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## Comments re: District Maps 135, 148 & 151

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To: districting@cityofirvine.org

Wed, Sep 13, 2023 at 2:19 AM

Hi NDC,

**Map 135:** I find this map unacceptable because it divides Woodbridge, the largest Irvine Village (I think). I am a resident of Woodbridge in the NW Quadrant, not the quadrant that is split off. Also, District 6 is so far from compact it's hard to imagine a District less compact. And Districts 4 and 5 are not very compact.

**Map 148:** I find this unacceptable because it puts incumbents Councilmembers Larry Agran and Mike Carroll in the same District. And linear District 1 is far from compact putting Orchard Hills together with Westpark II which have little in common. And it splits off about a fifth of Cypress Village. (at least in area), although, since that part is East of the 133, it may not be undesirable.

**Map 151:** I find this to be the best map. All its Districts are very compact, and Councilmembers Agran and Carroll are in different Districts, which is essential. However, counting a village divided when a single apartment complex is broken off to make the population work (e.g., University Park) is very misleading. This map should be considered as dividing 3 villages, not 4. The area north of Harvard Square, North of the I-5 is divided. And Westpark II is divided at the Western end where a chunk is added to the IBC, District 6. I can't find another divided District, though, so where is the 3<sup>rd</sup> divided one (assuming University Park is not considered divided)? I think the % of the District population that is broken off should be recorded in the charts, not just that a District is divided, which may be next to meaningless if only a tiny part, population wise, is divided off into an adjacent District. However, this map does put Cypress Village and Woodbury into Great Park, which was an objection raised by Jeremy Ficarola, who lives in Cypress Village. I don't know how valid his objection is, and I certainly don't think it should take precedence over putting 2 Councilmembers in the same District.

Regards,

# Harvey

Harvey H. Liss, P.E., Ph.D.

Editor of Senior Life—Youthful Lifestyle  
and Science, Technology & Environment columns

Irvine Community News & Views

IrvineCommunityNews.org





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## redistricting proposal

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**Julie Swail**   
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Sat, Sep 16, 2023 at 8:44 PM

Please keep all of the village of Woodbridge in one voting district. It just makes sense!

Julie Ertel





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## Woodbridge voting district

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**DONNA AUDIBERT**   
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Sat, Sep 23, 2023 at 1:38 PM

This is to advise you that I support the Woodbridge Village Association's Board of Directors demand that Woodbridge be included within a single voting district.

Thank you,  
Donna Audibert



Sent from my iPhone



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## Woodbridge Village Voting Districts

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**Rich Fischbeck** 

Sat, Sep 23, 2023 at 9:45 PM

To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Cc: Kevin Chudy  

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a resident of Woodbridge for 43years, I just read in our local newsletter that the city Council would like to split the Woodbridge village into two separate voting districts. I find this absolutely ridiculous.... we will want a council member to represent our entire Woodbridge village community. I am in favor of redistricting, in the city of Irvine.

I also have a house in Newport Beach on the peninsula, where the city of Newport Beach does the districting as well. It has been a successful program over the decades with Newport Beach.

## Thank You!

**Rich Fischbeck**





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## City of Irvine District Elections

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Sun, Sep 24, 2023 at 10:35 PM

To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

My husband Christopher Grijalva and I are residents of Irvine, in Woodbridge Village. We both agree with the WVA Board that Woodbridge should NOT be split into 2 separate voting districts. Please follow the guidance of the WVA Board and accept its recommendation for the entirety of Woodbridge to be included within a single voting district.

Thank you,

Pamela Lukas  
Christopher Grijalva





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## District Election Maps

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**Richard Garner**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 10:30 PM

I'm a Woodbridge resident and have reviewed the proposed maps. I would ask that any district maps include the totality of Woodbridge in a single district, to best represent our community's interests.

Regards,

Richard Garner

Woodbridge, Irvine, CA



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## District Elections - Splitting Woodbridge

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**Barbara Allan**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

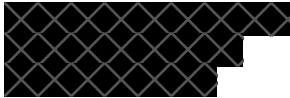
Tue, Sep 26, 2023 at 6:33 PM

I am a Woodbridge resident and I live in the area of Woodbridge that map 135 proposes to split away from Woodbridge into a separate voting district. I did not see a map 138 or any other maps that split Woodbridge into separate voting districts.

I have lived in Woodbridge since 1985 and I have always considered it a community with similar interests and issues. I am opposed to splitting Woodbridge into separate voting districts because of this. If you're contemplating doing this division by population numbers only, you are ignoring the fact that we have identified as a community for many years, gathered under the Woodbridge Village Association. My neighborhood will be separated from the rest of Woodbridge and we will have a different representative on the City Council. And because we are a relatively small 'chunk' of the population in this group, I fear our voices will not be heard.

Please do not separate this part of Woodbridge from the rest of our community. My husband, Richard Allan, is in total agreement with this message.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Brangel



Sent from my iPad





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## Districting and City Council

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KV   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 7:32 PM

Mayor and Members of the City Council:

With regard to the discussions of districts and extending members to the City Council, we feel there are two important considerations:

1. The idea of adding two (2) members to the City Council is a very good one. It will allow the issues facing the City to be addressed with a broader view and serve the citizenry more thoroughly.
2. The idea of creating districts is NOT. No matter the population growth, citizens prefer to elect the Mayor and Councilmembers to serve ALL of Irvine so that decisions are presented and made with the entire City in mind. We do not want to ask one person to speak for us, we want a full Council to represent us all.

Consistency has been the hallmark of our planned community and our elected officials should always be considering the whole City and General Plan when making decisions. It is also divisive, already people are feeling that they are in a more elite area and deserve more consideration than other neighbors. Districts will only create a village against village attitude.

Additionally, should there (sadly) be districts, it is imperative that Woodbridge Village not be divided. It does not make sense to separate the area into two districts because there are no issues which do not affect the entire village. Having to deal with two Councilmembers when addressing issues is confusing and unnecessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to this matter.

Clifford and Karen Vaughn  
Irvine



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## District-Based Election Public Hearing #5

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Chris Anderson 

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 10:00 AM

To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Cc: [irvinecitycouncil@cityofirvine.org](mailto:irvinecitycouncil@cityofirvine.org), [clerk@cityofirvine.org](mailto:clerk@cityofirvine.org)

Dear City of Irvine,

I write to address a matter of paramount significance and emphasize the importance of a thorough and thoughtful approach to the upcoming shift in how voters elect the City Council. To the greatest extent possible, it is imperative that every conceivable effort is made to ensure that the City Council remains a comprehensive legislative and governance body that is deeply invested in, committed to, and concerned about the well-being of the city as a whole.

