

Jan. 11, 10 a.m. – Glendale Latino Association Stakeholder Meeting

Attendees:

Districting Team

Doug Johnson
Madeline Wilson
Annette Ghazarian

GLA Members

Anita Q Gabrielian
Leyla Anderson
Jennie Quinonez-Skinner
Ladonna Romans
Miryam Finkelberg

Meeting Discussion:

The Glendale Latino Association (GLA) Board members came into the meeting with varying levels of familiarity with the district formation process. Several have been following it very closely, while others have only heard about it.

The City's Demographer, NDC, gave a brief overview of district formation and its history in the City of Glendale and shared that ultimately, the voters will choose whether to form districts or not. NDC also shared the districting website and walked through how to review the focus maps using the PDF files and interactive review map.

GLA discussed the maps and individuals shared their own opinions on what they consider best for the community, particularly the Latino population. Some expressed interest in having a district with the highest possible Latino population while others shared the benefits of having a diverse district and community.

GLA will bring districting to the full Board and discuss if they want to take a position as an organization. Individuals will also establish personal positions and share their feedback with the City.

Jan. 22, 12 p.m. – Verdugo Woodlands HOA, Bridging the Borders, Glendale Teacher’s Association

Attendees:

Districting Team

Doug Johnson
Madeline Wilson
Stephanie Mkhlian
Mike Garcia

Verdugo Woodlands HOA

Vahe
Dave Cole
James Cypherd
Diane Morrison
Nancy Campbell
Catherine Jurca
Christine Saucedo

David Kean
Marcia Hanford
Mary Lightfoot
Peggy L
Minerva Astengo
Roseanne Kalaba
Mary LaCroix

Bridging the Borders

Araik Sinanian

Glendale Teacher’s Association

Taline Arsenian

Meeting Discussion:

The three organizations came into the meeting with various levels of familiarity with the district formation process. Several individuals were hearing about the process for the first time while others had been involved and even submitted draft maps.

The City’s Demographer, NDC, gave a brief overview of district formation and its history in Glendale and shared the districting website, MapGlendale.org, to walk through the available information about the process and show the draft maps submitted by the public.

Participants discussed the district formation process and the reasons why the City of Glendale is considering making a change. Many expressed their personal opinions about district formation and how it would affect the City of Glendale. There were a variety of opinions, ranging from general support to no support of making the change.

No organization advocated for a specific map. Participants were encouraged to share their opinions with City Council if they want to take a position on the matter as the process continues.

Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m. – Crescenta Highlands Neighborhood Association

Attendees:

Districting Team

Doug Johnson
Jacob Lyle

Crescenta Highlands Neighborhood Association*

Mary-Lynne Fischer
Susan Bolyn
Robert Cable
Mark Weaver
Joyce Hart
Nancy Bohle
Bob and Marilyn Cable
Donna Libra
Betty Cady
Desirée Rabinov
Roxanne Myers

*Attendees only reflect those who signed in

Meeting Discussion:

The Crescenta Highlands Neighborhood Association (CHNA) members have had varying involvement in the district formation process. The president has been very involved and gave an introduction about the process before turning the meeting to the City's Demographer (NDC).

NDC gave a brief explanation about the history of the process, the importance of community feedback and shared the draft maps with CHNA.

Members of CHNA discussed details about the draft maps to better understand what to review. Some members expressed concern that there is not much variation in how northern Glendale is formed into a district across the draft maps. CHNA was interested in the future timeline of the process and the logistics of how districts would work in Glendale.

The organization did not advocate for a specific map. Participants were invited to stay involved and share their opinions with City Council as the process continues.

Feb. 5, 7:05 p.m. – Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council

Attendees:

Districting Team

Doug Johnson
Madeline Wilson
Mike Garcia

Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council

Grant Michals
Rondi
Allen Durham
Palma Vincenti
Richard Lee
Stephen Meek
Susan Bolan
Rachel Wolstan
Tom Hendricks
Joanna Linkchorst

Meeting Discussion:

The members of the Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council (GHCC) had varying levels of understanding about the district formation process. Some have been actively involved while others have only heard about it.

National Demographics Corporation (NDC) began the meeting by sharing the background of the process, the role of NDC and Tripepi Smith and why district formation is a topic of discussion in Glendale. NDC then walked through the focus maps and several other draft maps to give participants an understanding of what type of feedback City Council is looking for.

Members of GHCC discussed why the City, GCC and GUSD can't have the same maps and shared concerns that the ambiance of the "Jewel City" will be lost in renter-dense districts. A representative of the Montecito Neighborhood Association expressed feeling a stronger connection with Crescenta Highlands than with Verdugo Woodlands and that they should be in a district with the north. A representative from Adams Hills shared that their organization prefers being with Glenoaks Canyon rather than renters.

GHCC leadership shared that it is difficult for them to take a stance as an organization. However, their priority is that neighborhood associations are respected and kept together. Their leadership encouraged associations to get involved, meet with the districting team and share their feedback on parts of maps or whole maps they prefer. Participants were invited by NDC and Tripepi Smith to share their feedback via email and attend the upcoming public forums.

