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To: [City ClerksGroup](#)
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Public Comment for Districting Public Hearing 2/23/22

Questions:

#1. Will a Brea District Councilmember be limited to only appointing a Brea Planning Commissioner that also lives within the councilmember's District?

2. Will other Brea Commissions/Committees also be required to be appointed/assigned by Districts?

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Brea resident

NOTE: If two questions are too long to read as written please read only question #1 as written vs. taking both questions out of context. Thank you.

From: [Steve & Ann Summers](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: Do not put Brea into districts
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 9:38:06 AM

Dear Council Members,

Yes, you are being threatened by a lawsuit if you do not divide Brea into 5 little districts. That lawsuit is put forward by Mr. Shenkman, an attorney who makes his money forcing cities like Brea into unneeded and unwanted districts pitted against each other. Even the candidates (Mr. Rios and Mr. Kim) who lost in previous elections do not want this change. How does it make sense to gerrymander lines so the most voters of one ethnic or racial background are lumped together and get just one vote? Now we all get two or three votes depending on open seats every election.

At present, people can choose among the best candidates who live in the entire City of Brea. They can vote for one or more candidates who live across town. With districting they are limited to just one person, good or bad, from that district. Or, worse, the minority voters in a district with a large majority of one group may essentially get no vote at all. Just because some lawyer tells a city that it will face a lawsuit doesn't make it right. Before going ahead with this 5 district proposal, do a serious poll to find out how many Breans really want the change. With a growing number of Hispanic and Asian families moving to Brea, it must mean Brea offers a good life here. People can purchase or rent wherever they choose and know their vote will count equally. Will families not choose to live in the new 265 Project because it happens to be in a district heavily carved out one way? Will districts have to change boundaries when all these new residents move in?

Districts are clearly divisive by nature. They declare that people's differences are much more important than their commonalities. They tell people to vote exclusively for their own particular interests even if that means harming residents in other parts of the city.

I strongly oppose the plan to change to 5 districts! There is no way to divide up the city that will benefit all or most of its residents. It would make City Council meetings much more confrontational when a sense of unity is critical to Brea and our country.

Please include my letter in comments against redistricting.

Sincerely,

Ann Summers