


From: 
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Map for City of Palm Desert
Date: Thursday, November 9, 2023 11:44:03 AM



Good day Anthony,

Can you include this email for our council members? Mr. Gregg Akkerman submitted his map for the Five Districts. In my opinion, his submission is the most thoughtful and appropriate outline I have seen. I convey this for the following reasons:

- * The boundaries are the most logical and easy to identify while other map proposals are more confusing
- * Longstanding traditions for neighborhood identity are respected
- * All compliance requirements with regards to population and contiguousness are met

I look forward to the council's conversation on this on November 16th.

All the Best,

Ralph Perry
City Volunteer
Parks and Recreation Committee
Library Taskforce

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Comments on City Maps
Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 4:24:10 PM
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[103b.pdf](#)

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Dear Mr. Mejia,

I would like to cast my vote on the Map #102B/103B submitted by Gregg Akkerman.

It appears that all the requirements with regard to the population and contiguousness have been met.

Thank you, Linda

Linda Joy Salas (CalBRE: [REDACTED])

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Recommendation for Map Selection - for City Council
Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 11:53:49 PM



Mr. Mejia-

Please include the following comments for the upcoming city council meeting :

I support map 102b/103b as a submitted. Both maps will serve Palm Desert and support its diverse and growing population to ensure everyone is better represented in future councils.

We thank the current council for their service to the City of Palm Desert.

Regards,
SN

Stephen Nelson (He/Him)

M: [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Anthony Mejia](#)
Subject: Comments of Draft Map 102b and 103b
Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 11:29:02 AM



Dear Palm Desert Council Members,

I believe the map I authored (#102/103) not only satisfies the expectations of the people of Palm Desert but is also fully compliant with the expressed requirements.

Simply put, Map 102/103 makes the most sense especially when compared to other submissions. This is accomplished because Map 102/103 primarily uses major roads as boundaries and respects local traditions as to what constitutes "North" Palm Desert (north of Country Club Drive) and "South" Palm Desert (south of HWY 111). The map also maintains the integrity of long-standing neighborhoods such as Palm Desert Country Club and the Lakes Country Club.

Pre-existing precinct boundaries are used throughout Map 102/103 except for along the east end of the northern District #5 in order to keep Palm Valley Country Club in one district and use Tamarisk Row Drive as a naturally smooth boundary to District #4 just south of I-10. Furthermore, the Demographer created a small edit when correcting a glitch in their map template resulting in Map 102b/103b in which a small portion of land north of HWY 111 at Deep Canyon Rd. was added to the proposed "South" district. After researching other alternatives to resolve their glitch, I find their edit to be the simplest solution in order to maintain population balance.

In summary, I recommend the Council consider adopting Map 102/103 or, more likely, 102b/103b because the boundaries throughout the new districts are the most logical and easy to identify, longstanding traditions for neighborhood identity are respected, and all compliance requirements with regards to population and contiguousness are met.

Thank you,
Gregg Akkerman
Palm Desert resident and Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Anthony Mejia](#)
Subject: RE: Comments of Draft Map 102b and 103b
Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 4:43:40 AM
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Hi Anthony,

First my plan was to divide from 2 to 5 relatively equal districts by population without impacting district 1.

Mike Morsch

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Anthony Mejia](#)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 3:07 PM
To: [Anthony Mejia](#)
Subject: Comments of Draft Map 102b and 103b

Good afternoon:

As the author of Map 102/103, I want to ensure that you are aware that you are welcome to submit written comments on the rationale for the draft map. Providing such comments is helpful to the City Council in understand the reasoning behind said map. If you desire to submit written comments, please provide your comments by Thursday, November 9, by 2:30 p.m., so that your comments will be included with the staff report. Otherwise, any comments submitted after November 9th will be provided to the City Council and posted to the website in a supplemental packet.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Redistricted Map
Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 3:42:09 PM



Anthony,

I would like to vote for map 102b/103b. After looking at the other maps, I feel this is the best map for several reasons. It takes into consideration the set boundaries on the city map, divides PD districts into fairly equal population, and complies with the legal documentation already established. The need for district representation by city council members is crucial to building and maintaining a great city environment. When residents have representation by a person who lives in that designated area, it makes a huge difference. I know because that is what I was accustomed to before I moved here.

Sincerely,

Debbie Green

[REDACTED]
Palm Desert, CA 92260

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Comments on City Maps
Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 3:47:31 PM



Hello,

I've reviewed the redistricting maps and my vote is for #104. It has the most intuitive boundaries.

Thank you,
Laura Freeman
Palm Desert

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Anthony Mejia](#)
Cc: [Todd Hileman](#); [Chris Escobedo](#)
Subject: Districts Roll-Out
Date: Friday, November 3, 2023 12:52:42 PM



Hi Anthony,

This message is from Ralph Perry. Greetings!

I have been thinking about the roll-out of the five districts. As you know, many residents invested a lot of communication and coordinating to promote the Five Districts.

As we know, the district decision was a contentious topic. That's why I believe it would be best to keep the rollout as easy for the public to understand as possible. To limit confusion with the new voting process, I suggest the districts should be grouped and rolled-out in numerical order.

For 2024 we could have Districts 1, 2 and 3 be on the ballot. Then in 2026 we could finish off with 4 and 5. I know this is up to debate and the city council's approval. At a future correct time, I plan on speaking at a council meeting regarding this.

Thank you for everything you have done and are currently doing. Many residents do appreciate and support you and your team for your thoughtful hard work.

Kind regards,
Ralph Perry

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Subject: Palm Desert Redistricting - New submission from Contact Us
Date: Monday, October 30, 2023 9:21:25 PM



Name

Terry Wood

Email

[REDACTED]

Message

I am commenting on the redistricting maps in process currently. I support the Oct 18 , 2023 Map 104 on your website as a first choice because it has a good mix of residential housing in the neighborhoods plus the surrounding businesses for a council member to represent . The second choice would be Map 105. On the other hand, I am strongly opposed to the election sequence of 2026 for residents east of Cook Street on all the proposed maps from October 2023. Why would such a crucial area with a large majority of residents in this area not be able to be represented by a council member until the 2026 election? In my opinion, East of Cook needs someone to be able to run in 2024 to make sure it's being protected from the crime that is happening more in the area and the traffic speed offenders/DUI. In addition, a person that is looking out for the businesses that are not just on El Paseo.

Anthony Mejia

From: info@redistrictpd.org
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 3:25 PM
To: CityClerk; [REDACTED]
Subject: Palm Desert Redistricting - New submission from Contact Us

Name

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Message

Given there is going to be an explosion of growth in north Palm Desert, I believe north Palm Desert should be divided into two districts. If possible, I think the properties along the mid valley channel should stay in a single district. For the remaining district in north PD, I think it should try to stay below Country Club Drive, as those north of Country Club have shared issues such as blow sand and new development.