

Raina Allan

From: Rebecca Miller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 4:59 PM
To: Raina Allan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Fwd: A few thoughts on districting, and thank you

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Hi Raina,

I understand that this letter should have been directed to you. I have not received a response from Ariel.

I didn't see the redistricting items on this week's council agenda. Can you please let me know where we are in the process?

Last I heard there was an open meeting at the community center that I was unable to attend.

Thanks so much,
Rebecca Miller
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From: Rebecca Miller <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon, Jan 13, 2025 at 6:01 PM
Subject: A few thoughts on districting, and thank you
To: <akelley@healdsburg.gov>

Hi Ariel,

I wanted to take a few moments to thank you for standing up for the community in the first two (re)districting meetings.

I appreciate that you stated in the first session that the community didn't expect for direction to be set at that meeting, nor did it need to be. At the second you made a strong case for the Mayor-at-large option and having a 7 person council with 6 districts. I believe your points were valid, and opened the door for the council to not only be more inclusive, but to also be more transparent.

I am disappointed with the other council members' position in wanting to maintain the 'status quo' when it is clear to many of us that it isn't the best path forward.

Given the accusations of the Brown act violations, and your point that they would be less likely to occur with a larger council body, and the point of the districting which is to have more equitable representation for all of our community members, I would like to see the council embrace the possibility of other options and allow for open public discourse on the subject.

Please let me know what we as citizens of Healdsburg can do to help open the conversation, I want to believe that it is not too late. The intent was for community input. I fear that the decision was reached before the community was invited to voice their preferences and will not change.

I appreciate your thoughts.

With Kind Regards,
Rebecca

I understand that you conducted a survey at the onset that was published through your social media. If it's not too late, I would love to participate in that, I somehow missed it.