# Oceano Community Services District

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Date: February 12, 2020

**To:** Board of Directors

**From:** Carey Casciola, Business and Accounting Manager

**Subject: Agenda Item #8D: Recommendation to Approve Cash Disbursements**

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that your board approve the attached cash disbursements:

**Discussion**

The following is a summary of the attached cash disbursements:

| Description | Check Sequence | Amounts |
|---|---|---|
| | 58215 - 58242 | |
| **Disbursements Requiring Board Approval prior to Payment**: | | |
| Regular Payable Register - paid 02/12/2020 | 58220 - 58242 | $ 321,304.09 |
| | | |
| | | |
| Subtotal: | | $ 321,304.09 |
| **Reoccrring Payments for Board Review (authorized by Resolution 2018-11)**: | | |
| Payroll Disbursements - PPE ~~12/07/2019~~ **01/18/2020** | N/A | $ 30,047.24 |
| Reoccurring Utility Disbursements - paid 01/22/2020 | 58215 - 58217 | $ 1,135.80 |
| Reoccurring Health Disbursements - paid 01/22/2020 | 58218 - 58219 | $ 10,193.98 |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| Subtotal: | | $ 41,377.02 |
| Grand Total: | | $ 362,681.11 |

**Other Agency Involvement**

N/A

**Other Financial Considerations**

Amounts are within the authorized Fund level budgets.

**Results**

The Board's review of cash disbursements is an integral component of the District's system of internal controls and promotes a well governed community.

