

Anthony Mejia

From: Anthony Mejia
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 1:00 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 109 District Map Public Comment

Ms. Wood:

Thank you for your email. It will be provided to the City Council and retained for the official record.

Additionally, if you click this link, you will find an interactive mapping tool in which you can zoom in and out of the district boundaries similar to Google Maps.

<https://ndcresearch.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=ffed291898ea45dd87ed07b70fd18704>

And finally, I want to mention that the City Council did not consider any adjustments to the District 1 boundaries because those boundaries were established under the existing settlement agreement. Any changes to District 1 would require the approval from the plaintiffs and court.

-----Original Message-----

From: TERRY WOOD <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 2:06 AM
To: CouncilMeeting Comments <CouncilMeetingComments@palmdesert.gov>
Subject: 109 District Map Public Comment

December 18, 2023

Dear Council Members and Mayor of Palm Desert,

I am commenting on the renumbered 109 Map that you presented online at your December 14th, 2023 council meeting. Do you have a more detailed map of boundary streets because it is very vague towards Fred Warning area boundaries. I only see a few major streets on the entire map. Also, why not give Election area 1 the area west of Cook Street before Fred Warning and (by high school) South of Fred Warning to Deep Canyon. If I am reading the map correctly, it just seems little out of place with these added areas. I know you are trying to get the population numbers as close as possible to balance all the new districts. District 4 boundaries seem to zig zag from the Cook Street at that very end.

The voters in this newly proposed area 4 might question this if this little part added at the end includes the residences of current Councilman Trubee and/or Nestande in it.

Lastly, I did send in a comment by email to council a few months ago requesting that Zone 4 be able to vote in 2024 election for I believe that this zone has not been represented by a resident in the area of Hovely and Cook to Washington Street in city council ever if I am correct in the last 20 plus years.

Terry Wood
Palm Desert

From: [Anthony Mejia](#)
To: [Jim Schmid](#); [Ron Phipps](#)
Subject: RE: redistricting map questions
Date: Thursday, January 4, 2024 2:03:00 PM
Attachments: [image008.png](#)
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Mr. Schmid:

Thank you for your comment, I completely understand. I have included this issue in the staff report and will share this comment with the City Council as part of their final public hearing on this matter next week (Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the Palm Desert Council Chamber). However, staff will be recommending adoption of Map 109 due to the splitting of this census block. Of course, the City Council will consider your comment and can direct staff to make the change.

And finally, I want to offer two comments: 1) It can be to the Lakes CC advantage that two Councilmembers will have an interest in the future of the Lakes CC since it traverses two districts; and 2) Please know that the City is required to redistrict again in 2030 and will likely need to make significant boundary adjustments due to the projected population growth Citywide.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

From: Jim Schmid [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 1:40 PM
To: Anthony Mejia <amejia@palmdesert.gov>; Ron Phipps [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: redistricting map questions

Hi Anthony,

We appreciate the adjustment to clean up the street boundaries

We would like to request that the golf course parcel be included within district 3 with the rest of the lakes country club. While there are no homes on it at this time, there is the potential for the addition of homes there at some point, and we would like to have all of the property of the community included within a single voting district. We would like to have the residents of the community and all of the property of their community represented by a single council seat.

Interesting design of that census block drawn in red, would be interesting to know how someone came up with that layout.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 9:47 AM

