

***The following public comments were received via email:**

Dr. Jose Vadi

I write in support of Map 107 as it supports a strong community of interest and leads to an overall result of at least 50% Latino/a population per district.

Dr. Jose M. Vadi

Eric Gomez

I like map 108 .

Reyna Garcia Ramos

Redistricting Committee:

As a community member of Pomona all my life, and if we are engaged in redistricting, I am in favor of Pomona Redistricting Plan 107, District ID 101544. I currently live in district 6, my parents live in district 1 and my sister lives in district 4. We are all homeowners in each district and are invested in the community through service and community organizing. Although none of the proposed maps are perfect, we appreciate that Map 107 would keep each of our communities most intact so that we can continue to build a sense of community and thrive. We are concerned that the other maps cut into natural borders in each community, as in hills, parks and flood control channels. Do not separate me or my family from our neighbors, friends and community!

Reyna García Ramos
Pomona Resident

Cristina Carrizosa

To Whom it May Concern:

Please see the attached letter to be read at tonight's Re-districting

Commission meeting.

Respectfully,

Cristina Carrizosa

(attached letter)

*Cristina Carrizosa
District Three resident.*

RE: Support for Map # 108

Feb.23, 2022

My opinion regarding Re-districting Maps.

Tenets of redistricting include equal population. That is accomplished plus or minus some numbers across most maps. However, the concept of communities of interest seems to be lacking. Contiguous populations that share common social and economic status should be included in one single district for purpose of effective representation. They also must share racial and ethnic background, common history, culture, and language.

Yet, by looking at the maps one may think there is a clear effort to dilute the voting power of residents in South Pomona. The entire District 2 is placed in areas completely different geographically, socially, and economically, as evident in maps #s 101,102,109,106,107,117,118,120 and 122-128. Looking at Maps #105 & 106 it is obvious the makers know zero about present District # 3. Compacting, that is avoiding odd shapes, is also a problems in some maps. A clear example is Map # 122.

Cracking or diluting the voting power across a district must be avoided by preserving existing political communities to avoid introducing racial or economic changes. Map #108 gets closer than others to achieve this purpose. I thank all commissioners and city personnel for your hard work and effort.

Respectfully,

Cristina Carrizosa

Alice R. Gomez

After viewing all 28 maps, I would support Map 108 as the best for the City of Pomona.
Alice R. Gomez (long time resident)

Jess Gomez 2/23/22

I Jess Gomez say YES to MAP 108

Cathy Tessier 2/23/22 3:28 pm:

February 23, 2022

TO: Pomona Redistricting Commission

RE: Response to meeting – 2.23.22

I support the following maps based on the following reasons

1. Keeping neighborhoods intact about the same way they are now
2. Making sure the entire downtown district is consolidated into one district: approximately White to Towne, and Mission to just short of Holt
3. That Holt not be “split”; in other words, that district lines stop a block or ½ block short of Holt, or Holt as a total street is included in either the district to the north or south of it.

Plan 108 meets these criteria the best:

1. Keeps the historical districts complete
2. Maintains a population balance between Districts 5 and 6
3. Puts the entire downtown area (the basis of which is the Downtown Specific Plan) into one district
4. Keeps Holt Blvd intact (regardless of what district it is in)
5. Present the least disruptive redrawn lines to maintain traditional neighborhoods

Plan 126 - likewise meets the above criteria – but only if the northern lines of Districts 2 and 3 can be moved south to either include Holt totally or to one street south of Holt. This would probably require slight adjustments on the eastern edge of District 5 and the northern tip of District 5

Plan 113 – The same issue exists with Holt. Move the northern edge of D3 down to just south of Holt.

This plan stops D2 at the tracks and needs to move that line up to just south of Holt (or to above Holt entirely) Adjustments as to population could be made at the south tip of D2 to accommodate changes to D3

Luis Rosales

I have major concerns on how this is being conducted.

I submitted a map, with lots confusion and can see many of our residents being automatically out of the process due to lack of computer knowledge and the ability to navigate a map submission. This is resulting in less input from residents.

This is a sensitive subject, redistricting had already been addressed here in Pomona.

I hope for the sake of integrity, that we do this right, and not rush for the sake of deadlines. We don't need to completely change districts, adjust to population only, that means minor changes and consideration of communities of interest.

I'm disappointed and dissatisfied with my map submission. I made time to provide input but no one followed up, now I see my map never made it through.

