

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1991

7:30 P.M.

**JOHN STILL SCHOOL
2250 JOHN STILL 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 7 and 8 (Airport, Meadowview, Woodbine, Valley Hi).

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

ISSUED: This 12th day of July, 1991.



ANNE RUDIN
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VALERIE A. BURROWES
CITY CLERK

SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

Dates: May 22, 1991, to August 21, 1991

(See Attached Schedule on Back)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING
REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

- 1.0 Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2.0 General Overview
- 3.0 Redistricting Process and Schedule
- 4.0 Redistricting Guidelines
- 5.0 Redistricting Kit
 - 5.1 General Criteria
 - 5.2 Specific Boundary Proposal
- 6.0 Public Testimony
- 7.0 Adjourn

Note:

Public input is welcome at all meetings. You do not have to reside in the primary areas reviewed at the meeting(s) you attend in order to comment or to ask questions. Boundary proposals can be submitted any time prior to the August 23rd deadline. Proposals should be submitted to the City Planning Division, 1231 I Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

Community Meeting Schedule

Listed below is the proposed schedule of meeting places and areas covered (all meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays)

Date	* Primary Areas to be Reviewed	Location of Meeting	Council District
May 22	Midtown, Old Land Park, Southside Park	1231 I Street, First Floor	1, 3, 4
June 5	Oak Park, Curtis Park, Tahoe Park	Oak Park Community Center, 3425 Martin Luther King Boulevard	5, 6
June 12	Del Paso Heights, North Sacramento, Robla	Robertson Community Center 3525 Norwood Ave.	2
June 19	Greenhaven, Pocket, South Land Park, Hollywood Park	Bear Flag School, 6620 Gloria Drive	4, 5, 8
July 10	East Sacramento, College Greens, Tahoe Park, River Park, Campus Commons	Coloma Community Center, 4623 T Street	3, 6
July 17	Airport, Meadowview Woodbine	John Still School 2250 John Still Dr	7, 8
July 24	Laguna, Valley Hi	Valley High School 6300 Ehrhardt Ave.	7
August 14	North Sacramento, South Natomas, Woodlake, Gardenland	Woodlake Elementary School, 700 Southgate Road	1, 2, 3
August 21	Glen Elder, Elder Creek, Tallac Village, Fruitridge Manor, Colonial Heights	Sim Community Center, 6207 Logan Street	5, 6

August 28 Summary Meeting, City Hall 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to summarize all information gathered in the community meetings, receive additional community-wide testimony, receive all community-drafted maps, receive up-to-date population information and to give staff direction.

September 11 Presentation Meeting, City Hall 7:30 p.m.

Presentation of plan(s) and testimony.

October 14 Decision Meeting, City Hall 7:30 p.m.

Adopt plan.

*The public can attend other meetings outside their neighborhood.



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July 18, 1991

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Mayor Rudin and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION MATERIALS OF SIX MEADOWVIEW AREA ORGANIZATIONS

This is a follow-up to last night's Redistricting meeting held at John Still School.

Attached is a copy of the materials presented by the representatives of the six organizations at the meeting. As requested, staff is providing this material to you for your review and consideration.


DAVID R. MARTINEZ
Deputy City Manager

c: Walter J. Slipe
Staff Redistricting Task Force

**THE MEADOWVIEW DECLARATION
FOR
REDISTRICTING EQUITY AND POLITICAL JUSTICE**

As residents of the Meadowview Community, we are deeply concerned about the future of our community. Over the past ten years, we have witnessed a slow but steady deterioration in the quality of life and standard of living of our friends, neighbors and businesses. While other parts of our City display dynamic economic growth and vitality, many areas within Meadowview show ominous signs of physical blight.

This process has been slowed, primarily because the residents of Meadowview have organized to address the immediate problems we confront on a day-to-day basis. Some of our efforts have been successful, others have not. Some have been popular, some have not. Few have received the support of the elected representatives on the City Council, many have not.

Though we are a diverse community and we each have different talents and styles of leadership, and while we may disagree from time to time, there are matters of overriding significance to the community as a whole on which we are capable of uniting.

One such issue is redistricting.

That is why we are united in our desire to have the integrity of the Meadowview community maintained in its entirety for purposes of redistricting. We do so because we recognize the connection between redistricting and the electoral process and the absolute importance of maintaining the greater Meadowview community's voting

strength. We believe the integrity of Meadowview as a community should be maintained for the following reasons:

1. THE RESULTS OF REDISTRICTING WILL IMPACT THE REPRESENTATION ON THE CITY COUNCIL OUR COMMUNITY RECEIVES THROUGH THE YEAR 2001.