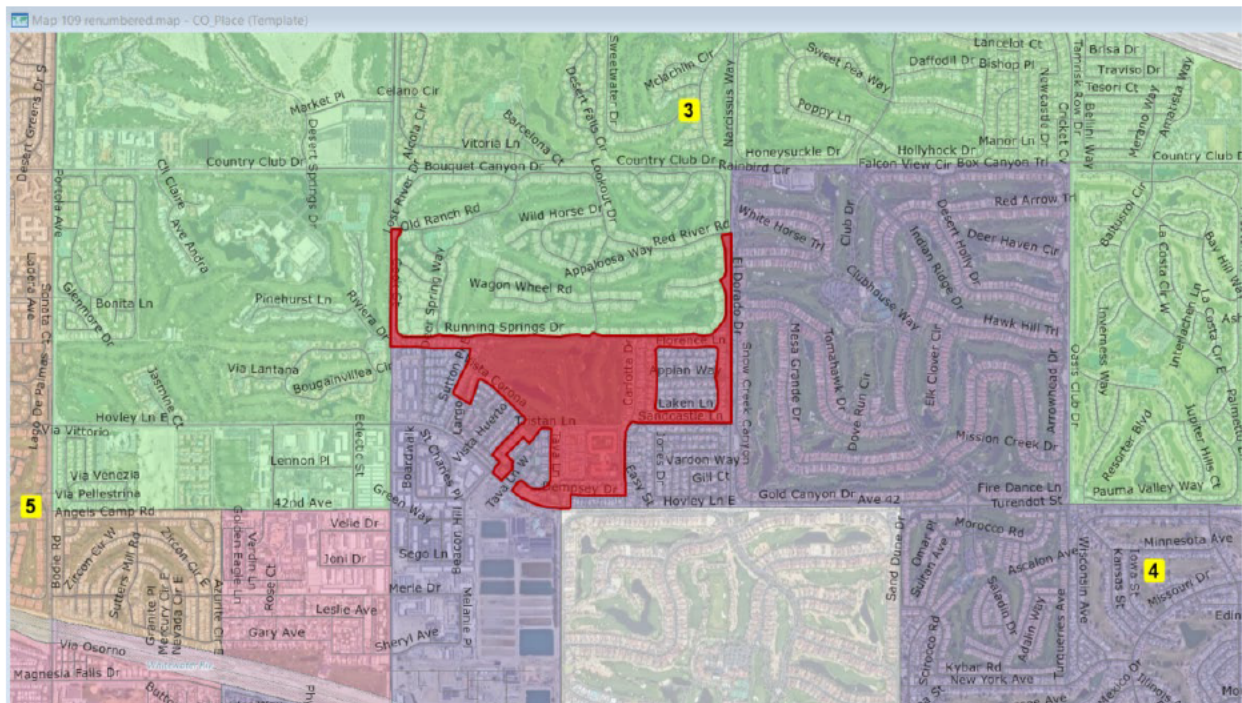
To: Jim Schmid <[REDACTED]>; Ron Phipps <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: redistricting map questions

Mr. Schmid:

Thank you for your patience. After consulting with the Demographer, we were able to fix the street alignment so that the District boundaries are Cook Street and El Dorado, as indicated in the attached map.

The second inquiry is to move the parcel of land owned by the Lakes Country Club homeowner's association (unpopulated golf course) from District 4 to District 3. Below is a snapshot of the golf course area and its underlying census block, indicated in red. Within that census block there is a population of 655 (but they are not Lakes CC residents). Because of the oddly shaped census block, and the 655 residents, such an adjustment creates legal complications related to splitting census blocks and splitting of census blocks is not recommended. Please note all residents of Lakes CC will be within the same district (District 3).



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From: Anthony Mejia

Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 12:49 PM

To: Jim Schmid <[REDACTED]>; Ron Phipps <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: redistricting map questions

Mr. Schmid:

Thank you for raising these issues. On the first matter, we are required to follow the census block boundaries and unfortunately the census blocks do not follow Cook Street or El Dorado as indicated by the "U" shape below. I am inquiring with the demographer if the boundary can be manually adjusted so that it follows these major streets.

The second issue is a bit harder. As you can see in the below image, the uncolored area is a single census block which contains a portion of the Lake's golf course but also includes residential units with a population of 655. Again, I am checking with the demographer whether the golf course can be manually adjusted so that it is in the same district as the residential units of the Lakes CC.

I will provide you with an update once I hear back.



From: Jim Schmid <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 11:31 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@palmdesert.gov>; Ron Phipps <[REDACTED]>