The decision to transition to a By-Trustee Area election method by the IUSD Board of Education serves as a valuable example. Extensive deliberation and thorough consideration of community input included impassioned oral communications by Tammy Kim, advocating for and supporting a shift to a By-Trustee Area election method. **Though board members are now elected by citizens of their respective trustee areas, the IUSD Board of Education continues to operate as a unified Board, representing, supporting, and prioritizing the interests of all Irvine communities, residents, students and staff.**

In a parallel context, the City Council is entrusted with representing the entirety of the City of Irvine. While transitioning to a new election method, the City Council must continue to prioritize the welfare of the entire City of Irvine, rather than focusing narrowly on a specific geographic or district area within the city. Irrespective and regardless of any preferred draft map or sequence of elections, it is essential that the City Council, both now and in the future, acts in the best interest of the entire community.

While district-based elections aim to mitigate and reduce racially polarized voting and address associated concerns, we must also be mindful of potential unintended consequences. District-based representation can, and in several instances have, inadvertently led to balkanization and fragmentation, causing Councilmembers to narrowly focus on district-specific issues and the area for which they are electorally accountable. "We can't overlook the politics that come into play in situations like these."

**While acknowledging the constraints and legal obligations which bind the City of Irvine and its City Council, the pressing question and primary concern are how to execute the implementation of an alternative election method that aligns with the California Voting Rights Act while also striving to continue to serve the community and its residents in the most effective manner possible. This is not a perfect situation, but it is our current reality.**

The ideal scenario envisions no single Councilmember solely representing one community or district area. For these reasons, an amendment to the Charter as the organic law of the City of Irvine maintaining or requiring the Mayor and Councilmembers to represent the entire City of Irvine and all six of its City Council Election Districts would compel them to consider a broader constituency beyond a single community.

In light of these considerations, I urge you to approach this transition with maximal consideration, recognizing that it presents both challenges and opportunities for comprehensive governance in Irvine. Your diligent efforts in executing this transition will play a crucial role in ensuring a more inclusive and unified future for our city.

We are **many**. We are **one**. We are **Irvine**.  
**Six Districts. One Irvine.**

Thank you for your consideration and assistance in drawing maps.

Sincerely,

Chris Anderson  
Irvine, CA 92614



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## I support the Board of Directors of WVA!!

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Ellen Lorenz   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 5:49 PM

Please keep Woodbridge within a single voting district.

It makes absolutely no sense to have our community split in 2.

Ellen Lorenz  




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## District maps

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**debbie wadkins**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 5:49 PM

Please let it be known that I, a resident of Irvine, strongly oppose any redistricting, that would split Woodbridge into two districts, such as map 135.

Please do not select such a map that would weaken and divide one of the most sought after and well known communities in Irvine!

Sincerely,

Deborah Wadkins





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## Voting map

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**Jody Bullard**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 5:56 PM

Hello,

I am a homeowner and resident and I oppose Map 135 or any map that splits Woodbridge into separate voting districts. Please keep Woodbridge together as one area as the district maps are being made.

Thank you,  
Jody Bullard



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## Splitting Woodbridge Village into 2 voting districts

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**Jane Smith-Bowen** 

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 5:58 PM

To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Cc: Kevin Chudy 

This is totally absurd (map 135) or for that matter any proposed map that splits Woodbridge into separate voting districts. I can't believe this is even being considered!

WVA in its entirety is one voting voice and the residents want to keep it that way.

I vehemently oppose splitting Woodbridge and suggest that the Redistricting Committee do the same.

25+ year Woodbridge resident & homeowner,  
Jane E Smith-Bowen



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## Regd. Opposition to Map 135

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shankar m   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 6:04 PM

Dear City Council,

I'm Shankar Manjunatha, a resident and homeowner in Irvine.

I would like to register my strong opposition to Map 135, which splits Woodbridge into separate voting districts. While as a parent, I have limited time, I do want to remake my voice is heard regd this issue.

Thanks,  
Shankar



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## No on Map 135

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**Heather Manchester**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 6:05 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

As a 21-year resident of Woodbridge, I would like to respectfully request that the City Council choose either Map 148 or Map 151 for voting districts. Irvine has thrived as a city with neighborhoods, and Woodbridge is, in my opinion, the neighborhood that is the heart of Irvine. Since we are a strong community, it would be good for us to be able to vote together as a bloc for our city council members, who will look after our specific interests, such as the Woodbridge Village Center, the lake, and our amenities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Heather Manchester





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## Comment: Map 151 or 148 Please. NOT Map 135

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John McGowan [REDACTED]  
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)  
Cc: Mackenzie McGowan [REDACTED]

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 6:27 PM

Please DO NOT consider Map 135. Please adopt map 148 or 151. NOT 135

Please do not split up Woodbridge.

We prefer Map 151 first, then Map 148 second

Thank you,  
John & Mackenzie McGowan  
[REDACTED]

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Woodbridge Village Association** <[Messenger@associationvoice.com](mailto:Messenger@associationvoice.com)>

Date: Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 4:43 PM

Subject: Call to Action! City Council Voting Districts - Please Attend October 10th Public Hearing!

Dear Woodbridge Homeowners/Residents-

As has been reported in recent Association newsletter publications, the City of Irvine is pursuing a shift in how voters elect its City Council. Currently, all City of Irvine registered voters vote for the Mayor and four City Councilmembers. Upon completion of the districting process, the City of Irvine would have six (6) separate voting districts. Beginning in 2024, each voter would vote for the Mayor and one Councilmember to represent the district they live in.

At the recent public hearing held on September 12, 2023, the City Council narrowed the pool of proposed voting district maps under consideration to three (3) focus maps that will be considered at a public hearing on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Those maps are Map 135, Map 148 and Map 151. Additionally, the city's demographer created two (2) additional maps based on feedback provided by the City Council at the September 12th Public Hearing, and citizens have since submitted three (3) additional maps for consideration.

Map 135 proposes to split Woodbridge into separate voting districts. The remaining maps under consideration would all place the entirety of Woodbridge within a single voting district. The Woodbridge Village Association Board of Directors strongly opposes Map 135 or any map which would split Woodbridge into separate voting districts.

**The final Public Hearing on this matter is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. At that time the City Council is expected to select the final map, and then proceed to introduce the ordinance to adopt the final map.**

**The Board of Directors strongly encourages all Members to attend the October 10th Public Hearing to express their opposition to Map 135 and to any voting district map which would split Woodbridge into separate voting districts. Please plan to attend this Public Hearing and address the City Council on this topic.**

Please visit [www.drawirvine.org](http://www.drawirvine.org) for more information on the October 10th Public Hearing, as well as to view the maps under consideration.

Members are also strongly encouraged to submit written comments supporting the Board's demand that the entirety of Woodbridge be included within a single voting district. Comments regarding the proposed maps can be sent via email to [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org).