Feb. 8, 6 p.m. – Rossmoyne Mountain HOA

Attendees:

Districting Team

Doug Johnson
Mike Garcia
Skyler Addison

Rossmoyne Mountain HOA*

Suzanne McDonnell
Allen Arzoumanian
Jaime Gonzalez
Timothy
Laurel Perkman
Marc Perkman

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Meeting Discussion:

The members of the Rossmoyne Mountain HOA (Rossmoyne) had varying knowledge about the district formation process prior to meeting with the City's team.

National Demographics Corporation (NDC) began the meeting by sharing the districting website and its resources and explaining the background of district formation in the City of Glendale. Throughout the evening, NDC walked through the focus maps and answered questions from participants about the details of the process.

Rossmoyne members were very interested in understanding the politics of districting and asked questions about the reasons why Glendale is considering this change and the related legal requirements. Residents also discussed the impact districts would have on the City and what that would look like for them. Some residents expressed concern about the cost of moving to district elections and the outreach needed to reach all residents. NDC and the City Attorney shared some of the pros and cons of district formation and shared brief information related to the costs of the project requirements and the associated deliverables.

Rossmoyne discussed the focus maps, briefly touching on the possibility of creating renter-dense and Hispanic districts. Some residents expressed concern that heavy renter districts may not care to elect City Councilmembers. No stance was taken by individuals or the organization about a specific map. Rossmoyne members were invited to share their feedback about maps or the process in general with the City throughout the night.

Feb. 15, 12 p.m. – Glendale Community College

Attendees:

Districting Team

Doug Johnson

Madeline Wilson

Glendale Community College

Yvette Davis

Meeting Discussion:

The individual participating in this meeting was familiar with the district formation process for both the City of Glendale and the school district.

National Demographics Corporation (NDC) began the meeting by giving a brief overview of district formation while walking through the available resources on the website. NDC also went in-depth on the timeline of the project and what to expect in the coming months.

NDC walked through the focus maps and shared Map 120b as well. The representative of GCC expressed the opinion that Map 126b divides the City most logically, keeping neighborhoods together.

They also expressed a concern that district formation is being explored at the wrong time. They believe district formation should be considered; however, they feel the City is already divided and implementing districts at this time would not help the City manage issues peacefully.

They were invited to share their feedback with the City and encourage their community to do so as well.

Feb. 15, 3 p.m. – Filipino-American Business Association of Glendale, Adams Hill Neighborhood Association, Armenian Bar Association

Attendees:

Districting Team

Doug Johnson
Mike Garcia
Madeline Wilson

Filipino-American Business Association

Edith Fuentes
Arleen Penaflor

Adams Hills Neighborhood Association

Stephen Meek

Armenian Bar Association

Davit Zargaryan

Meeting Discussion:

Participants in this meeting had varying familiarity with the districting process. Some have been actively involved throughout the process, while others have only heard about it.

National Demographics Corporation (NDC) began the meeting by sharing background information about the process, the outreach being completed throughout and the tentative timeline of the process. NDC also walked through the focus maps.

Participants discussed details of district formation including the number of Councilmember seats, how districts are drawn, changes to Councilmember roles and compensation, redistricting requirements and legal considerations for making the shift. NDC and the City Attorney provided background information and explained the legal requirements related to these questions.

A member of the Filipino-American Business Association, and resident of northern Glendale, shared that Map 126d represents the northern area of the City well. The representative of Adams Hill Neighborhood Association shared that districts 2 and 3 of Map 106b work well. They also expressed a desire to keep downtown together and shared that the Adams Hill area should not include the canyons because the needs of homeowners in the canyons do not align with those who rent in Adams Hill. The Armenian Bar Association did not share a personal preference or a stance on behalf of their organization.

Participants were encouraged to share their feedback with the City.

Feb. 26, 6 p.m. – Whiting Woods HOA

Attendees:

Districting Team

Doug Johnson
Mike Garcia
Skyler Addison

Whiting Woods HOA

Shirley Owens
Melissa Jones
Jim Fonda
Anne Moser
Steve Moser
Lois Nichols
Kim Arnold
Pete Cooke
Rob Montgomery
Sarah Morrison Hill

Meeting Discussion:

Participants were mostly unfamiliar with the district formation process. The President of the HOA had attended some prior meetings, but all other members were learning about the process for the first time.

National Demographics Corporation (NDC) began the meeting by explaining the history of districting in California and the City's districting website, including the focus maps and map viewing tools.

Participants discussed details of the process, such as mapping requirements, the general timeline and the financial impact of the process. Upon reviewing the focus maps, a participant expressed interest in Whiting Woods being paired with La Crescenta rather than San Rafael Hills and North Glendale. Another participant shared that Whiting Woods should be paired with Verdugo Hills and the canyon due to similar homeowner and fire concerns. Additional participants expressed a desire to keep school districts together and to follow neighborhoods rather than zip codes when drawing districts. Multiple members shared a general preference for Map 106b.

The organization took no official stance on a map or the process. The HOA President expressed appreciation for being included in a meeting with the City. Members interested in receiving updates about the process provided their emails and were encouraged to stay involved.