

## Summary of Public Meetings Election District Commission

**Meeting 1** October 12, 2021, Martin Regional Library. One member of the public attended along with Councilor Dotson. Concern was expressed about the division of the international district (Precincts 98 and 99).

**Meeting 2** October 13, 2021, Hardesty Regional Library. Two members of the public attended, as well as councilors Lakin and Cue. Owen Park residents expressed that they had more issues in common with downtown area than with District 1. Issues with homelessness and social support services located in or adjacent to their neighborhood makes more sense for them to be in district 4. Plans 3, 5, and 6 achieve that.

**Meeting 3**, October 14, 2021, Zarrow Regional (West) Library. One member of the public attended, along with Councilor Cue. One person questioned whether splitting the Sand Springs line area between 2 councilors is good or bad.

**Meeting 4**, October 18, 2021, Rudisill Regional Library. Ten members of the public attended. One person questioned the wisdom of spitting the Kendall Whittier neighborhood into 2 or 3 council districts. He observed that this happens with state house and senate districts also. (Precincts 16, 18, 31, 33). He liked Plan 1 best because it only split the neighborhood into 2 council districts.

Concern was also expressed on the move of the Springdale neighborhood (Precincts 11 & 17) into Council District 1 because those precincts are predominantly Latino and are more closely aligned with District 3.

One person observed that Plan 4 moved too many people and should not be used, even though it does not affect District 1 to a great extent.

Five Comment Sheets were received.

2 preferred Plan I

1 preferred Plan III

2 preferred Plan VI

Comments:

*Precincts 140 & 147 should generally be regarded as downtown adjacent neighborhoods.*

*Two Owen Park neighbor says they wish to remain in District 4 because we have the most in common with that district.*

*"I am concerned about the impact of all the plans as they try to balance not separating racial voting blocks while keeping neighborhoods intact. I am particularly concerned about the impact on Kendall-Whittier and the Springdale neighborhoods which are predominantly Latino/Hispanic and one of the largest areas of growth for Latinos. Therefore, Plan I has the smallest or least impact in this way."*