If politics is defined as the struggle for power to allocate all or a portion of society's resources, then redistricting establishes the terrain of participation in the electoral arena. We recognize that redistricting has the potential to decisively influence ultimate victory in electoral politics by grouping together or dividing like-minded voters and constituencies. The process of redrawing local district boundaries to reflect changes in the population can have major implications for representation on the City Council. The outcome of this process may hold the key to the representation of an African-American on the City Council during this decade. In our experience, where there is gender and racial diversity on decision-making boards, councils, commissions and committees, the issues are more fully explored and the quality of decisions is enhanced. More importantly, access to information and the resources to effect change are at stake.

2. THE FATE OF CITY-PROVIDED SERVICES LIKE PARK MAINTENANCE, REMOVAL OF ABANDONED CARS, POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS WILL BE INFLUENCED BY THE COUNCIL'S

DECISION ON REDISTRICTING. --

During the redistricting process ten years ago, the Meadowview Community was split between two City Council districts along 24th Street, dividing the community's population in half. Political representation and accountability remained shared by two individuals instead of one, making neighborhood leaders and residents genuinely concerned about Meadowview vulnerable to political manipulation and intrigue. The City Manager's Office has been allowed to seriously propose reductions in fire service, relocation of the regional library from Martin Luther King Library to Greenhaven and to delay funding of a Community Center since 1981.

3. WE CAN ILL AFFORD, NOR WILL WE TOLERATE, A RACIALLY MOTIVATED GERRYMANDER OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AGAIN.

The African-American community was gerrymandered in 1981. While we understand that these neighborhoods are not exclusively Black, the 1980 census data revealed that the largest concentration of African-Americans within the City of Sacramento was located in the Airport/Meadowview/ Woodbine neighborhoods. When it was split, the voting strength of African-Americans and other people of color was diluted making it more difficult to elect a person of color. This opinion is broadly shared by Meadowview neighborhood and African-American community leaders as well as County Supervisor

Grantland Johnson. The gerrymander of Meadowview has had long term implications for the political empowerment of the African-American community and other people of color. While we do not seek a majority "Black" district, we desire a district that is competitive and the presence of an electoral base that is sensitive to the needs, aspirations and desires of historically disenfranchised people.

4. WE SEEK JUSTICE. WE ARE A "COMMUNITY OF INTEREST" WITH THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE CITY. MEADOWVIEW DESERVES TO BE REUNITED WITHIN ONE POLITICAL UNIT IN ORDER TO EMPOWER THE RESIDENTS TO INSURE ACCOUNTABLE REPRESENTATION.

The Meadowview community is a "community of interest." We are bound together by more than our share of problems. We are bound together by a commitment to solve these problems. We have the potential to effectively deal with them. Through direct action and citizen participation, we have already demonstrated an ability to deal with some of our problems. We need forward thinking, sensitive leadership that is prepared to work with us. We want nothing more than the Constitutional guarantee of the one person, one vote standard and the accountable representation that a united Meadowview can help insure.

5. MEADOWVIEW CONTAINS THE LARGEST PARCELS OF UNDEVELOPED

LAND REMAINING IN SOUTH SACRAMENTO.

Effective City Council representation will link development of these parcels to redevelopment of older neighborhoods and attract new commercial development. If development of this area is linked to job creation, home ownership and business development for Meadowview residents, the economic basis can be created to combat the drug trade, gangs and blight. A united Meadowview can make the case better than a divided area, split between two Councilmembers who may have other interests in their districts to protect and serve.

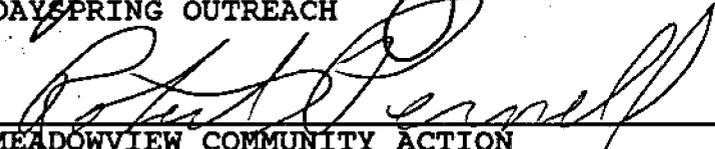
In conclusion, we seek the opportunity to empower our neighborhoods and community in order to build a future of hope, prosperity and justice.



CONCERNED CITIZENS OF SOUTH SACRAMENTO



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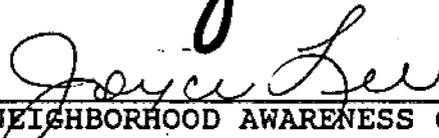
MEADOWVIEW COMMUNITY ACTION



MEADOWVIEW IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE



MEADOWVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD LEAGUE



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