Thank you in advance for your support, and we hope to see you at the October 10th Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.



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## Map 135

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**Leslie Wilkes**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 6:51 PM

I am a homeowner in Woodbridge and have been for 26 years. I have grown to appreciate the small town atmosphere of my village that lies within a much larger city. It's difficult enough to maintain the feeling of "place" as population so rapidly increases around you. Woodbridge, by its very design manages to unify many people into a village atmosphere.

Dividing up my community into 2 voting districts goes completely against how we function.

I strongly oppose Map 135 and encourage you to find a way to keep Woodbridge all within the same voting district.

Thank you  
Leslie Pyle Wilkes  
Woodbridge Homeowner



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## Splitting Woodbridge Opposition

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debstime   
To: districting@cityofirvine.org

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 6:58 PM

To: Irvine City Council Members,


I have owned and lived in Woodbridge for twelve years. While my address falls within "South Lake" I view the distincton as the naming convention of the body of water.

The residents of Woodbridge are represented and governed by one set of association rules, bylaws and values. We freely intermix as one, enjoying activities at either lake location and all venues within The Association.

I am profoundly confused as to why Irvine City Council would propose splitting our community for voting purposes. We all fundamentally expect the same personal accountability, respect for, and within, the amazing community we are fortunate to live in.

There should not be a split of or creation of double standards for this singular and exceptional community. We should be represented by the person(s) deemed most qualified as reflected by majority vote of the total Woodbridge Community.

I expect for my voice to be heard and recognized as being unequivocally opposed to Woodbridge being divided.

Debra Holman  


Sent from my Samsung Galaxy , an AT&T LTE smartphone



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## Woodbridge Resident objects to map 135

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**Tiffany Thomas** 

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 7:02 PM

To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

As a resident of south Woodbridge I wanted to formally object to any map (specifically 135) that would divide the Woodbridge area into two separate voting blocks. Woodbridge should remain as one voting area as all decisions are made to benefit the award winning community that was built to be seen as one.

Thank you

Tiffany Thomas



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## No to Map 135

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Andreole   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 7:11 PM

With regard to voting districts, I wanted to express the fact that I support any of the maps under consideration except for Map 135. It is unreasonable to split Woodbridge. Adoption of Map 135 would serve to divide people and lessen the sense of community that Woodbridge residents hold. Please do not choose it.


Jerry Dworkin  




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## Districing

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**JAMES CORDES**   
To: [districing@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districing@cityofirvine.org)

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 7:16 PM

Committee Members

Please do not support any plan that does not keep Woodbridge in a single district. As a 38 year resident of Woodbridge I know that there is a unique unity that should not be ignored.

Jim Cordes

Sent from my iPhone



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## Map 135

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**Igor Vodyanoy**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 7:35 PM

To whom it may concern,

This is to express my strong opposition to dividing the Woodbridge into a few voting districts. The tactic is ancient - divide and conquer. This tactic has always benefited politicians but not the people.

I am a resident of Woodbridge since 1979. There are still some areas of Woodbridge that enjoy the original people-oriented planning.

I am very much afraid that this division will bring encroachment by the developers that will destroy the way of life in the original Woodbridge.

Sincerely



Igor Vodyanoy





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## Splitting Woodbridge

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Gerral Group   
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 7:44 PM

As a Woodbridge owner since its inception, I see no logical reason to split this world-famous community into 2 separate voting districts.

Haven't you heard of the saying, if it ain't broke don't fix it?

Gerald A. Giannini, Realtor | Broker  
Seville Properties, Realtors

Gerral Group  
California DRE No. 00449831

[www.gerralgroup.com](http://www.gerralgroup.com)







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## Opposition to map 135

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**Nick Lim** 

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 8:12 PM

To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Our Woodbridge community has objectively been one of the oldest and invaluable contributors to making our beloved city of Irvine what it is today.

It feels very undemocratic and disempowering to split Woodbridge into 3 separate city council districts! My family, neighbors and I vehemently oppose this plan to split Woodbridge.

Thanks for your consideration and support.


Nick



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## Irvine Redistricting

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Da   
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 9:24 PM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I live in Woodbridge and we support one voice in woodbridge which would benefit our community I encourage you in the re-districting to keep woodbridge all in one district because woodbridge has special needs that are better served by all of us in the same district. Thank you.

David Cheng



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## KEEP WOODBRIDGE ONE VOTING DISTRICT

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**Joe Wagner**   
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 9:39 PM

Dear City of Irvine,

As a homeowner in Woodbridge for over 27 years, I would strongly suggest leaving Woodbridge within one Voting District. I cannot think of any benefit to the homeowners for splitting up Woodbridge. Consider strongly who is suggesting this upheaval and their intentions for doing so. This decision should represent the best interest of the Homeowners and nothing else, and these are my strong beliefs. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

F Joseph Wagner





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## Proposed Maps

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Ajay Parikh   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 11:55 PM

I do not support using Map 135 which splits Woodbridge across two districts.

Given where future population growth will be in Irvine, Map 151 makes the most sense as it will keep the districts most in balance with each other.

Ajay Parikh





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## Proposed voting districts

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**CAREN HARRIS**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 10:20 AM

As a Woodbridge Village homeowner and resident of over 30 years, I strongly oppose proposed Map 135 or any other map that would split Woodbridge Village into separate voting districts. There are several better options that would not do that.

Irvine was developed and built on the concept of Villages, with Woodbridge being one of the oldest and largest of those Villages. What is the logic of unnecessarily dividing Woodbridge into separate voting districts? It would be a major disservice to the residents of Woodbridge and be inconsistent with the original and ongoing concept of Irvine's village design. I urged you to reject any map that divides Woodbridge Village.

Respectfully,  
Caren Harris



Sent from my iPad



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## Irvine voting maps

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**LINDA LEWIS**   
To: "DISTRICTING@CITYOFIRVINE.ORG" <DISTRICTING@cityofirvine.org>

Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 12:04 PM

Hello – I've lived in Woodbridge for over 30 years, in 3 different homes, and I have friends all over Woodbridge. We are a great community and I hope to stay here forever. **Please do NOT adopt Map 135, which proposes to split Woodbridge into separate voting districts!** Why would you do that?! It doesn't make any sense.

Appreciate all that you do and hope you can appreciate our great community is one – not split in two.

Linda Lewis





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## Map 135 and Woodbridge

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John G   
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>  
Cc: Niro Sivakumar 

Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 12:55 PM

Hi, I am writing to express my opposition to the districting Map 135 that proposes to split Woodbridge into multiple voting districts . I fear this proposal will unfairly dilute my voice in representing my neighborhood. Please choose a proposal that keeps local home owners communities together.

