

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1991
7:30 P.M.
BEAR FLAG SCHOOL
6620 GLORIA DRIVE
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

I HEREBY CALL a Special Meeting of the Sacramento City Council to meet at the date, time and location specified above, for the purpose of conducting a Community Meeting to discuss matters and take testimony concerning Districts 4, 5 & 8 (Greenhaven, Pocket, South Land Park, Hollywood Park).

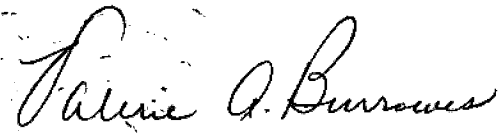
Members of the public are invited to attend and present their comments.

ISSUED: This 14th day of June, 1991.



ANNE RUDIN
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VALERIE A. BURROWES
CITY CLERK

TO: Special Meeting of the City Council on Redistricting
FROM: Pamela Haynes
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DATE: 6/19/91

Good Evening:

My name is Pam Haynes, I am a member of the 1991 Redistricting Project. I also reside in the South Land Park area currently under review. But more importantly, I am a member of the African-American community residing within the city of Sacramento. I have attended each of the redistricting meetings to date, and would like to add my voice to my brothers and sisters who have come before me.

This process is not about drawing nice, neat, straight lines. It is about meeting the needs of people. This process is about putting in to place districts that not only recognize communities of interest but support their full participation in the political process. This process is not about dismantling but about building, building a city that we all can be proud of and a part of. One in which embraces our diversity in a real and political sense. For this to happen, the focus of the Council must be on developing and designing competitive districts that will provide us with opportunities to become involved in the political and economic decisions affecting us all. This process is about equity, about openness, about access, and also about accountability. But let us not be naive or fool ourselves, this process is about power. The power of communities to elect those who will serve their needs.

You are being asked to be agents of change; change-makers. This is no easy task. If you are successful, we will move into the 21st century with a likely chance of being able to utilize all our resources - human, economic and political for the betterment of all of our citizens. If you fail, this city will be embroiled in contention for years to come.

I would like to close by commending the Council on its leadership in engaging the community in these public discussions. However, when you retreat behind closed doors to redraw these lines, I would urge you to continue this dialogue and collaboration with community leaders and interested parties. To reiterate what David Covin said so eloquently, "this process is not about lines, it is about people".