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https://electionlab.mit.edu/sites/default/files/2021-07/hertz_2020.pdf

Does CVRA even work?

Very doubtful in Santa Clarita since the one thing we can agree on is that races and ethnicities are quite evenly distributed throughout the city.

Certainly the results for other districts point to do not work in the SCV.

We do not have polarized voting , we have apathetic voters and sore losers like Cruz.

2022no candidate ran against Joan MacGregor who lives in the remedial district. 2020 Sebastian Cazares a plaintiff in this case Hawaiian/Puerto Rican / Mexican, won in a non remedial district. The only color that mattered was green, given that he received > \$30,000,000 in campaign funds from the COC Faculty Association PAC .

2016-2020 Alonso, Hispanic surname Valencia won going away with a lot of green provided by the COC FA PAC. Non remedial district

Sulphur Springs 2022....no challengers

2016. Storli bumps Gloria Mercado out. Moore (Black) wins going away in a non remedial district.

Saugus District looks pale faced to me.

SCV Water....well look at their pictures.

Newhall District two protected class G board members cant tell is either is in a remedial district.

I still can't believe you are surrendering to these trouble makers / rabble rousers Cruz and Cazares who don't give a damn about the impact on the city.

Tell us, how many cities have lost a CVRA suit after they have settled won that gained approval of the court.

I urge you to reject all maps submitted.

I am completely shocked that the maps are not available in the agenda packet (Appendix A) for public review.

We intend to file a Brown Act (that's what it's called) violation for not including the maps in the agenda packet.

In any case, should you approve a map with a remedial district you should label it H/L for Hispanic/Latinx. After all this time and trouble you should be proud to have created a safe space for them to vote. At the very least reference on the web site which council member represents the remedial district.

Remember Glo Donnelley and the courage that she showed to speak speak up for the vision of the voters who in 1987 elected to use at large voting rather than districts. You go Glo !!!

Overall, At Large seems to have served this community well.

Read the study before you vote.

The future of Santa Clarita is in your hands. Do not crush it.

The plaintiff's failed to make their case.

We thank council member McClean for remaining strongly in opposition to districting. She has paid a price and weathered the storm in 2022.

We are glad that we are far removed from the site of this meeting and not able to attend.

Do the right thing for all the citizens.

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