

From: [Joshua Moran](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021 7:41:00 AM

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Hello,

I think hope ranch and more Mesa should be included in the Santa Barbara city limits so that citizens there can run for government and have representation against the airport near their homes.

However, if Santa Barbara is controlled by developers and special interests that would destroy the area then I do not have any suggestions.

Thank you,
Joshua Moran

From: [Lee Heller](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: follow up re: replacing Commissioner Adams
Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021 12:46:28 PM

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Dear Chair Morris and Members of the Commission,

I wanted to submit this public comment in response to some of the things said last night regarding Jannet Rios and her reappointment to the Commission to fill the at-large vacancy.

It astonishes me that speakers felt entitled to call Ms. Rios a quitter. Several other commissioners have resigned, when a new job or a prior commitment called them -- were they quitters also? The pandemic has stretched out this Commission service far beyond what was imagined when you all applied, as I am sure I do not need to tell you. The original schedule would have meant that your service was done by the end of the summer, not far into the fall. People, especially younger working people, have to make economic and professional choices, and especially in a crisis like this pandemic, those choices can be very complicated. Ms. Rios was pursuing a professional opportunity, and then circumstances intervened. Surely that has happened to all of us at least once in our lives.

That aside, I want to it reiterate what you already know about her qualifications for the job, since many of you interviewed her for her original appointment. Ms. Rios is the child of Latinx immigrant parents who worked in the fields and continue to hold working class jobs, making them very much reflective of a significant part of our county residents. She was born and raised in Santa Maria, is a fluent bilingual speaker (who provided some very valuable translation from time to time), and is very tied to that community. In her professional life she also works with a wide range of individuals and communities which positions her well to understand and reflect those concerns in Commission decision-making. Further, she represents a youth demographic that is underrepresented, although Vice-Chair Turley has done an exceptional job. This is an opportunity for the younger, minority residents of our County to see themselves represented on the Commission again.

Ms. Rios was a dedicated commissioner during her service, which only ended recently. This means she is prepared to come back and do the work, whereas another appointee would have to be brought up to speed after having missed all of the Commission's preparatory work, including all of the community input that is so essential to your decisions going forward.

I would also respectfully disagree with Ms. Ordin about your option of not appointing a replacement. The ordinance which created this Commission is the controlling law -- not your bylaws, which only allow you to define discretionary choices. On the number and nature of the commissioners, the ordinance is clear per subsection (j) (C) (3):

"If any vacancy occurs on the commission by reason of the death, removal or resignation of any commissioner, the remaining members of the commission shall [emphasis added] select a replacement commissioner from the pool of most qualified applicants previously selected by the county elections officer, utilizing the criteria set forth in subsection (4) (h) (3). To the extent practical the replacement commissioner shall be selected to maintain the balance of district representation and political affiliations that existed prior to the vacancy."

As you were instructed last night, the word 'shall' under law determines that an action is mandatory. So you are mandated to appoint a replacement. The matter might be more complicated if there were no approved candidates left from the original pool of 45, but that is not the case.

Ms. Rios meets all the requirements, including maintaining the balance of district representation (as Dr. Adams was also from Santa Maria) and political affiliation (both being Democrats). She reflects the demographic diversity that we have so desperately needed, around race and age. She has the experience and preparation. She has proven herself by past performance. As I have said too many times now, we do not want the work of the Commission derailed by a lawsuit that successfully nullifies it for deviating from the mandates in the ordinance. Failure to (re)appoint Ms. Rios risks exactly that.

Thank you for all your service, and for navigating a series of hurdles and challenges, including this one. Fortunately, Ms. Rios' availability makes this an easy fix.

Sincerely,

Lee E. Heller, Ph.D., J.D.
Santa Barbara CA

From: [Irene Cooke](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Appointment of At-Large Commissioner
Date: Sunday, October 10, 2021 4:31:04 PM

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To Chairman Morris, Vice-Chair Turley and Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I watched the Commission's meeting last Wednesday evening and was saddened to hear of the passing of Kate Adams, who by all accounts was a tremendous asset to the Commission. It is important that this vacancy should be filled as quickly as possible and I want to give my input regarding the appointment of the replacement At-Large Commissioner.

Jannet Rios represents two important demographics: younger citizens and Latinx people. Like Kate Adams, Ms Rios is a Democrat and it is my understanding that you are required to appoint a replacement with the same party affiliation.

Since Ms Rios was previously a member of the Commission, she will not need any extra time to get up to speed on the tasks at hand -- which is very important, given your extremely tight time schedule. Please appoint Jannet Rios as the At-Large Commissioner as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your service on the Commission and for doing this difficult but critical work.

Sincerely,
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From: [Michal Lynch](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: CIRC At-Large Commissioner appointment
Date: Monday, October 11, 2021 1:47:05 AM

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Dear Chair Morris, and Commission Members,

I am a resident of Santa Barbara County, and I know a small amount about the CIRC. I coincidentally was attending an SB County Board meeting a few years ago when the issue was discussed of how to conduct the redistricting that would be coming up. So I know how intricate some of the issues are, and how important transparency and accountability are.

I respectfully request that Jannet Rios be re-appointed to the at-large commissioner position, which is currently vacant due to the very sad passing of Kate Adams. I'm certain that she is very appropriate, for several reasons. She qualifies to replace Commissioner Adams because she is also a Democrat (a requirement). She already has experience, having already been on the Commission (only gone for a short time), so she can step in quickly. Plus her background brings to the Commission some necessary representation that is otherwise missing.