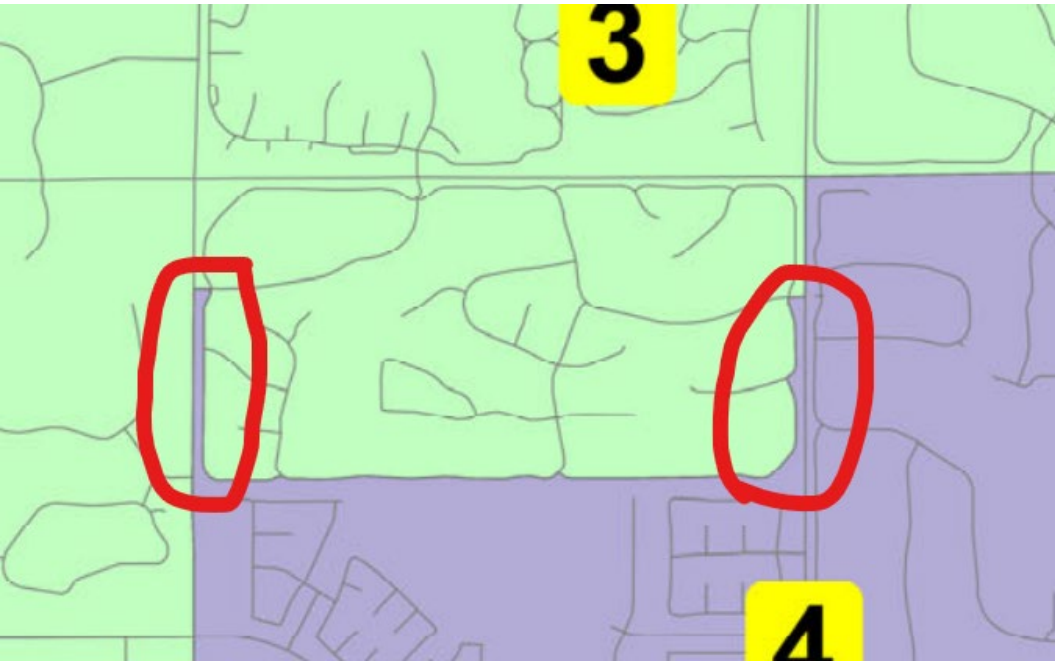
Subject: redistricting map questions

Hello, I have a few questions on renumbered map 109, which to the best of my understanding is the map currently under consideration for adoption, which I got from the following link:

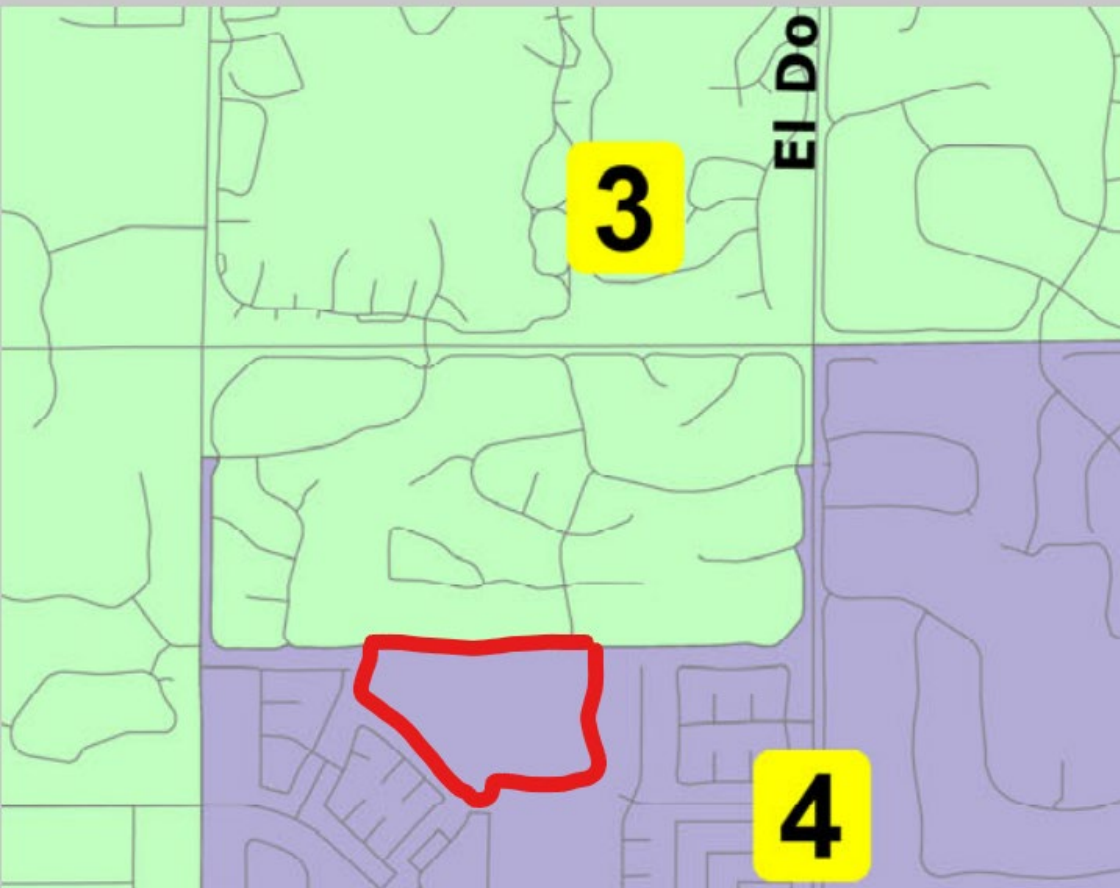
<https://redistrictpd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Map-109-Renumbered.pdf>

The borderlines of the district around the lakes country club seem irregular. Throughout the other map areas, the borderlines appear to run down the center of the streets surrounding the communities at the edges, and are clean, straight lines. Around the lakes country club, they appear to be drawn around the interior streets at the lakes country club, and exclude property owned by the community, including buildings belonging to the homeowners association.

In this section of the map, you can see along cook street and eldorado, The perimeter areas of the property of the lakes country club have been excluded from division 3. The boundaries in these areas should run down the middle of cook street and Eldorado drive, instead of following interior roads at the lakes country club.



A large parcel of land owned by the Lakes homeowners association has been included in division 4 instead of division 3. Seems like all of the contiguous property of the association should be included in the same district.





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