Regards  
John Gunabal & Niro Sivakumar



Sent from a small screen device



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## Opposition to Map 135

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**Mike Walz**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 11:16 AM

As a Woodbridge resident, I strongly oppose City Council voting district map 135 and any voting district map which would split Woodbridge into separate voting districts.

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Thanks...

Mike Walz







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## concerned Woodbridge resident

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Joanne DeNaut   
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 4:37 PM

Dear Council Members:

I have been a resident of Woodbridge for over 25 years.

I was just made aware of the motion to break our community up into several voting districts.

Why is this even necessary let alone a terrible idea.

Woodbridge is a Village made up of residents who all use the same amenities and go to the same shops and send their children to the same schools.

We all have the same basic needs, with the most important being able to vote for our leadership. Woodbridge is only one of many villages in Irvine which is growing rapidly.

Let us at least keep our community a place of unity in the voting booth.

Thank you for your attention.

Best

Joanne DeNaut CSA

Casting Director

Artistic Associate

South Coast Repertory





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## Oppose map 135

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Robert Gast   
To: districting@cityofirvine.org  
Cc: Kathy Gast 

Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 4:49 PM

This email is from Robert and Kathy Gast, who lived for over 30 years in the Woodbridge area of the City of Irvine. The proposal of Map 135, or any other map, to split Woodbridge into separate voting districts **is one of the worst proposals to come out of the leaders of Irvine** in many years. I completely oppose Map 135 and the intension of others to split the Woodbridge into separate voting districts.

**I strongly encourage a NO vote on Map 135, any other map proposal, that results in splitting Woodbridge into separate voting districts.**

Thank you,

Robert & Kathy Gast





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## Oppose Splitting Woodbridge into separate voting districts

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An Mai 

Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 7:32 PM

To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Dear Irvine City Council,

I am a Woodbridge resident of 10 yrs. I strongly oppose splitting the Woodbridge community into separate voting district for the following reasons:

1. Keep interests within WVA as one unity. Since all Woodbridge residents obey the same rules and regulations of Woodbridge Village Association, it makes perfect sense to keep it as one unity.
2. The split Woodbridge residents may not vote in the best interest of the other conjoined community causing more unforeseen conflicts among two communities.
3. Splitting Woodbridge acting like a political scheme to lessen the voice of Woodbridge residents.

Thank you for reading,

An Mai



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## Opposition to Map 135 and Preservation of Woodbridge's Unique Identity

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Daniel Shi   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 8:33 AM

Dear Members of the Irvine City Council,

My name is Daniel Shi, a resident and home owner of Woodbridge, a community renowned for its cohesiveness and distinctive character within Irvine. I write to express my firm opposition to Map 135, which proposes to split our unique community into separate voting districts.

Woodbridge is more than just another village in Irvine. It's an embodiment of Irvine's commitment to a cohesive vision for community-centric development:

- Our two man lakes are hubs of recreation, from boating to fishing, and serve as a symbol of Woodbridge's identity. It would be split by map 135.
- We pride ourselves on the range of amenities available to residents, including 22 pools, multiple parks, tennis courts, and the scenic Woodbridge Loop, connecting various parts of our village. Please do not break the circle of the loop by drawing a line through it.
- Our community hosts award-winning schools that consistently highlight Irvine's dedication to quality education.
- Woodbridge stands as a testament to the masterful community planning that Irvine is known for, offering diverse housing options while preserving green spaces, making it both pedestrian-friendly and family-oriented.

The proposed split, as suggested by Map 135, would not merely alter voting districts but dilute the rich character of a community that many have called home for decades. By keeping Woodbridge unified, we ensure that its unique attributes are championed by a single representative who truly understands what makes our community special.

I urge the City Council to respect the legacy and distinctiveness of Woodbridge by rejecting Map 135 and any other proposals that might fragment our community.

Thank you for your dedication to Irvine and its unique communities, and for considering the voice of Woodbridge as you navigate this crucial decision.

Warm regards,

Daniel Shi



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## Irvine Districting opposition - opinion as a longtime Irvine homeowners

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Susan Sirota 

Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 10:00 AM

To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Cc: [farrahkhan@cityofirvine.org](mailto:farrahkhan@cityofirvine.org), [tammykim@cityofirvine.org](mailto:tammykim@cityofirvine.org), [larryagran@cityofirvine.org](mailto:larryagran@cityofirvine.org), [mikecarroll@cityofirvine.org](mailto:mikecarroll@cityofirvine.org), [kathleentreseder@cityofirvine.org](mailto:kathleentreseder@cityofirvine.org)

I want the city council and city staff to know that my husband and I strongly oppose the city moving to a districting form of city government. The city, while large at over 300,000, is not large enough to have a single council person represent a “district”. It is my belief that ALL council people should represent city residents. If you need organization, have staff assigned to various districts or better yet, assigned to community villages as designed, to elevate more “micro/community-based” issues to the council at large. Our current political climate – city, state, national, is divided enough without creating this unnecessary, divisive bureaucratic effort.

The City of Irvine is one of the most desirable cities in Orange County in which to live, given its long-term, big picture visionary planning by the Irvine Company and city’s partnership decades ago. That is why we choose to make our home here.

While we agree the city needs to continue to move forward and evolve, this is not a necessary or constructive move at this time.

If, however, the city and its constituents do decide to go the district route, we recommend that specific villages, like Woodbridge, not be split into multiple district representation. Each village was carefully designed and planned and are represented by their respective homeowner associations. Why would the city choose to confuse city representation per council person?

Thank you,

Susan Sirota and Robert Goto



*Irvine homeowners since 2000*


*Orange County residents for 55 years*



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## City of Irvine District Elections

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**Rebecca Dombrowski**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 3:22 PM

We have been residents of the Woodbridge Village Association for over 24 years and have reviewed the proposed revision of maps, changing the voting districts.

We support the Woodbridge Board's demand that the entirety of Woodbridge be included as a single voting district, and not be split as per information submitted by the demographer for consideration.

Woodbridge Association has a long family focused history of community and service to all of its members. It should remain as such.

Sincerely,

Leo and Rebecca Dombrowski



Sent from my iPad




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## Redistricting

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Holly Hutchins

Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 3:27 PM

Reply-To: 

To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Cc: 

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Dear City of Irvine;

The redistricting map should include **ALL of Woodbridge in one district** to create inclusion of this Village into one voting district. This would be best and less arduous on voters in the future.

It will also be helpful to future city council members in campaigning and soliciting votes.

Sincerely,

Holly Hutchins,

Attorney at Law



(Woodbridge)



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## District Elections

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**Kathy Fenner**   
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 4:45 PM

As a Woodbridge resident for 39 years I strongly agree with the Woodbridge Village Association as it relates to splitting Woodbridge into two different voting districts. I strongly object to this division and request that you reject the two maps suggesting a split of Woodbridge into two separate voting districts. The Woodbridge community shares a single mission and leadership and this would be very disruptive to the effective and efficient management of this great community.