More concerning is that considering anyone else would likely appear to be a partisan manipulation, casting doubts on the validity of this commission. This Commission is required to be politically representative of SB County, so should consist of 5 Democrats (Jannet Rios will only bring this up to 4). Adding anyone other than a Democrat would make this discrepancy even worse, and should not be an option since one so well qualified is available.

I know that you are all concerned about this Commission, and I hope you agree that proper representation is vital to its effectiveness. Thank you very much for considering my opinion!

Sincerely,

Michal Lynch

Santa Barbara, CA 93111

From: [Pam Bury](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Please reappoint Jannet Rios to the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission
Date: Monday, October 11, 2021 9:33:52 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to reappoint of Jannet Rios to the at-large commissioner position because, as a younger Latina, she will bring the point of view of two under-represented demographics to the commission. She is a Democrat like Commissioner Adams, who unexpectedly and sadly passed away, and you are required to appoint a replacement who has the same party affiliation if possible--as is certainly possible in this case.

Thank you,
Pamela Bury
Santa Barbara resident

From: [Pamela Wilkinson](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Reappoint Jannet Rios
Date: Monday, October 11, 2021 9:55:32 AM

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To Chair Morris and members of the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission:

I was sorry to hear of the unexpected passing of Kate Adams, leaving a vacancy on the CIRC.

I am writing to urge you to reappoint Jannet Rios to fill the vacancy left in the position of the at-large commissioner.

Jannet left the Commission briefly, when planning to move away to a new job, but her circumstances changed, she never left SB County, and she is ready to return, well prepared to continue her participation.

She represents two underrepresented demographics (younger people and Latinx people) and this provides a chance for the Commission to rectify the imbalance among its members.

Please remember that she is a Democrat, like Commissioner Adams, and the CIRC is required to appoint a replacement who has the same party affiliation. In addition, party registrations in the County are supposed to be reflected in the makeup of the Commission, so Democrats should have a minimum of 4 and are already out of balance in representation.

Jannet's background puts her in an excellent position. She is a child of immigrant working class parents; she is an educator, active in her community in many ways and working with a wide range of people who reflect the County's diverse population.

Sincerely,
Pam Wilkinson

From: [Julie Sullwold](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: reappointment of Jannet Rios
Date: Monday, October 11, 2021 12:00:32 PM

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Kate Adams' unexpected passing is very regretful and a loss to the County. I am writing to support the reappointment of Jannet Rios to the at-large commissioner position left open by Commissioner Adams' unfortunate death.

I support Ms. Rios because she represents younger and Latinx people - two underrepresented demographics. Reappointing Jannet will rectify that imbalance. Like Commissioner Adams, Jannet is a Democrat, so reappointing her will meet the requirement that Commissioner Adams' replacement be the same party affiliation.

It is important to note that the makeup of the Commission is supposed to reflect party registrations in the County. Therefore, even though Democrats are entitled to five positions, they should have a bare minimum of four. Appointing a fourth Republican would be unacceptable because it would severely and negatively impact the partisan balance.

Ms. Rios is a child of immigrant working class parents who worked in the fields before moving on to be a painter (father) and food packing worker (mother.) Jannet is an educator and active in her community, working with a wide range of people who reflect the County's diverse population.

Jannet left the Commission when she planned to move away for a new job. But those circumstances changed and she never left Santa Barbara County. She is ready to return and well-prepared to continue her involvement and participation.

Thank you for your attention to my letter.

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Julie Sullwold

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"Be curious, not judgmental." ~ Walt Whitman

From: [Ann](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Recommendation to Reappoint Jannet Rios to the CIRC
Date: Monday, October 11, 2021 12:47:08 PM

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Dear Chair Morris and Members of the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission,

First I wish to express my regret and sorrow at the sudden passing of Kate Adams.

To fill the vacancy Ms Adams leaves, I support the reappointment of Jannet Rios to the at-large commissioner position. As was Commissioner Adams, Jannet Rios is a Democrat, and, in addition, she is young and Hispanic, two demographics that are currently under-represented.

I understand that the Commission is required to appoint a replacement who has the same party affiliation whenever possible, and in this case it *is* possible.

Party registrations in the County are intended to be reflected in the makeup of the Commission, so Democrats should have a bare minimum of 4—even though they are really entitled to 5—and appointing a 4th Republican would completely upset the balance.

Furthermore, Jannet Rios is the child of immigrant, working class parents. Her father worked in the fields before becoming a painter. Her mother also worked in the fields and currently works in food packing. Jannet is an educator, active in her community in many ways and she works with a wide range of people who, like her, reflect the County's diverse population. Jannet left the Commission only briefly, expecting to move away to a new job, however her circumstances changed, she never left Santa Barbara County, and she is ready to return, well prepared to continue her participation in the Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann Shaw
County of Santa Barbara resident

From: [jackie.d](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Position of the at-large commissioner
Date: Monday, October 11, 2021 2:36:40 PM

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I am very saddened by the unexpected passing of Kate Adams.

I think you should reappoint Janet Rios to fill the vacancy left in the position of the at-large commissioner.

Janet, a democrat like commissioner Adams, a child of immigrant working class, represents two underrepresented demographics, the young people and the Latinos, Latinas.

The party registration in the County are supposed to be reflected in the make up of the commission. Appointing Janet would ensure that Democrats have a minimum of 4.

Janet left the County briefly and she is ready to return, well prepared.

