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**Subject:** Position on creation of Voting Districts-GGNA

Hello Mayor Nguyen, Council Members, and City Manager,

Tonight is an historic event for our city. We unveil our newly remodeled Community meeting Center and we get to see a presentation on our soon-to-be voting districts.

I find it remarkable that with all the changes our city has been through...we are dedicating a beautiful space which symbolizes all we've been through and what we have to look forward to! Congrats to Council and staff for the efforts! Onward and upward!

Now on to the voting districts.

The GGNA has been actively engaged in this process since last September and we look forward to making districting a positive experience to the city and an opportunity to strengthen our neighborhoods and community.

Although we have not endorsed a map at this time, we concur with David Elly, of Compass Demographics that districts should reflect and respect the integrity of our neighbors and neighborhoods.

One map is based solely on demographics with no regard for neighborhoods; it's simply a numbers game. We reject this theory.

We trust council will also use their experience and wisdom to select a map that honors our past and moves to unite our community in the future.

We ask council to reject outsiders who seek to pull at the fabric of our neighborhoods for their own fame or influence.

Garden Grove's past and future lay before us at this time; let's embrace it.

Sincerely,

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