Kathy Fenner



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## Map Comments

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**Robert Farnsworth** 

Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 6:09 PM

To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Hi,

We are registered voters and residents of Woodbridge, Irvine. We strongly recommend that you include all of Woodbridge in one district. Woodbridge is a village in Irvine with our own recreation facilities (pools, lakes, tennis courts, volleyball, etc.), parks, landscaping maintenance, board of directors, and association dues. It is only fair that Woodbridge have unified representation at Irvine City Council meetings.

We strongly recommend MAP 126 or MAP 136, which unify Woodbridge with Westpark or Oak Creek, respectively, both on the same side of the 405. MAP 138 would be a slightly inferior third choice because it combines Woodbridge with University Park, which are divided by the 405.

MAPs 135 and 138, which carve up Woodbridge, should be rejected.

Sincerely,

Robert Farnsworth  
Kendall Farnsworth  
Lori Grayson





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## Keep Woodbridge Whole

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susan sabanos 

Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 7:01 PM

To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Dear Mayor Khan and City Council Members,

As a 20 year Woodbridge resident, I attended several Draw Irvine workshops and meetings.

I support the Woodbridge Village Board's respectful demand that the entirety of Woodbridge be including in a single voting district. Please REJECT maps 135 and 138 or any other map that is developed and splits up Woodbridge in any way.

Thank you,  
Susan Sabanos



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## Proposed Re-districting of Woodbridge

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**Robbie Smith**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 5:17 PM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As an owner of property in the Woodbridge community of Irvine, I would like to voice my opinion in opposition to Map 135 or any other map that would split the Woodbridge voting community. Woodbridge is and has always been a tight-knit community, filled with constituents that care for one another including the various associations. I believe it would be unrealistic and to no-one's advantage if the community were to spit into separate voting districts.

Kindly take the contents of this message into consideration at the October 10th public hearing, rejecting Map 135 and, any other voting map that would split our community.

One voting district is certainly enough for maintaining the Woodbridge vision that was stated many years ago!

Sincerely,

*Roberta S. Smith*  
*Co-Trustee, The Smith Family Trust*

Roberta Smith



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## Woodbridge Districting

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shaaban sakr   
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Fri, Oct 6, 2023 at 11:27 AM

I respectfully oppose the splitting of Woodbridge into any separate voting entities.

Shaaban Sakr





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## Redistricting

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**Richard Arthur Fenner** 

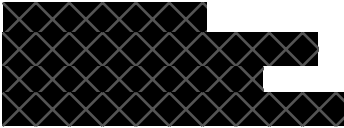
Fri, Oct 6, 2023 at 11:38 AM

To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Cc: 

As a Woodbridge resident for 39 years I strongly agree with the Woodbridge Village Association as it relates to splitting Woodbridge into two different voting districts. I strongly object to this division and request that you reject the two maps suggesting a split of Woodbridge into two separate voting districts. The Woodbridge community shares a single mission and leadership and this would be very disruptive to the effective and efficient management of this great community.

Richard Arthur Fenner  
First Team Real Estate





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## Proposed Mapping changes

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**Todd Lounsbury**   
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Fri, Oct 6, 2023 at 12:08 PM

As a 30-year resident of the City of Irvine and a local resident within the Woodbridge community, I strongly oppose Map 135 to split Woodbridge into separate voting districts. I request that the City of Irvine keeps the Woodbridge community within a single voting district.

Thank you,

**Todd Lounsbury**



PMBI Certified Instructor, NICA Certified Coach, and OC Parks Trailboss with CPR, First Aid, and Concussion training



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## Woodbridge

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**J Hamblin**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Fri, Oct 6, 2023 at 12:23 PM

I am in full support of keeping the entirety of Woodbridge within a single voting district.

Thank you,  
Jocelyn Hamblin




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## No on map 135

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Shirley   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Fri, Oct 6, 2023 at 4:49 PM

I bought a house in Woodbridge 1978 (lottery) had a business in WB center and returned as a widow in 2015. Woodbridge should be represented as one – not split.  
Shirley McManus 





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## Woodbridge

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carol sheridan   
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>  
Cc: Kevin Chudy 

Fri, Oct 6, 2023 at 10:37 PM

Woodbridge should remain one voting block and NOT be broken up into separate sections.

Thank you,

Carol



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## Woodbridge within a single voting district

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**Nancy Valett**   
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Sat, Oct 7, 2023 at 9:40 AM

As a homeowner in Woodbridge, I support the entirety of Woodbridge be included within a single voting district.

Thank you,

Nancy Valett  




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## Woodbridge Zoning / Map 135

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**Andy Edwards** 

Sat, Oct 7, 2023 at 12:12 PM

To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

I understand that Map 135 would split Woodbridge into two voting districts.

As a 20+ year resident of Woodbridge, it is essential that the entire village is represented as one community.

Splitting it into is absolutely asinine and I trust that the city will use their common sense in ensuring that this proposal is not selected under any circumstances.

Andrew Edwards





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## Woodbridge as 1

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**Sid Arya**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Sat, Oct 7, 2023 at 12:10 PM

Please consider my support for a districting map where the entire Woodbridge is under 1 leadership group/councilman.

Thank you.

37 year resident,

-Sid Arya



[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)



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## Proposed voting districts

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Diane Lawrence 

Sat, Oct 7, 2023 at 12:28 PM

To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

First, I oppose the City of Irvine being divided into districts. Each City Council member should be looking out for the interests of ALL City residents, not just one district's interests. This would be very divisive and result in each district competing for City resources.

If it is decided that the City of Irvine should be divided into voting districts, I support the Woodbridge Village Association's recommendation that Woodbridge stay united as one district and NOT be divided into two districts. Proposed district maps #135 and #138 should be eliminated from discussion.

As I understand it, the districting issue is to ensure that various ethnic groups are adequately represented. Irvine is not Los Angeles - each area of Irvine appears to be populated by many ethnicities and issues can still be addressed adequately by the City Council as they have been since incorporation in 1971.

Also, increasing the number of City Council seats to seven should be a separate ballot issue from establishing voting districts.

In summary, please:

- \* Do not support dividing the City into districts.
- \* If districting is approved, keep Woodbridge together in the same district.
- \* Have two separate ballot issues for voting districts and increasing the number of City Council seats.

Thank you.