Jackie Le Guellec Dearth

From: [Catherine Gautier-Downes](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Support for the reappointment of Jannet Rios
Date: Monday, October 11, 2021 2:49:12 PM

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Dear Chair Morris,

This letter is to support the reappointment of Jannet Rios at the at-large commissioner position.

First, I want to express my regrets and sadness at the unexpected and unfortunate passing of Kate Adams, only a few months after her appointment to the commission.

One of the main reasons to support the reappointment of Janete Rios is for balancing the make-up of the commission in order to better reflect the party registrations in the County. Jannet, a child of an immigrant family, represents two important but under-represented demographics on the commission: the young people and those of Hispanic origins. This is an opportunity to rectify this imbalance and also to follow the requirements of replacement appointments when a member prematurely and involuntarily departs the commission. Those requirements are that the replacement be of the same party's affiliation as the departed members, when at all possible.

With Jannet's appointment, Democrats would have 5 members on the commission, thus adequately reflecting the party's registration in the County.

Janet left the commission a while ago to pursue a new job but never left SB county. She is now ready to return to the job, bringing to it her experience as an educator, an active member of the community and a reflection of the diverse population of our County.

I urge you to appoint Jannet Rios to the commission you are chairing.

Catherine Gautier-Downes, D. Es Science
Distinguished Professor Emerita
UCSB

From: [Maureen Ellenberger](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: In support of Jannet Rios as Commissioner at Large to CIRC
Date: Monday, October 11, 2021 3:49:23 PM

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Dear Chair Morris and Members of the Commission,

First let me thank you all for your work on the CIRC. I know that it is difficult and time consuming and I truly appreciate all your efforts on getting this right for all the residents of Santa Barbara County.

I am sending this note to voice my support and send strong encouragement to appoint Jannet Rios to the At-large commission seat left vacant by the very sad passing of Kate Adams. While it is difficult to replace someone like Kate, I believe that Jannet has strong qualifications as, like Kate, Jannet is a Democrat, and she also represents both younger and Latinx communities from within our county. These are important selection process elements as I believe it is required to replace a commissioner with a member with the same party affiliation, but also fulfills an expansion of demographic diversity.

Jannet is an educator with strong ties to the community and is the daughter of immigrants and continues to work with a wide range of people in our county. In addition, Jannet was already qualified and appointed to serve on the commission representing the 5th District, but had to resign for a new job which did not come to fruition and she never left the county, so she not only has the desire to serve but is well prepared to get going quickly, which based on the deadlines you all are working under, is critical.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I look forward to the next hearing and hope that Jannet Rios is selected to help you all in continuing this most important work.

With best regards,
Maureen Ellenberger
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From: [Jane Fehrenbacher](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Commissioner appt.
Date: Monday, October 11, 2021 6:04:28 PM

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Dear Chair Morris,

I am writing to support the reappointment of Jannet Rios to the at-large commissioner, replacing Kate Adams 's position. I will offer condolences also for the loss of a fine member of the Commission and for her family.

Appointing Jannet will correct the imbalance at present concerning ethnicity and age of the commission. Her inclusion would also address the political balance as according to current registrations, the next appt should be in the Democratic party. Jannet is in Santa Barbara ready and well prepared to continue her participation.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Jane Fehrenbacher
3662 Eileen Way
SB,93105

From: marilyn.kandus
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Cc: m.kandus@gmail.com
Subject: Appoint Jannet Rios
Date: Monday, October 11, 2021 7:44:33 PM

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10/11/21

Dear Chair Morris and the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission,

I have been hearing about gerrymandering in other areas, and want to make sure it does not happen here in Santa Barbara.

I am sorry about the unexpected passing of Kate Adams.

I support the reappointment of Jannet Rios to the at-large commissioner position.

Jannet Rios represents two under-represented demographics, younger people and Latinx people. This is a chance to rectify the imbalance.

She is a Democrat, like Commissioner Adams. The replacement of same party affiliation, as required.

Democrats should have a minimum of four to balance the Commission makeup.

Jannet Rios is qualified and active in our community, working with a diverse population. She only left the commission briefly, but never left SB County, and is ready to return well prepared to continue in her participation.

Thank You

Marilyn Kandus
Santa Barbara Homeowner
m.kandus@gmail.com

From: [Jana Zimmer](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Support for Janet Rios
Date: Monday, October 11, 2021 8:11:10 PM

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>>> I'm writing in Support of Janet Rios for the Member at Large position
>>> on the Commission.

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>>> As you are all aware, Janet served with distinction previously and
>>> satisfies a number of qualifications that your Commission both wants
>>> and is required to have; She's Latinx and a Democrat which is
>>> important as party parity is a requirement.

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>>> Additionally, her family history and biography warrants reappointment.
>>> She is the child of immigrants-- her dad worked in the fields picking
>>> strawberries, broccoli, lettuce, etc, from 1988-95 when he then became
>>> a painter. Her mom came in 1992, worked in the fields and today works
>>> as a vegetable packer in Santa Maria.

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>>> Janet worked her way through a master's program, is an educational
>>> counselor, and has been involved in FLA, her church, and the Board of
>>> CCC-USS, helping undocumented students. As a young professional she
>>> was looking at other options for professional development, and a job
>>> opened up in Northern California. Of course, no one applying for the
>>> Commission in 2019 knew that this schedule would drag out so long,
>>> which is why other members, like Chris Hudley and Ben Olmedo, weren't
>>> able to stay on when other opportunities/commitments intervened.
>>> However, she ended up NOT going north; she never left the area, is in
>>> the job she had before she resigned from the Commission, and is ready
>>> to serve.

