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Sent: Monday, July 2, 2018 6:57 PM
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Subject: Redistricting SB County Sup districts

Dear County Supervisors,

I have read about a couple different pending proposals to redistrict the Santa Barbara County supervisorial districts, and am very concerned.

The proposal by Reason in Government would only have 5 members. I do not think this is adequate in a county as large, as ethnically diverse and as historically politically divided as ours. If we are to have a nonpartisan commission redraw the boundaries, then we need a larger group of people than essentially one from each existing district. We need a mix of gender, income status, ethnicity, political party and both north county and south county representation as well as specific communities of interest in our county.

I am also concerned that **apparently this proposal was not initiated by the Board of Supervisors, but by an independent political organization wholly funded by North County agriculture, business and Republican interests.** (per report in SB Independent) And the signature-gathering effort was undertaken by one particular supervisor's advisor. **No one can believe this is a good government effort promoting a centrist and fair proposal.**

Therefore I **urge you to consider as well the "You Draw the Lines" ordinance, which would establish a larger, more diverse commission with a robust qualifying process.** It also would require a vote of 7 members to adopt new boundaries. This seems a lot more reasonable than a majority vote of a 5-member group.

I urge you to stop, and study the two proposals. If the Reason in Government one has already qualified to be on the November ballot, then **I urge the Board to put it's own measure on the ballot as well.** The You Draw the Lines ones seems like a more reasonable, good government approach to me.

If one poorly written and biased proposal is now eligible for the ballot, it is incumbent on the Board to counter-propose a balanced, well-thought out, unbiased proposal for a redistricting commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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From: Paul Chounet <paul@chounet.net>
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Subject: Comments on Redistricting Commissions

I am a registered voter in Santa Barbara County and I have a few comments about the two redistricting proposals.

Reason in Government Proposal

This appears to be a stack-the-deck process that is looking for a pre-conceived outcome for the following reasons:

- With only five commissioners drawn by lottery, it is highly likely that there will not be balance on the commission in respect to racial and residency, given that the only criteria is political party affiliation drawn by lottery. We may end up with an all white, male commission that has never voted, with are all living in a similar area and the only qualification criteria would be a, pulse.
- Why would you exclude former or current public employees... do they have lesser voting/representation rights as non-public employees??? If there is no conflict of interest, then why exclude?
- This proposal does not provide enough public input and review.

Draw the Lines Proposal

This appears to use a fairer method to potentially redraw district boundaries.

- The commission would be would be more balanced with 11 total voting members, including 2 representation from all existing supervisorial districts.
- Uses actual qualifications and criteria when selecting commissioners. Would have diversity on the commission in respect to diversity and areas in the county that are represented. Having a voting record should be important when working on voting and representation issues.
- This proposal provides greater outreach and public engagement
- Requires a super majority to approve maps which will ensure greater compromise and collaboration.

It is clear that the "Draw the Lines" proposal is the better choice for a redistricting commission.

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