Diane Lawrence





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## Keep Woodbridge within ONE voting district

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Gretchen Lai   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Sat, Oct 7, 2023 at 5:32 PM

To whom it may concern:

I am writing regarding the re-drawing of the maps for the Irvine City Council elections. My husband and I have been residents of Woodbridge Village Association since 2015 and have enjoyed the camaraderie and unity of our community. As such we are strongly for keeping Woodbridge Village Association within ONE voting district. If Woodbridge were to be split up, it would create division within our community that is unnecessary.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Lai  




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## Voting Districts

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**Charles Phillips**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 11:38 AM

I wholeheartedly support the Board of Director's demand that the entirety of Woodbridge be included within a single voting district. Thank you.

Charles Phillips, owner





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## Strongly oppose map 135

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**HARVEY FLIESHER** 

Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 12:16 PM

To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

We would like to let you know about our strong opposition to the map 135 that will split our village of Woodbridge. It doesn't make sense that the city council would want to split a village. Just the thought of all of the signs that would be up and down Barranca and Alton would be ridiculous. The confusion in the voting would be crazy. Please consider a map that won't split our village of Woodbridge.

Elaine and Harvey Fliesher



We have been residents of Irvine for 41 years.

Sent from my iPad





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## Map 135

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Betty Cotton   
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 1:50 PM

We are opposed to Map 135 splitting Woodbridge into two voting districts.

At present we are not able to attend an open meeting because my husband is disabled and I do not drive at night anymore. Please count our vote as opposing Map 135 or any other suggesting to split Woodbridge into two voting districts.

Sincerely,  
William C. Edmundson  
Elizabeth J. Cotton





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## Redistricting Comment

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**S Nasitka** 

Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 3:23 PM

To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

We would like to make our views known regarding the planned redistricting plans with specific reference to the division of Woodbridge (map 135). We are totally opposed to the splitting of Woodbridge into two separate voting districts and want to encourage you to keep the entirety of Woodbridge within a single voting district. This definitely rules out map 135 or any similar map as an acceptable choice.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important matter.

Stanley and Virginia Nasitka  
Irvine CA.



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## City's districting process - map selection - Map 151

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**Barbara Stamp**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 6:18 PM

- I live in the village of Rancho San Joaquin, and am a registered voter. I have lived in Irvine since 1995, and in Rancho San Joaquin since 1997.
- I believe that the City Council should choose Map 151 because:
  - The demographic of Rancho San Joaquin is almost identical to University Park and other villages in the proposed district on Map 151 -- i.e., lots of young families, retirees, and working parents and couples.
  - RSJ does NOT have a large student population like University Town Center.
  - RSJ has NOTHING in common with UCI and the Irvine Business Complex (IBC) as far as needs for city services and representation.

Barbara Stamp


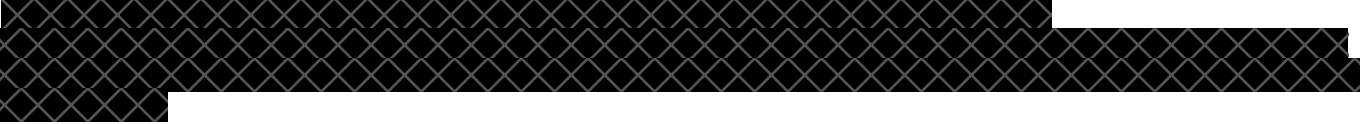




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## Irvine Districting Maps - Public Comment

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**Nancy Reisinger**   
Reply-To: Nancy Reisinger <nancy\_reisinger@sbcglobal.net>  
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>  
Cc: 

Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 4:33 PM

Mayor Khan, Councilmembers Agran, Carroll, Kim and Treseder as well as the Districting Committee,

Greetings!

Irvine is a special city and community that we all call home. The large city made up of smaller "villages" provides a small town feel to a larger community. This attracts people from all over to move to our wonderful city.

Because of the demographics of Irvine, and especially Woodbridge where I have lived with my family for the last 26 years, I humbly ask you to object to any map that would split Woodbridge into separate voting districts and implore the City Council to **reject the two proposed maps (Maps 135 and 138)**. Woodbridge is one of the older villages within Irvine and embodies the true definition of the word community. Keeping this community together in one district is vital to the health and sense of belonging to the residents and the WVA Board of Directors.

**Thank you in advance for rejecting Maps 135 and 138.**

With Gratitude,

*Nancy A. Reisinger, M.S.*  
*Woodbridge Resident and President*  
*Health & Safety Consulting*  




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## Oppose splitting Woodbridge into separate districts

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**Bill Pergande**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 7:15 PM

To the City Council:

I have lived in Woodbridge since 1985, and have voted in every election since then. I am strongly opposed to dividing Woodbridge into separate voting districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Pergande



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## City Council Voting Districts

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**Lisa Guest**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 7:15 PM

Dear City Council Members:

We are 40-year residents of Woodbridge writing in regard to the City of Irvine's proposed voting district maps. To be specific, we are opposed to Map 135 that would split Woodbridge into separate districts.

As its own unique community, **Woodbridge** deserves the respect of having its entire population included in **the same voting district**. Such unity simply makes sense: The community of Woodbridge needs a single representative on the council. No good reason can be given for drawing a dividing line through the community.

As diverse as the community is, we are united as Woodbridge residents, and the City of Irvine's voting district map should reflect that reality.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth A. Guest  
Michael S. Guest



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## Please leave Woodbridge in one district

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**Kathy Miller**   
To: [Districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:Districting@cityofirvine.org)

Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 7:23 PM

Sent from my iPhone



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## Reject maps splitting Woodbridge into separate districts

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K f   
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Mon, Oct 9, 2023 at 8:17 AM

As a 20+ year resident of Woodbridge I oppose splitting it into two different districts using Maps 135 & 138. That makes absolutely no sense to those who live in our village.

Please reject these two maps which do not reflect our beloved united and singly-managed Irvine village.

Thank you,  
Keri Fujii







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## Districing plan

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**Richard Rubin**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Mon, Oct 9, 2023 at 11:02 AM

Good Morning,

As residents of Irvine since 1986, we strongly oppose map 135 which splits Woodbridge into separate voting districts. Woodbridge is a homogeneous community and splitting it up would wreck our representation and cause disagreements among our community. It is obvious that the City's demographer missed the value of having Woodbridge represented by one councilmember.

Please do not adopt map 135.

Debbie and Richard Rubin





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## Fwd: District Maps, Agenda Item 5.1

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Doug Elliott

Mon, Oct 9, 2023 at 11:37 AM

To:

 [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Dear Mayor Khan and Councilmembers,

Dear Mayor Khan and Councilmembers,

As a resident of the Lower Peters Canyon neighborhood, I urge you to adopt a district map that maximizes opportunities for AAPI candidates while respecting communities of interest and easily recognizable boundaries, especially for the underrepresented communities north of I-5. The maps that meet these criteria are 148, 162, 163, 164, and 166. Maps 135, 151, and 165 do not meet these criteria, and I urge that they not be adopted.