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>>> Sincerely,

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>> Jana Zimmer and Richard Solomon

From: [Sharon Broberg](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Support the reappointment of Jannet Rios to the at-large commissioner position
Date: Monday, October 11, 2021 8:26:58 PM

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To Chair Morris and Members of the Commission:

I was sad to hear about the passing of Kate Adams. To fill the vacant position, I support the reappointment of Jannet Rios to the at-large commissioner position.

Jannet is well prepared and ready to return, to continue her participation. She would be an asset to the commission being a young Latina.

She is a Democrat, like Commissioner Adams, and the commission is required to appoint a replacement who has the same party affiliation if possible, and it is possible in this case.

Sincerely,

Sharon Broberg

zip code 93103

From: [Cliff Solomon](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Supporting Jannet Rios
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 9:24:53 AM

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Last week I attended and spoke in support of replacing Kate Adams with Jannet Rios.

I continue to fully support Jannet's reinstatement to the Commission. Bringing her back fills the racial, ethnic, geographic, and age diversity that the commission needs. In addition, she does not need any retraining.

I also wanted to comment on the demeanor of Tom and his supporters at the meeting. Tom Martinez refused to wear a protective mask in the meeting, which is contrary to the current state mandates. Why?

And I truly resented the comments about calling Jannet a quitter. She made a difficult choice to leave the commission; luckily she is now available to return and I urge you to bring her back.

Thank you for listening.

--Cliff Solomon

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From: [Philip Seymour](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Cc: ["Lee Heller"; "Darcel Elliott"; mary.rose@maryrose.cc](#)
Subject: letter to Redistricting Commission
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 10:27:20 AM
Attachments: [Letter to Independent Redistricting Commission re replacement Commissioner 10.12.2021.pdf](#)

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Attached, please find a letter for submission to the Independent Redistricting Commission regarding Item 4 on the October 14, 2021 meeting agenda (selection of replacement Commissioner).

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October 12, 2021

Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Commission
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Re: Selection of Replacement Commissioner
Agenda Item 4, October 14, 2021

Dear Commission Members:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Democratic Central Committee. The Independent Redistricting Commission (“Commission”) is unfortunately again in the position of having to fill a vacancy on the Commission, this time due to the tragic loss of former Commissioner Kate Adams. We understand that former Commissioner Janet Rios is available and willing to fill the vacancy, but that there may be opposition from some quarters to her resuming a position on the Commission. There is no valid basis for opposition, or for leaving the vacant At-Large seat on the Commission open.

Ms. Rios is obviously very well qualified for the position. Her previous service on the Commission also gives her the tremendous advantage of being familiar with the Commission’s goals and operating procedures, and thus the ability to enter into the redistricting process at this late date with minimal catch-up.

As far as the rules governing appointment of replacements, the Commission members are no doubt already familiar with the relevant provisions of the Independent Redistricting Commission Ordinance. Subsection 2-10.9A(4)(j)(1)(C)(3) of the Ordinance provides:

“If any vacancy occurs in the commission by reason of the death, removal or resignation of any commissioner, the remaining members of the commission shall select a replacement commissioner from the pool of most qualified applicants previously selected by the county elections officer, utilizing the criteria set for in subsection (4)(h)(3). To the extent practical the replacement commissioner shall be selected to maintain the balance of district representation and political affiliations that existed prior to the vacancy.”

As use of the word “shall” in the first sentence of this subsection indicates, the duty to select a replacement is *mandatory*. This only makes sense. The Commission is intended to operate as an eleven member representative body. The at-large position in particular is important to ensure that a county-wide perspective is represented on the Commission. In a worst case scenario, reducing the number of Commissioners to ten could also jeopardize the Commission’s ability to reach the seven vote majority necessary to approve a redistricting plan. (Subsection 2-10.9A(6)(h).)

The second sentence of 2-10.9A(4)(j)(1)(C)(3) mandates that the proportional balance of political representation on the Commission be maintained, if at all possible, by the appointment of a replacement with the same political affiliation as the Commissioner being replaced. The Commission is by now very familiar with this requirement. Ms. Adams was a registered Democrat and Ms. Rios is a registered Democrat. Appointment of a Republican applicant at this time would completely upset the proportional balance the Commission has so far successfully maintained in compliance with subsection 2.10-9A(4)(h)(3). Appointment of Ms. Rios would also further two other aspirational diversity goals of subsection 2.10-9A(4)(h)(3), i.e., by improving representation of Hispanic residents of the County, and better reflecting gender diversity on the Commission, which is currently comprised of four female and six male Commissioners.

The Commission has honored the provisions of the Ordinance in the past when the choices among applicants were more difficult. There should be no difficulty now in selecting such a highly qualified replacement Commissioner as Ms. Rios to fill the current vacancy.

Philip A. Seymour

Philip Seymour
Attorney on behalf of Santa Barbara County
Democratic Central Committee

From: [Jonathan Abboud](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Public comment
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 11:06:29 AM

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Hello,

I would like to submit the following public comment:

Dear Commission, I am writing to you today to support Jannet Rios for the open at large seat. I spoke last time during her first appointment in support of her because she represented young people, people of color, and people from a working class background. These are all critical perspectives that need to be at the table as you draw the lines that determine our county's future.

