him and the Board halt further community engagement in redistricting by moving only Map A forward for consideration. Council is in agreement that Hayward representation must be strengthened, possibly by adding a second Supervisor as Map D, which was supported by three Council Members.



The recent process by which Mayors in Alameda County collaborated with the Board of Supervisors on a technical working committee to discuss the allocation of homelessness funding is an excellent example of how the County and cities can work more closely together to ensure equal representation in discussions around resource allocation and the need for different programs and support in different parts of the County.

We appreciate the Board's time and attention to these issues and encourage you to continue the enhanced community engagement process that occurred during this year's redistricting conversation. We hope to continue to engage productively with the Board and County staff to ensure adequate and equal representation across the County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Barbara Halliday  
Mayor

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Hayward City Manager Kelly McAdoo  
Alameda County Board of Supervisors  
Alameda County Administrator Susan Muranishi