For your information, and for the public record, I am attaching a comment explaining my views in detail. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Doug Elliott

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## Comment Regarding District Maps Agenda Item 5.1, October 10, 2023

Dear Mayor Khan and Councilmembers,

As a resident of the Lower Peters Canyon neighborhood, I urge you to adopt a district map that maximizes opportunities for AAPI candidates while respecting communities of interest and easily recognizable boundaries, especially for the underrepresented communities north of I-5. The maps that meet these criteria are 148, 162, 163, 164, and 166. I will focus on 148, followed by a brief discussion of alternative maps.

[Map 148](#) has one district for each point on the compass, with two very compact central districts bordered by freeways. I live in **District 1**, the northern district, which unites the villages that border Tustin, including the Irvine portion of the Tustin Union School District [service area](#). The district is indeed somewhat Tustin facing. Many residents of these neighborhoods shop at the Tustin Ralphs on Jamboree, the Tustin Market Place Sprouts, and Whole Foods in the District. Both the Market Place and The District are popular destinations for retail, dining, and movies. For the many Kaiser Permanente members living in these neighborhoods, the closest medical offices are in Tustin Ranch. While some have criticized the length of this district, the northern end includes the uninhabited Loma Ridge and adjacent open space. Moreover, the district has a very similar adjacent counterpart in [Tustin's District 3](#), which runs the length of Tustin Ranch. The villages and neighborhoods within this district are connected by the Peters Canyon and Hicks Canyon trails, popular routes for active transportation and recreation. District 1's AAPI CVAP is 48%, a substantial plurality.

To the east, **District 3** consists primarily of the newer communities east of highway 133, which differ markedly from the mature Irvine Company villages to the west. It is centered on the Great Park, in recognition of the distinct community of interest shared by the Great Park Neighborhoods. Residents of these neighborhoods share a lack of retail centers, requiring them to drive miles for food and other essentials, contributing to increased traffic. They are also subject to high Mello-Roos taxes, resulting in media reports of [taxation without representation](#). The configuration of District 3 gives Great Park residents the opportunity to elect one of their own to the Council, without having their votes diluted by the those from established villages such as Woodbury and Cypress Village. District 3's AAPI CVAP is 44%, a slight plurality presenting an opportunity for AAPI candidates.

To the south, **District 5** is centered on Turtle Rock, and includes of some of Irvine's oldest villages such as University Park. To the west, **District 6** combines UCI with IBC, reflecting a community of interest made up predominantly of renters, many of whom are students. In the geographic center of Irvine is **District 4**, bordered by the easily identifiable boundaries of I-5, I-405, Culver, and Sand Canyon. It includes the mature villages of Woodbridge, Deerfield, El Camino Real, and Oak Creek, which comprise a community of interest based on common retail, recreation, and schools.

Finally, on the northern side of I-5 is **District 4**, a compact district with the easily identifiable boundaries of I-5, Highway 133, Culver and Hicks Canyon Trail. Included are the villages of Woodbury, Cypress Village, and Northwood, which also comprise a community of interest based on retail, recreation, and schools. District 4's AAPI CVAP is 42%, a near-plurality which presents a reasonable opportunity for a third AAPI seat.

In sum, Map 148 utilizes easily identifiable boundaries such as freeways and avoids division of villages to the greatest extent possible. It logically groups communities of interest and maximizes opportunities for AAPI representation.

However, no map is perfect; the need to satisfy the prescribed legal criteria necessitates trade-offs. Map 148 has been criticized for excluding an apartment complex with a high percentage of students from District 6, and for including two incumbent councilmembers within District 5. I have submitted two new maps to address these criticisms, [164](#) and [166](#). Both maps maintain Map 148's lines for the three northern districts (albeit with different numbering) while placing Rancho San Joaquin with UCI in response to student concerns and placing University Park with Woodbridge instead of Turtle Rock to avoid the two incumbent problem. Maps 164 and 166 maintain the same high AAPI CVAP percentages in the three northern districts.

Meanwhile, National Demographics submitted Maps 162 and 163, both of which are very similar to 166, but with significant differences. Map [162](#) places University Park in the Woodbridge district, but also place Rancho San Joaquin in that district instead of the UCI district. Map 162 retains Map 148's boundaries for Districts 1, 2, and 3, so the high AAPI percentages remain unchanged. Map [163](#) groups Rancho San Joaquin with UCI, satisfying student concerns, but groups University Park with Turtle Rock rather than Woodbridge. Its configuration of District 1 is somewhat different from 148, 162, 164, and 166, which results in a lowering of AAPI CVAP from 48% to 44%. This is still a significant plurality, so the opportunity for three AAPI councilmembers remains high.

For the reasons I've stated, Maps 148, 162, 163, 164, and 166 are all satisfactory to me, especially in their treatment of the neighborhoods north of I-5. They differ only in their treatment of districts south of I-5. Given the fact that the northern neighborhoods are severely underrepresented on the current Council, I believe it is important that you select a map that facilitates fair representation for these neighborhoods while maximizing opportunities to elect a future Council that's representative of Irvine's diversity.

I strongly oppose Maps 135, 151, and 165 for their failure satisfy those criteria. [Map 135](#) divides communities of interest in seemingly arbitrary ways. The Great Park Neighborhoods are divided among four districts, including one that takes in a large chunk of Woodbridge. At the same time, 135 creates sprawling districts that include far-flung and disparate communities. District 6 stretches from Lower Peters Canyon on the Tustin border to the far reaches of Portola Springs on the Lake Forest border. It provides only two districts with AAPI CVAP exceeding 39%, and only one AAPI plurality district.

[Map 151](#) blithely ignores easily identifiable boundaries such as I-405 and Highway 133, and needlessly divides villages. Lower Peters Canyon is arbitrarily divided at Bryan Avenue, so that

Beckman High School is in District 3, while the vast majority of its service area is in District 1. Northwood is divided between Districts 1 and 3. The latter district, bisected by I-5, includes most of Northwood with Westpark II. Even worse, District 2 jumps Highway 133 to group the Great Park with the distinctly different Irvine Company villages of Woodbury and Cypress Village. These neighborhoods do not share a community of interest. The Great Park Neighborhoods have distinct needs that would likely be submerged by the greater voting power of Woodbury and Cypress Village. Map 151 also groups Rancho San Joaquin and its student voters with Woodbridge instead of UCI. Like Map 135, 151 has only two districts with AAPI CVAP exceeding 39%.

[Map 165](#) is highly derivative of 151 and reiterates most of the above defects. The only substantial difference is that it groups Rancho San Joaquin with UCI. Minor boundary changes have the effect of nudging District 1's AAPI CVAP up from 39% to 40%, but at the expense of exacerbating the split of the Tustin School District service area between Districts 1 and 3. Still, this map is decidedly less favorable for AAPI representation than Maps 148, 162, 163, 164, and 166.