Thank you for your consideration

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From: [Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Cc: [Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt](#)
Subject: Santa Maria-Lompoc NAACP comments for Commission 10/14/21 meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 2:35:59 PM
Attachments: [Letter to Redistricting Commission re reappointing Rios10-12-21.pdf](#)

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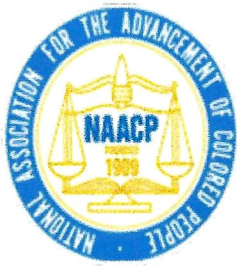
Thank you
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Congressman John R. Lewis

"Democracy Dies In Darkness." The Washington Post



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October 12, 2021

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Dear Chair Morris and Commissioners,

On behalf of the Santa Maria-Lompoc Branch of the NAACP, it's officers, executive committee and members, we want to begin by applauding you, the Commission, for the work that you all have done by demonstrating a commitment to creating a final commission that truly is reflective of the diversity of our county, as we did at the Redistricting Commission meeting on October 6, 2021.

We once again acknowledge the tragic and untimely death and loss of Commissioner Kate Adams who was a friend, and a HUGE community asset and treasure. Her unfortunate death truly creates a void on the Redistricting Commission.

We applaud the strong support the Commission showed when the Commission appointed now former Commissioner Jannet Rios to the Commission. As circumstances would have it, it is our understanding from what was made public that Ms. Rios resigned as she was moving out of county for new employment, but in fact never left the county. The fact that her circumstances changed and she did not move out of County should not be held against her. I would submit, at one time or another in all of our lifetime, our circumstances have changed and we have had to adapt to those changes as well.

As we stated at the October 6, 2021 meeting, we fully support Ms. Rios' reappointment to the Commission factoring in that her reappointment maintains the balance left by Commissioner Adams passing, according to the Ordinance. In addition to the fact that Ms. Rios previously served on the Commission and has knowledge of the Commission's work, reappointing her fills racial, ethnic, geographic, and age diversity. It is also our belief that we are at the point in the process where we need someone who is familiar with redistricting and can hit the ground running.

Thank you for your time and commitment to creating a representative commission.

Yours Truly,

Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt

*The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights
of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.*

From: [Daisy Basulto](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Public Comment for 10/14/2021
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 3:13:09 PM

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Dear commissioners,

My name is Daisy Basulto and I am a resident of Santa Barbara County. I would like to speak in support of Jannet Rios. I believe Jannet should have a seat on the commission because she represents a community that often is not seen in a leadership role such as this one. This is an opportunity to show young women of color that they are part of a county that represents and reflects them in this work. She continued to stay in Santa Barbara County after being offered an opportunity she has been striving for and made the effort to make sure she continued to stay in the area she loves most. Through her lived experiences Jannet has been able to grow and realize that she wants to continue serving her community.

Jannet works with a diverse group of people at the college level and is able to build connections through her diverse network. She has the ability to listen and work with people with different views which will allow her to support the needs of all members of the county. I know Jannet personally and have seen the work she has done to build a community that students can trust. She will continue to do that in her professional work and can use those skills to do the same on this commission. With that said, I want the board to consider reappointing Jannet Rios for District to serve her district and bring critical representation for the young Latinx community. Thank you.

From: [Hazel Davalos](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Comment in favor of Jannet Rios appointment
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 3:38:32 PM

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Hello my name is Hazel Davalos. I am writing to support the re-appointment of Jannet Rios to the commission. It goes without saying that the commission and our community would benefit from the presence of a young Latina voice in this critical process impacting our majority Latino county. I heard speakers at the last hearing question Jannet's commitment given she needed to leave the commission earlier due to a career change. To me it's laughable to question the care that Jannet would give this position. I met Jannet when she was a teen involved in Future Leaders of America, even then with the responsibilities of high school she was a committed leader amongst her peers and has stayed engaged consistently in community work over the last decade, always willing to offer her skills to the benefit of the immigrant and farmworker communities in Santa Maria and across the Central Coast. When we talk about wanting a youth perspective on the commission we must remember what it was like to be young, to be making big decision about your life and your career. Jannet's path made some changes this year but we're lucky now that she is able to serve in this capacity and represent a community that isn't currently reflected on this commission. Lastly, the late commissioner Kate Adams was a dear friend of mine. We all know her values and what she stood for, in particular as a Professor at Allan Hancock College she went out of her way to mentor young Latino students, not unlike Jannet, to get more involved in their communities. Nothing would honor her legacy more than to re-appoint Jannet to her vacancy.

Thank you.

From: [Lata Murti](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: public comment for Oct. 14 special meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 4:40:15 PM

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Dear Chair Morris and Commissioners:

Please accept this written public comment in support of re-appointing former commissioner Jannet Rios to the at-large vacancy on the commission.

Filling the vacancy with the re-appointment of Jannet Rios is not only the best decision for the commission to make, it is the ONLY decision that complies with the ordinance that the commission be as representative as possible of Santa Barbara County's population.

With regard to public comments made during the October 6 meeting about Jannet Rios being a quitter, I would like to briefly share my experience as a professor who teaches mostly returning adult college students. Many of these students had every intention of completing a degree in four consecutive years soon after graduating from high school. But life happened, and they had to leave college, sometimes for decades, before deciding to return.

In that time, I'm sure many people in their lives called them quitters. Maybe they even thought of themselves that way. Nevertheless, they chose to return to college and finish what they started, often with much greater success than they would have experienced had they never left college earlier in their lives.

