



FW: ALVA Map # 4

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Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 1:23 PM
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Subject: FW: ALVA Map # 4

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Subject: Re: ALVA Map # 4

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

Thank you Xavier.

On Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 12:19:46 PM PST, Xavier Flores <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear City Council,

The Alianza Latina del Valle del Antilope would like to request your acceptance of ALVA Map # 4, which can be found in this link: [Dave's Redistricting here](#), as part of the maps submitted for consideration in developing election districts in the city of Palmdale.

We understand that the deadline for map submittal was January 3, 2022. However, it is our firm belief that the technical difficulties encountered by demographers providing technical assistance to us from two distinct Latino organizations, the Dolores Huerta Foundation (DHF) and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), as well as other residents of Palmdale including members of ALVA, warrant this action on your part.

Demographers from both organizations struggled desperately to access and utilize the mapping tools provided to the public by DNC in your redistricting website. Technical problems with these tools were acknowledged by city staff, the submittal time frame was extended and efforts were made to correct these problems. However, these problems still diminished the time we had to adequately and sufficiently develop the prime maps that we wanted. As a result, and in order to comply with the submittal deadline, we supported two maps, # 203 and 206, that were not our primary choice and were not developed by us but sufficed in that they created three strong Latino districts.

In addition, the last two meetings of the Palmdale Redistricting Commission had an NDC representative as their key presenter. During both of these presentations, the latest just yesterday, maps were reviewed with no corresponding demographic information. This was extraordinarily shoddy in our view but more concerning was the acceptance of these presentations without question. Only two commissioners asked for demographics but never-the-less accepted the report at the end. Our inability to access the demographics of all maps as a result of NDCs shortcomings remains to this day a hindrance to an open and transparent process and impeded our ability to adequately discern other maps and compare them to our own, thus hindering our own map development process.

Given these facts and in keeping with NDC's encouraging words indicating that the more maps the better for the city ad its redistricting process, we urge you to accept this and all other maps that have been submitted after the January 3rd deadline and up to the date and time of this Council meeting, Januar 12, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

Please know that we submitted map #3 with corresponding demographics yesterday during the Palmdale Advisory Redistricting Meeting. Map #4 is being submitted today. These two maps reflect ALVAs primary choices.

Sincerely,

Xavier Flores

Program Director

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