



Districting

Jeff Fisher 
To: districting@cityofirvine.org

Tue, May 9, 2023 at 2:49 PM

The system "ain't broke" so my vote is "don't 'fix' it."
Jeff Fisher (sent from my iPhone)

Voicemail: Anita Burkett

Received May 16, 2023 at 10:49 a.m.

My name is Anita Burkett... and my comments to the redistricting and the boundaries for the local elections is that I'm not in favor of making separate districts for the various offices of the City Council so that they have to be limited to just representing those in that area that they're living in. I am in favor of the system that we have now. I am totally against drawing boundaries and doing it that way. Thank you.



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Paul Kirshman 

Sun, May 28, 2023 at 9:19 AM

To: districting@cityofirvine.org

Cc: Paul Kirshman 

Dear sirs:

How much will it cost to create this districting? Will the council members be paid the same as before? Will we be told what party each candidate belongs to? Will we be informed of conflicts of interests (such as direct or indirect financial arrangements with pharmaceutical companies, healthcare lobbies, contractors for 'development' projects like homeless shelters, and drug rehabilitation facilities for example)? Will we have direct access to our elected council member to complain about human rights violations such as during the 'Covid pandemic' in order to prevent pseudo science 'counter measures ' in our community like 'masking' as well as coerced gene therapies for our police and other municipal employees (independently of the rest of Irvine, the county, the state, and federal violations)?

I want to know how this will improve our ability to protest constitutional violations in our community/neighborhood / home owner facilities such as the pools etc. How will this change protect us from 'mob' rule by stupid neighbors in the next 'pandemic'?

How will petitioning the resignation of a council member work?

Thank you.

Paul Kirshman



Sent from my iPhone

Madeline Pettit [REDACTED]

Thu, Jun 1, 2023 at 1:52 PM

To: Paul Kirshman [REDACTED]

Cc: Districting <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Dear Mr. Kirshman,

Thank you for your email regarding the City of Irvine's pursuit of shifting to by-district elections. The move from at-large to by-district elections will not change any of the rules and procedures that are currently in place related to the issues you mention. These items will continue to be addressed in the same manner as which they are today. Also, please note at an upcoming City Council meeting, staff will share costs-to-date with the districting process.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions or require additional clarification. We value your input and are committed to ensuring transparency and inclusivity in the districting process. Thank you for your engagement and support in shaping the future of Irvine.

Tripepi Smith is a marketing, technology and public affairs firm based in Orange County, CA. The Tripepi Smith team is working with the City of Irvine to provide outreach and communications services regarding the districting process.

On Sun, May 28, 2023 at 9:19AM Paul Kirshman [REDACTED] wrote:

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Associated Students of UC Irvine Districting Testimony

Zachary Richard Griggy 
To: districting@cityofirvine.org

Tue, May 30, 2023 at 4:54 PM

Dear Irvine City Councilmembers and Staff,

My name is Zachary Griggy and I am a student at UC Irvine. I wanted to submit the official positions of the Associated Students of UC Irvine (ASUCI), which represents all 29,000 undergraduate students at the University, for your consideration.

The ASUCI Senate unanimously adopted [Resolution 58-69](#) earlier this year and [Resolution 57-03](#) last year to identify several communities of interest ahead of the City's districting process, including off-campus student populations we would like included in a district with the UCI campus and several nearby neighborhoods we would prefer be represented by a separate district from students. For your convenience, I have summarized the areas identified in both resolutions [here](#).

I hope you will consider our testimony to ensure the fair representation of our student body. We're counting on you.

Best regards,

Zachary R. Griggy
Undergraduate Student
University of California, Irvine



Irvine Districting: Map + Public Comment

Layne Jackson Hubbard 

Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 8:04 AM

To: districting@cityofirvine.org

Dear Irvine City Councilmembers and Staff:

My name is Layne Jackson Hubbard, Ph.D. and I am a postdoctoral researcher at the University of California Irvine. I am also a proud member and campus chair of UAW Local 5810 — the union of postdocs and academic researchers at the University of California. Many members of our UCI & campus community **gathered together to brainstorm our Communities of Interest** and collaborate on drawing a map. Our workshop was composed of **high schoolers living in faculty housing, undergrads, grad student researchers, teaching assistants, postdocs, junior specialists, academic researchers, student leaders, and union members** brainstorming together!

Here's what I learned from our collaboration: It is very important that the **UCI community be kept together in one district**, along with the neighboring off-campus housing, rentals, and apartments where we live, work, and study. Specifically, this includes parcels 185, 2641, 3988, 2083, 2816, 2822, 2209, 5619, 1842, 0, 1304, 2829, 1885, 4499, 13, 3071, 6346, 7433, 3885.

Our core community of interest (COI) is the UCI community since **this is where we study, work, and live**. It is also where we get our **main sources of information** through flyers on bulletins, walls, halls, bathrooms, classrooms, cafeterias, and sidewalks. If we are split into multiple COIs then we will have an extremely difficult time communicating effectively with each other — confusing our community and exacerbating the barriers for young people to get involved in civic engagement.

It is also important for us to have our own district because **we face unique challenges as a community** — we are more likely to be renters, we are more likely to be **low-income**, we are more likely to be **young adults**, we are more likely to use **public transportation**, and we are more likely to commute via **bikes and pedestrian** pathways. Yet for all of these reasons, we are unfortunately less likely to have a voice in our city's governance.