Similarly, Former Commissioner Rios is willing to return to complete her service on the commission. She did not have to make herself available to do this. She chose to do so. And that takes courage and commitment.

Jannet Rios is not a quitter. She is dedicated to serving Santa Barbara County at large. Please give her another opportunity to do so.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lata Murti

From: [Sara Macdonald](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Reappointment of Jannet Rios
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 4:50:38 PM

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Dear Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission Members

I am Sara Macdonald a member of SURJ Santa Maria and would like to encourage you to reappoint Jannet Rios to the At Large position due the untimely death of Dr. Kathryn Adams. It is necessary to have someone who has the board experience right off the bat. She has the right credentials. She is a woman, Latinx, and a Democrat. I would say she has the trifecta of credentials. Please make the right choice and not be pressured by members of the community who do not know what the redistricting process entails. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sara Macdonald
Steering Committee Member of Showing up For Racial Justice, Santa Maria

From: [Janet Blevins](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: commissioner vacancy
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 4:58:20 PM

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Hello Chair Morris,

Thank you for your commitment to the SBC Independent Redistricting Commission. I very much appreciate your tireless service to this complex task.

I'm sure you were as shocked as the rest of us at the sudden death of Kate Adams. Please don't leave her seat vacant. (That would not make Kate happy.) You should re-appoint Jannet Rios, whose outlook and experience are similar to Kate's. Jannet should not be dis-qualified at this time for resigning earlier when a life change required it.

The way to create an independent and balanced Commission is to replace the vacancy with Jannet. If you leave the seat empty it would skew the membership away from the interests shared by Kate and Jannet. If you leave this seat vacant the Commission would lose that voice and those interests. Your preference as chairman of the Commission should be for the most balanced Commission possible. Please fulfill your responsibility to be fair.
Please re-appoint Jannet Rios.

The interests and experience represented by Kate must not be lost to the Commission. Jannet's reappointment will ensure that Kate's interests and those of the Commission as a whole will be fairly represented.

Thank you again for your service.

Sincerely,
Janet Blevins
Lompoc
805-717-4160

From: [Erica A. Reyes](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Vacant At Large Commissioner
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 9:46:21 PM

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Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

I am writing to support the reappointment of Jannet Rios to the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission. I am a young Latinx professional living and working in Santa Barbara County, and I would appreciate having a representative that has a similar lived experience to mine on the commission. Latinx participation is already too low, as is youth representation -- it's not fair for Commissioner Turley to be the only younger person! There are more Latinx and younger voters in the County by far than are represented on the Commission.

I understand that Ms. Rios resigned to take a job, and then circumstances changed and she did not leave the County. We are lucky that she is available to step into the vacancy left by Dr. Adams' passing. Ms. Rios also has the same party registration as the late Dr. Adams, which fills the requirement of appointing someone of the same party registration to replace a commissioner.

Finally, Ms. Rios was a great ambassador and representative during her service and was only gone for a short period. Her return would benefit the Commission along with the whole community.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our County.

Sincerely,

Erica A. Reyes
Santa Barbara, CA

From: [Mary Ellen Brooks](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: map suggestions
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 11:43:58 AM

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Dear Committee: I have the following suggestions for the new district map.

Please keep Vandenberg Village, Mesa Oaks, and Mission Hills together. In the past, they have split these areas. Right now we are in the same district. We share the same water aquifer so they should be kept together.

Please keep IV in the 3rd district. IV and UCSB are in the coastal zone and it makes sense to keep them in other coastal zone areas, such as Gaviota.

Please keep Gaviota Coast in the 3rd district. Those living on ag. properties (e.g. Hollister Ranch) should be kept with other ag. owners, such as those in the 3rd district.

Harris Grade Road on the south side of the crest should be in the 3rd district, with the residential areas. This is especially important in the area of the LOGP. If there is a catastrophic event at the plant, the surrounding residential areas will be most negatively impacted. It makes sense to keep them together. Right now, the current map carved out the plant from the surrounding 3rd district. Many sensed this was 'political'.

Lastly, after the last map was drawn, I heard first hand that the 4th/5th boundary was specifically carved out in one area to keep a particular appointed decision maker in his old district. This gerrymandering should not be allowed to occur.

Thank you for considering these recommendations.

Mary Ellen Brooks
718 St. Andrews Way
Vandenberg Village
Lompoc 93436

From: [Spencer Brandt](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Public comment on Demographer delay of census data
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 12:27:39 PM

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Hello, please enter this public comment into the record.

On September 21, the California Statewide Database released the 2020 Census data complete with the relocation of the state prison population to home addresses. Today, on October 13 – 22 days later – the CIRC mapping tools have not been updated with the 2020 census data, and still rely on outdated population estimates. How is the public able to meaningfully participate in this process without access to the census data? The excel tools that the Demographer has made available are wholly inadequate for drawing maps that preserve the integrity of the communities of interest, because the geographic blocks they use are much too large. I am writing to request that the commission extend the deadline for the public to submit maps by an additional 22 days, to make up for the failure of demography staff to provide this vital information to the public in a timely manner.