I called the city clerk's office to double check that my map was okay for consideration. At least to make adjustments to meet the requirements but I didn't get notified, that's disappointing.

This is why many residents don't have faith or trust City Hall

My experience dealing with City Clerk's personnel over the phone has been good, no complaints, but I do wish that I would of been told that my map didn't meet the requirements or why it never made it through.

A very disappointed resident, Luis Rosales.

Since I didn't get a chance to modified my map I would support 108 map

Jacqueline Leonard

Hi, this is Jaqueline Suarez, resident of Pomona. While I reviewed some of the maps, I couldn't happen to notice that they shift dramatically and not necessarily respecting our communities of interest. The huge disservice mostly comes from Southwest and Southeast Pomona. It seems that whoever submitted these maps didn't consider the population as being the problem but instead wanted to take a whole district and reinvent it. Additionally, a few of these maps manipulate our boundaries creating a huge disadvantage. I don't see residents like me being lumped in whole with Phillips Ranch District 5, the representation and needs just aren't the same.

This is what brought me here tonight and why I've chosen a well-balanced map. My choice is MAP 108.

Thank you for your time.

Amber Cheryse

My name is Amber Guzman, a longtime resident of Pomona. I've come across this commission through the City's Facebook page by coincidence while looking for another subject. I honestly wish the city had created more outreach to its residents like myself, it would have been great to have known this at an earlier time. While looking at some of the maps I couldn't happen to notice that they shift dramatically almost if there is a special type of interest by someone. I'd like to know who drafted these maps and if this something that can be requested via the Public Records Act given its anonymity?

Nevertheless, I'm grateful to the commissioners for taking on such a great challenge, these things are never easy. Keeping the integrity of communities of interest should be first and foremost respected and I honestly do not see this happening on some of these drafted maps (particularly for District 2). A few of these maps manipulate our boundaries creating a disadvantage for residents.

This is what brought me here tonight and why I've chosen the less radical maps. My choice is numbered from most favorite to least:

Option 1 – 108

Option 2 - 115



Judy St. John

to me

Wed, Feb 2, 8:49 AM (2 days ago)



Hi,

Is it too late to comment on the maps for Pomona Council Seat Redistricting?

If not, I would like to say that I favor map 107 because it keeps a community of interest together. The Fairplex and all Pomona residential neighborhoods abutting Fairplex are a community of interest. Map 107 keeps the community together, but 104 excludes the residential neighborhoods abutting Fairplex grounds on the east.

Sincerely,
Judy St. John



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Subject: New submission from Contact Us
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There are important benefits to Map 107. It keeps together a community of interest. The Pomona residential areas that abut Fairplex on the east and on the south represent a community of interest. Any negative impacts from Fairplex events and activities affect the entire nearby surrounding community. Map 107 preserves the community of interest that currently exists. The other benefit of Map 107 is that it allows at least 50% Latino population in every district.
Please use Map 107.

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I favor and urge adoption of Map 107 because it maintains an existing community of interest and is most consistent with an overall result of at least 50 percent Latino/Latina population per district.

Name

Reyna Garcia Ramos

Email

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Message

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Name

Miguel Garcia Ramos

Email

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Message

As a community member of North Pomona, I am in favor of Pomona Redistricting Plan 107, District ID 101544. I currently live in district 6 and have a family that lives in district 1 and district 4. Map 107 is the redistricting map that keeps each of our communities most intact so that we can continue building a sense of community with our neighbors that share common interests and concerns. I am concerned that the other maps cut into natural borders in each of our communities, such as hills, parks, and flood control channels. I believe that these maps will group together communities that do not share the same interests and concerns, therefore creating a divide in our city. Map 107 is the map that works in the best interest of the city of Pomona and its communities.

Name

Mario Ramos

Email

ramosjrm@gmail.com

Message

As a community member of Pomona all my life and a homeowner I am in favor of Pomona Redistricting Plan 107, District ID 101544. My family has lived in district 6 for over 25 years and are vested in the community through services and community organizing that we believe has led to positive outcomes/intrinsic value. Although none of the proposed maps are perfect, we appreciate that Map 107 would keep each of our communities most intact so that we can continue our efforts to build a sense of community that will continue thrive for our City and District 6. We are concerned that the other maps cut into natural borders in each community, as in hills, parks and flood control channels.