We are also **extremely diverse**. ~60% of undergraduate students at UCI are **first generation** — the first in our families to go to college! And we are composed of diverse **disability** communities too — with important needs related to **income, housing, and transit**. Our shared community at UCI is a space for our diverse communities to come together in student groups and professional groups to share our needs and reach our goals.

While many of us **live on-campus**, many others live nearby in **off-campus housing** too — often in rentals and apartments. It is important that these nearby rental neighborhoods be included in our district — not only because we live there (especially postgraduate researchers who don't have access to student housing such as postdocs, project scientists, specialists, etc.) but also because **renters** are a particularly vulnerable community of interest in Irvine where the cost of shelter is extremely high. **Renters** are similarly more likely to be **lower-income** and to utilize **public & alternative forms of transit**. And, renters often have less voice in our city planning because we are often excluded from participating in neighborhood HOAs, and we are incorrectly viewed as being temporary in our city's governance.

Without a strong voice in our city's governance, we are **priced out of living** where we work and study, and we **lack robust transit systems** necessary to meet our community needs. Members of our brainstorm also helped lead our recent UC strike — **the largest strike in academic history!** — because of the pressing needs that our UAW Locals 2865 and 5810 workers at the UC face due to low wages, and our needs for **affordable housing, childcare, and accessible transit**.

For all these reasons, we request that UCI and the neighboring rental communities where we live be together in one district — so that we can continue to work together to improve our **living, working, and commuting** conditions.

Thank you!

Layne Jackson Hubbard, Ph.D.

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Computing Innovation Fellow



Irvine Districting Comment

Katherine Anne Karayianis 

Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 6:50 PM

To: districting@cityofirvine.org

Good evening,

My name is Katherine Karayianis and I am a PhD student at UCI. I am also a proud member of UAW Local 5810 — the union of postdocs and academic researchers at UCI. Many members of our UCI & campus community **gathered together to brainstorm our Communities of Interest** and collaborate on drawing a map. Our workshop was composed of **high schoolers living in faculty housing, undergrads, grad student researchers, teaching assistants, postdocs, junior specialists, academic researchers, student leaders, and union members** brainstorming together!

I believe that the UCI campus needs to be in its own district all together and not split up. We are all under the same healthcare, including professors and post-docs, and also have a much lower income than the surrounding Irvine area. Others from UCI, particularly Layne Hubbard, have submitted maps specifying this request. Please take this into consideration, as we are hoping this will help our community and future graduate students.

All the best,
Katherine Karayianis

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Daniel Mckeown [REDACTED]
 To: districting@cityofirvine.org

Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 7:36 PM

Hello, My name is Daniel and I am a Postdoctoral Researcher at University of California Irvine, and also a Graduate of the Physics Doctoral Program at UCI. Although I love researching at my institution, I have found it very difficult to afford basic necessities while pursuing my PhD degree in Physics. Redrawing the map and making the interests of rising Scholars such as myself a priority will greatly help both the community of graduate students and researchers, as well as the University as a whole. Grad Students and Postdocs are one of the greatest pillars to our Academic system, as they provide valuable intellectual contributions that cannot be replaced. We want to make sure that every Postdoc gets a long enough appointment that they can serve their institution without having to worry about Job insecurity. My own situation is complicated by the fact that my Department wants to only grant me a single year to my Postdoc. If I am unable to find a job by September and my Postdoc is not extended, I could end up being homeless. That's a terrible reward for 6 years of tireless work at UCI. Imagine finding yourself on the brink of homelessness after trying to improve your own life situation with an advanced degree! I know this is a highly personal and charged story, so I want to apologize if you found it unsettling. I simply wanted to share my own personal experience so that it could inform you of the situations that members of our community face in regards to these important issues. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Daniel

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Daniel Mckeown [REDACTED]
 To: districting@cityofirvine.org

Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 8:02 PM

Location: UCI Graduate student housing

For all these reasons, the UCI community has unique and pressing needs. The neighborhoods in and around UCI- where we work and live- need to be kept together in one district.

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Irvine Districting: Map + Public Comment

Sibylla Leon Guerrero 
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 9:24 PM

Dear Irvine City Councilmembers and Staff:

My name is Sibylla Leon Guerrero, Ph.D. and I am a postdoctoral researcher at the University of California Irvine. I am also a parent, renter, bicycle commuter, and postdoc union representative. I support the recent UCI community of interest map (attached) collaboratively constructed with diverse stakeholders from the UCI & campus community.

It is very important that the UCI community be kept together in one district, along with the neighboring off-campus housing, rentals, and apartments where we live, work, and study. Specifically, this includes parcels 185, 2641, 3988, 2083, 2816, 2822, 2209, 5619, 1842, 0, 1304, 2829, 1885, 4499, 13, 3071, 6346, 7433, 3885.

Like me, those in these parcels are more likely to be renters, more likely to be lower-income, more likely to use public transportation, and more likely to commute via bikes and pedestrian pathways. Like many others in this community, I live nearby UCI in off-campus rental housing. It is important that nearby rental neighborhoods be included in the UCI district because renters are a particularly vulnerable community of interest in Irvine where the cost of shelter is extremely high. Renters often have less voice in our city planning because we are often excluded from participating in neighborhood HOAs, and we are incorrectly viewed as being temporary in our city's governance.

Without a strong voice in our city's governance, we are priced out of living where we work and study, and we lack robust transit systems necessary to meet our community needs. I thus join others in the community in requesting that UCI and the neighboring rental communities where we live be together in one district — so that we can continue to work together to improve our living, working, and commuting conditions.

Thank you!

Sibylla Leon Guerrero

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