Spencer Brandt, resident of District 3

Spencer Brandt

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From: [Kathleen M Sharum](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Comment regarding Discussion Item #4 on Oct. 14 meeting agenda
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 2:18:14 PM

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Dear Chair and Commissioners of the Citizen Independent Redistricting Commission of Santa Barbara County,

I am commenting to support the reinstatement of Jannet Rios to be on the Commission. While it is an incredible loss to no longer have Kate Adams, it was also an incredible loss at the time when Ms. Rios announced she could no longer be on the Commission. Delighted that she is once again available, I encourage you to choose Ms. Rios to fill the at-large vacancy. I support her because she already has knowledge of how the process of redistricting works, she helps to fill the “young” demographic, she is also a Latina along with being bilingual. Additionally, she is a Democrat living in the Northern part of Santa Barbara County.

I urge you to approve the reinstatement of Jannet Rios.

Thank you for your consideration and your work on the Commission.

Kathy Sharum
416 E Hermosa St.
Santa Maria, CA 93454

Sent from my iPad

From: [Audrie Krause](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Comment on appointment to Redistricting Commission
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 2:25:44 PM

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To the members of the Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission:

I am writing to express my support for the appointment of Jannet Rios to fill the open position of at-large member to the Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission. As a longtime supporter of Planned Parenthood California Central Coast, I share Planned Parenthood's concern that the lack of access to high quality health care, affordable housing, transportation, open space, and excellent education all contribute to a political environment where a woman's right to control her own body and reproductive health is threatened. For that reason we need a fair and transparent redistricting process that prioritizes the needs of our BIPOC communities.

I understand that Jannet is an educator from Santa Maria who was formerly part of the commission and was always thoughtful and equity-minded. I urge you to appoint her to the open position.

Thank you,

Audrie Krause
District 2 resident in Goleta.

From: [Charles H. Bell](#)
To: ["glenn@santamaria.com"](mailto:glenn@santamaria.com); [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Cc: ["aordin@strumwooch.com"](mailto:aordin@strumwooch.com)
Subject: Comment Letter - Meeting of October 14 2021 - Item #1
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 2:55:37 PM
Attachments: [101321 Letter to Glenn Morris re SB Redistricting.pdf](#)

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Attached. Please confirm receipt and post.

Thank you.

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October 13, 2021

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Glenn Morris, Chairperson
Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Commission

**Re: Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission Matter
Agenda Item # 1, Meeting of October 14, 2021**

Dear Chairperson Morris,

This is submitted on behalf of my client, The California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce. My client has authorized me to comment succinctly on the Commission's *abundantly clear record of denying the county's largest ethnic group of any semblance of fair representation on the Commission as well as its blatant disregard of the governing law, Brown Act procedures and its own bylaws*. (See letters of December 19, 2020, January 17 and 28, 2021, April 21, 2021, May 15, 2021 and October 4, 2021). This letter summarizes the egregious errors of the Commission to date.

The Commission and Commissioners should be prepared for a litigation hold (agency and personal documents retention demand) letter if the Commission and individual commissioners fail to correct this situation to the extent possible with the upcoming appointment of a replacement for the vacant At Large Commissioner position.

The Commission by its actions has ignored the clear requirement of Ordinance No. 5051 and the Ralph M. Brown Public Meeting Act in the following ways:

1. The Commission has insisted – contrary to the clear contrary commands of Ordinance No. 5051 (Section 2-10.9A(4)(j)(3) and Sec. 2-10.9A(4)(j)(3)) - that meeting partisan balance composition requirements takes priority over ensuring ethnic/racial/gender/geographic balance. As a result, even if the Commission chooses an Hispanic replacement commissioner, Hispanics will remain substantially (50%) underrepresented relative to their percentage of the County's population (18.2% on the Commission; 39.4% of the County's population.)
2. While denying representation and a voice to Hispanic citizens of the County, the Commission has taken extraordinary steps over numerous meetings to appoint a majority of Democrats as Commissioners, resulting in substantial overrepresentation of Democrats. For example, reappointing resigned former Commissioner Rios would result in Democrats constituting 59.4% of Commissioners compared to their 46.4% of the County's population.

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

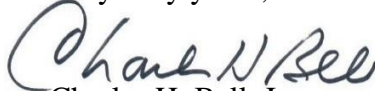
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Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Commission
Re: Agenda Item #1, October 14, 2021 Meeting
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Even without reappointing resigned former Commissioner Rios or any other remaining Democrat in the pool of remaining applicants distributed with the upcoming meeting agenda, Democrats would be slightly overrepresented relative to their percentage of the County's population.

3. The Commission violated the Ralph M. Brown Public Meeting Act on May 5, 2021, by conducting an unnoticed special meeting and/or conducting a meeting on an unnoticed agenda item (see Agenda Item No. 8) to restore Kevin Kaseff, who had previously withdrawn his name from consideration, to the list of eligible candidates for appointment to a vacancy in the At Large Commissioner position. Mr. Kaseff subsequently was appointed to fill a Third District vacancy. Two key provisions of the Brown Act that ensure that the public's business is conducted openly are the requirements that legislative bodies post agendas prior to their meetings (Sections 54954.2, 54955 and 54956) and that no action or discussion may occur on items or subjects not listed on the posted agenda (Section 54954.2(a)(2)).
4. The Commission posted an inaccurate list of the remaining applicants, that fails to identify resigned former Commissioner Rios' history. The table is blank as to Ms. Rios' status, which misrepresents the fact that she was appointed and resigned from her position.

Please confirm the receipt of this letter and place it in the public comments file for the upcoming meeting.

Very truly yours,



Charles H. Bell, Jr.

