



To: Oakland City Council
From: Oakland Votes Redistricting Coalition
Date: Sept. 25, 2013
Re: **36 maps for Oakland City Council and School Board districts**

More than 70 Oakland residents came together on Sept. 18 at Impact Hub Oakland to share our love for Oakland and ideas about new district boundaries for the election of City Council and School Board representatives.

We reviewed vitally important Voting Rights Act protections and broke into small groups to identify neighborhoods and communities of interest, and draw our own maps. You've seen the maps in PDF form, but this document captures the comments. You'll find more about the meeting posted at www.oaklandvotes.org.

Our coalition continues outreach to neighbors, and looks forward to more conversation in the coming weeks. Our efforts have been focused on ensuring Voting Rights Act protections for Oakland voters, and engaging residents in the conversation. As a coalition, we're not advocating a specific map or set of boundaries, and we want you to know that we have given the City Council credit for opening this process up and ensuring participation.

These maps and stories show the community's interest and willingness to engage, as well as residents' passion for our city.

- *Crocker Highlands should be D1 or D4*
- *[My map] shows a new set of lines for D3 addressing East Lake and "probably still too big"*
- *I live by 55th & Walnut and my community is currently slated into two districts. Working class neighbors who are homeowners are separated by the D4/D6 boundary. Our demographics are the same. We should not be separated.*
- *To me, community is not always where one grew up, but they feel they are represented. Oakland represents me and I will work for my communities' needs.*
- *The map should look the way it feels on the ground.*
- *Purple equals where we live or go frequently. Brown equals neighborhood. Black equals the new district. We identify with the hill area and Dimond district*
- *I would like District 7 to stay the way it is so that the Council person has to listen to all sides and the balance in their view. Chinatown and Asian populations to stay together. I'm Chinese. It will be easier for neighbors to communicate and look out for each other, public safety wise*
- *I live just east of the Lake, near East 18th and Park. When pressed, I say people who go to*

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Woody's Laundromat live in my neighborhood. The orange lines here are my estimate of that, plus the blocks I picture walking. I used to live in the Dimond and that area below 580 was an in-between land (Lower Dimond? Upper Fruitvale?). When traveling regularly to the Dimond and the Lake I thought about where one ended and one began

- Dimond crosses 580, move me from 5 to 4.
- District 3 probably could cede the section east of the Lake to District 2 as there seems to be more of a common interest in those neighborhoods. Need to keep West Oakland and Jack London corridor alignment intact so that economic development can happen!
- New Maxwell Park makes sense!
- I live in District 3 in the Adams Point neighborhood. I also work in District 3 in the KONO. As a relatively new Oakland resident I have not yet experienced any other restriction or benefit of my particular district. I do feel, however, that the industrial area of District 3 needs to be excluded in the new district to include the residential area on the other side of 580 near Adams Point.
- Question: Combine flatlands and hilly areas into a district with shared concerns
- I live in District 2, but I border D1 and D3. My "NCPC neighborhood" is called Grand Lake, but I feel my community is more like Adams Point. The border I drew reflects my community. We aren't rich like Grand Lake, or commercial. Not all of us own homes, mostly renters (and condo folks.) Mixed cultures, urban singles, couples or new families mixed with a smattering of retirees. Whether in D1, D2, or D3, I am strongly against splitting up Adams Point.
- I re-drew my map this way because I don't think it would be right to segregate our neighborhood between two districts.
- I redistricted my map so everything could be split evenly, according to my knowledge.
- I feel like Districts should be drawn to a candidate, the community and the City Council
- Maxwell Park shouldn't be split districts.
- I love Oakland's historical communities and I don't think they should be split up.
- My community is working class, racially diverse, lots of renters, lots of politically progressive, semi-counter cultural.
- I just moved to Oakland 7 weeks ago, so I'm still getting to know my community. I live in Reservoir Hill, which feels really connected to Dimond. I really value the process of public input in this process but largely defer to folks who have lived here a lot longer.
- At border of D4/D5 make cut-off at 580 / MacArthur
- I tried to create lines of economic similarities. Candidates should run along lines of campaign finance where one group can't overwhelm another.

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