I have been deeply engaged in this process from the beginning and am grateful that my contributions have been well received and have played a substantial role in the ongoing discussion. I have never expected the final map to be all that I want, but have hoped to achieve a result that is fundamentally fair and democratic. I've identified five maps that satisfy my essential concerns—and three that do not. Maps 135, 151, and 165 are fundamentally unacceptable to me. I strongly urge you to adopt one of the other five.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,  
Doug Elliott



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## Proposed Woodbridge districting maps

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Ed Johnston 

Mon, Oct 9, 2023 at 11:44 AM

To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Dear City council,

My wife, an original over 50 year Woodbridge home owner, and I strongly reject any proposed voting district that would divide Woodbridge. We are and have always been one village, one HOA and one community. If we must shift to district voting it's ludicrous to even consider any proposed voting maps, such as 135 and 138, that would split our community. Do the right thing and not some political or self interested action as too often in the recent past. Ed Johnston and Loesje Sandoval



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## Redistricting

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Sarah Sandoval 

Mon, Oct 9, 2023 at 12:14 PM

To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Cc: 

Mayor Khan, Councilmembers Agran, Carroll, Kim and Treseder as well as the Redistricting Committee,

Greetings!

Irvine is a special city and community that we all call home. The large city made up of smaller "villages" provides a small town feel to a larger community. This attracts people from all over to move to our wonderful city.

Because of the demographics of Irvine, and especially Woodbridge where I have lived with my family for the last 22 years, I humbly ask you to object to any map that would split Woodbridge into separate voting districts and implore the City Council to **reject the two proposed maps (Maps 135 and 138)**. Woodbridge is one of the older villages within Irvine and embodies the true definition of the word community. Keeping this community together in one district is vital to the health and sense of belonging to the residents and the Board of Directors.

**Thank you in advance for rejecting Maps 135 and 138.**



With Gratitude,  
Sarah Sandoval



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## Redistrict Proposed Maps

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**Shawn Sandoval**   
Reply-To: Shawn Sandoval <shawn\_sandoval@sbcglobal.net>  
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>  
Cc: 

Mon, Oct 9, 2023 at 5:49 PM

Greetings!

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**Thank you in advance for rejecting Maps 135 and 138.**

With Gratitude,

Shawn Sandoval  
Irvine Resident





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## Woodbridge Voting Districts

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**Geraldine Jaffe**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Mon, Oct 9, 2023 at 7:46 PM

Dear Mayor Khan and City Council Members ,

I am writing you as a 33 year resident of Woodbridge in support of the Woodbridge Village Board's demand all of Woodbridge be included in one voting district .  
Please reject maps 135 and 138 or any proposed map which splits up Woodbridge .

Thank you .

Geraldine Jaffe



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## Woodbridge owner- opposition to map 135

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To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Tue, Oct 10, 2023 at 3:46 AM

Dear City of Irvine Council Members,

I am the owner of , a Woodbridge property , writing to vehemently oppose Map 135 and any voting district plan that divides Woodbridge into separate districts. I wholeheartedly support a map that keeps all of Woodbridge within a single voting district. Thank you,

Kaveh Geramifar



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## Opposition to Map 135

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**Nazie Arshi**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Tue, Oct 10, 2023 at 8:40 AM

We, the owners of 2 properties in Irvine,  and  are opposing the proposed Map 135, splitting the Woodbridge into voting districts. Any questions please call me at 

Best regards, Shahrnaz and Edward Arshi

**District Elections Map Selection CC Mtg 10/10/23 AI 5.1**

**Good afternoon. My name is Susan Sayre and I am an Irvine resident.**

**I support increasing the size of our City Council to 7 members, though for a city that soon will be over 360,000 residents, I would prefer a 9 member city council.**

**I support district elections primarily due to the fact that running for City Council in political at large elections for a city of our size is expensive and thus candidates come to depend on special interest, business, and PAC endorsements and support which create obligations for candidates, if elected, to represent their interests. District candidates will be known in the district communities and thus candidates will rely less on special interest endorsements and support.**

**I support district maps 151 and 148 as I support district elections where the districts consist of adjoining older villages or adjoining newer villages. Older Irvine village communities were created to contain unique characteristics and amenities with their own schools and commercial centers and thus definitely had a sense of community. Unfortunately, this is not true with regards to the newer villages. Newer villages have their own issues which include the lack of community commercial centers and the lack of locally located schools. Keeping adjoining older villages together in the same district is more important to me than the issue of whether or not the district crosses freeways or major streets.**

**Furthermore, as it is your duty to select the map that best represents the interests of Irvine residents, NOT your interests, the impact that the district map has on your political future must not be the basis for your selection of the district map that will be on Irvine's ballot.**



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## Woodbridge Districting

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**Suzanne Getchel**   
To: "districting@cityofirvine.org" <districting@cityofirvine.org>

Tue, Oct 10, 2023 at 9:14 AM

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting, but please DO NOT create two separate voting districts in Woodbridge.

Thank you,  
Suzanne Getchel





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## Against Voting Districts in Irvine

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Federica Venturi   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Tue, Oct 10, 2023 at 11:15 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express my dismay at the proposal of dividing the city in multiple districts for the purpose of electing city council members. Splitting the city in this way will only balcanize its inhabitants, who will belong to separate factions, sometimes in agreement, and sometimes in disagreement with each other. We may find ourselves in a situation for which the interests of one village go against the interests of another, leading to friction and disputes within the city. We also risk the additional specter that some border villages may be better aligned with the agenda of border cities than with the aims of the city of Irvine. The best solution is to keep the city united by not splitting the city council vote; by creating districts on paper we create division in the real world.

Respectfully,

Federica Venturi  
Irvine resident (1998-2001; 2005-today)



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## Maps for Districting of Irvine

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**Tina Sommers-Bernhardt** 

Tue, Oct 10, 2023 at 11:21 AM

To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

As a resident of Northwood for 10 years, and now of The Village of Woodbridge for 32 years, I would like to say : WHAT'S THE POINT OF DISTRICTS IF WOODBRIDGE VILLAGE cannot VOTE as ONE?  
Please NO, NO, NO on May 135!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

KEEP THE VILLAGE OF WOODBRIDGE AS ONE VOTING DISTRICT!  
Sincerely,

Tina Sommers-Bernhardt



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## Re-districting

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**Diane Mitsch**   
To: [districting@cityofirvine.org](mailto:districting@cityofirvine.org)

Tue, Oct 10, 2023 at 12:18 PM

Hello,

I live in Woodbridge, and I am opposed to Woodbridge being divided up into two separate districts. Thank you.

Beverlee D Mitsch