CC BY EMAIL:

Public Comment, Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

Andrea Ordin, Esq. *Sent Electronically* -- aordin@strumwooch.com

From: [David Dennis](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Support for Jannet Rios for At-Large Commissioner
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 4:24:10 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I ask that the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission appoint Jannet Rios to fill the At-Large Commissioner position vacated by the passing of Dr. Kate Adams.

Jannet Rios had previously held the position as Commissioner for the 5th District and would come up to speed quickly with the redistricting process. She is a life-long resident of Santa Maria and brings valuable experience from her role as a community youth leader, along with her knowledge obtained from a bachelor's degree in Psychology and master's degree in Higher Education Administration. Additionally Jannet currently works with students and families of diverse backgrounds, and communities which will help her understand how to bring more voices into the process.

I urge you to select Jannet to serve as the At-Large position on the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission.

David Dennis
416 E Hermosa St
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93454

(805) 202-6708

From: [Vijaya](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: LWVSB on request to update census data on website and extend the deadline
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 4:54:31 PM
Attachments: [2021-10-13 LWVSB on SB Co. Redistricting Deadline for Maps2.docx](#)

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Dear Chair Morris and Commissioners,
Please find attached comments from the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara.

Vijaya Jammalamadaka (she, her)
President
805-462-7126
Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy
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www.lwvsantabarbara.org



October 13, 2021

Santa Barbara Citizen's Independent Redistricting Commission
County Executive Office
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 406
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Via email: redistricting@countyofsb.org

SUBJECT: Please update census data on your mapping tools website and extend the deadline for maps submission.

Dear Commissioners,

The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara (LWVSB) has in previous letters, urged the Commission to act in an open, public, and transparent manner. **We urge you to extend the deadline for map submission.** As of noon today – Wednesday October 13th -the updated Census data are not available for use in the electronic mapping tools on your website. In the interest of fairness and transparency, the public needs the most accurate, up-to-date information in order to draw maps and evaluate maps drawn by the Commission.

The only information available to the public is for the 2020 population based on an outdated community survey that was processed by the National Demographic Corporation. This information skews the numbers dramatically. For example, the data for the "old" 3rd District shows that there are 5,865 people who need to be moved from the District - and the "new" data provided to your Commission on October 6, 2021 shows there are 18 people who need to be moved. That's a large difference, and any maps based on the old/incorrect estimates are not valid.

The deadline for the public to submit maps is less than one week away. To impose a deadline without giving the public access to the updated data is irresponsible. It does not generate trust in an open, public, and transparent process.

Similarly, it is unfair to have only one hearing to review and select or reject maps from consideration. **Extending the deadline for at least one week past the day that the County provides full updated Census data to the public would be much more reasonable.**

Please clarify the process and allow the public to continue to submit maps and/or map revisions based on updated data that have been made public.

LWVSB on SB Redistricting Commission Deadline for Maps

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vijaya Jammalamadaka". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vijaya Jammalamadaka
President, LWVSB

From: [FLORES JAIME](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Redistricting Map Submission
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 5:04:21 PM
Attachments: [Flores Map Submission.csv](#)

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Chair Morris and fellow members of the Independent Redistricting Commission of Santa Barbara County,

My name is Jaime Flores and I am a Santa Maria Native, local business owner and 3rd generation SB County resident.

The current districts do not properly represent the diversity of Santa Barbara County—North to south or east to west. This misrepresentation was a product of decisions made by elected officials ten years ago. Fortunately, voters in our County, myself included, passed Measure G in 2018, and now we have an independent process in which our communities have the chance for appropriate leadership and districts in which they can all have a voice.

The block file that I have provided uses 2020 census data and as the population has started to shift to the north county; it gives our commissioners a real chance to adopt lines that accurately join communities of interest as well as regions with similarities

For instance, there are two legitimate south county districts— keeping the colleges as well as Isla Vista together in District 2 and ensuring the residents of Cuyama are paired with the existing fifth district. Folks from Cuyama go either east to the valley or west to Santa Maria when they go to a city or need to do their shopping; they don't take the three-hour trip to Montecito where there is no direct path and no commonalities.

Also, there is a balanced amount of unincorporated communities within each of the five districts presented, while keeping those areas whole and only splitting the larger cities and/or urban areas in the County.

Please confirm that this file format works for you as well as the commission and will be considered as a map submitted by the public for discussion amongst the members of the independent commission.

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Jaime Flores

C- 805-720-5342

From: [Daniel Gonzalez](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Cc: [Hazel Davalos](#)
Subject: In support of re-appointment of Janet Rios to the redistricting committee
Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 8:48:32 AM

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Hello, my name is Daniel Gonzalez,

I am the Director of Organizing and Advocacy with Future Leaders of America. I'm here today to support the request for the re-appointment of Janet Rios to the redistricting committee to fill the vacancy following the unfortunate passing of Kate Adams. The commission and our community would benefit from the presence of a young Latina voice in this critical process impacting our majority Latino county. Janet has a long history of working within the community and supporting youth in Santa Maria. She is also a former FLA alumni and a Volunteer for our Youth Leadership Conference, she works closely with young people across our county, knows their perspectives, and is in tune with their needs. Having Janet Rios reappointed to the redistricting committee would serve to ensure the equal representation of the Santa maria community. Janet knows and has a long history of working with, the community in addressing issues that are important to them. She's always willing to offer her skills to the benefit of the immigrant and farmworker communities in Santa Maria and across the Central Coast. She would be an amazing representative to our community and should be reinstated to the redistricting committee.

Best regards,

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Daniel Gonzalez, BA, Director of Organizing and Advocacy
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