# Electoral System Options for California:
## Achieving Fair Representation

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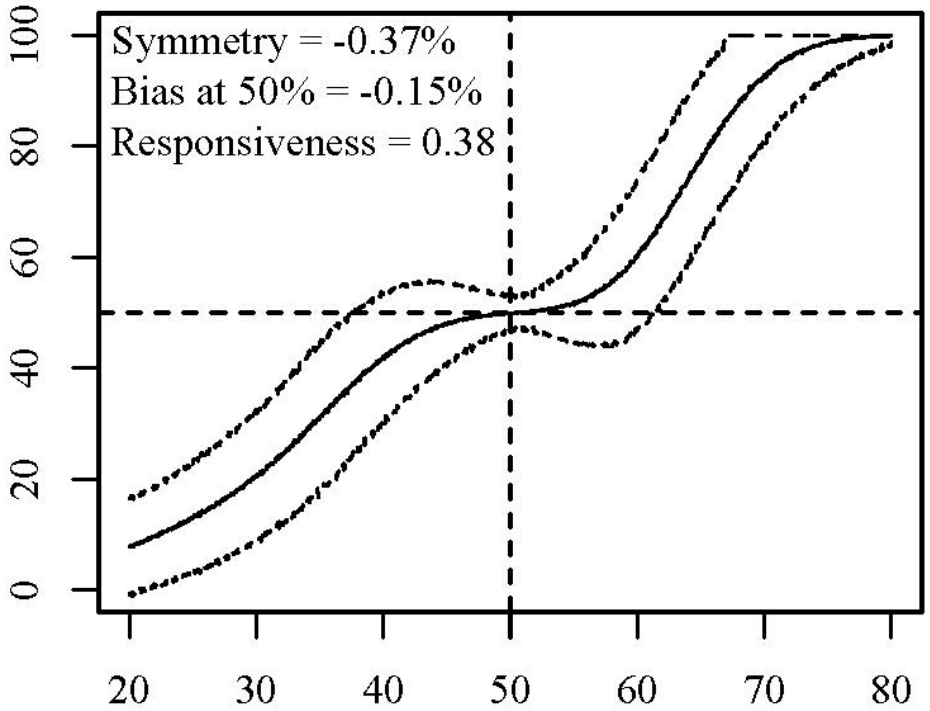
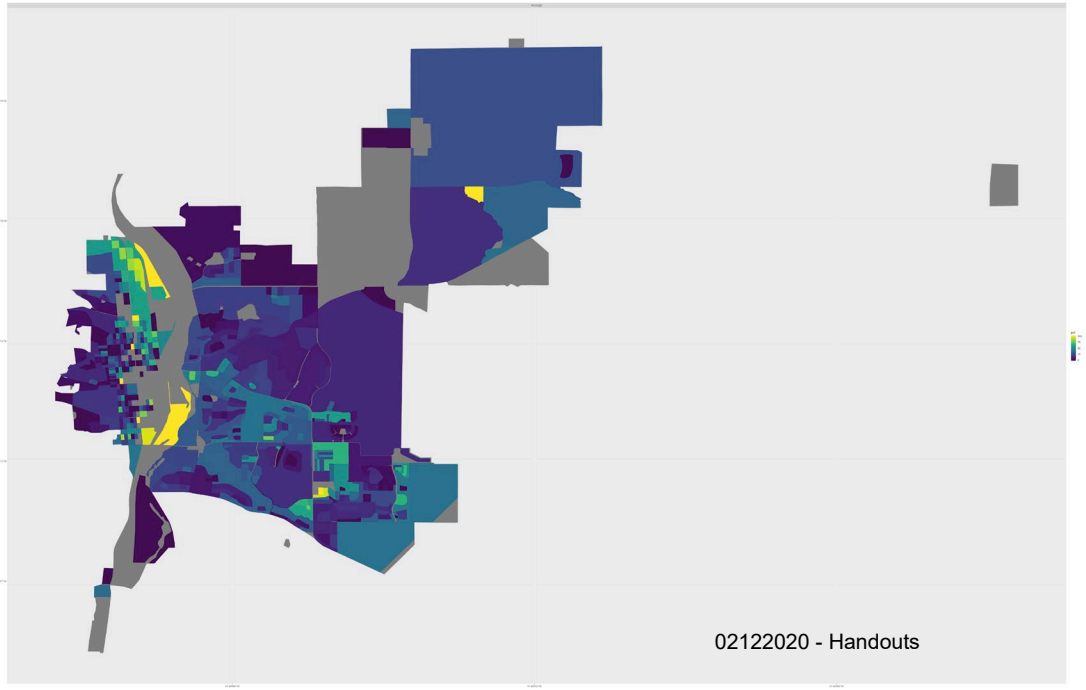
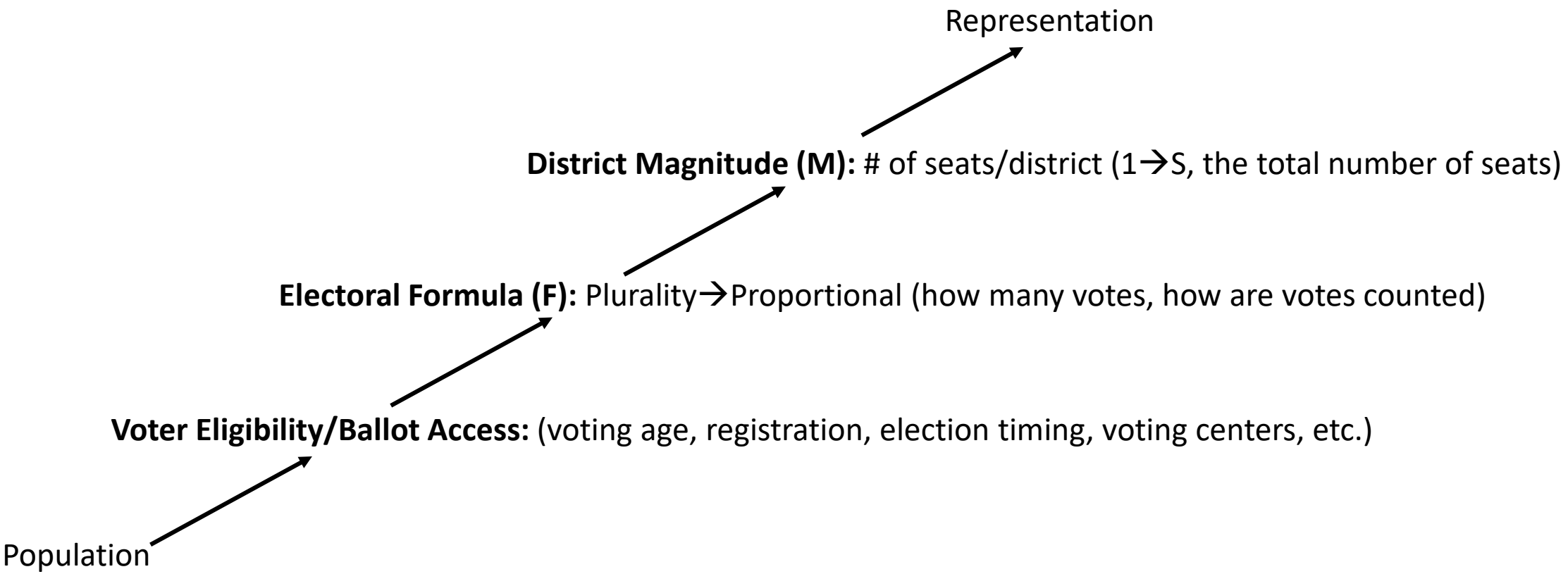


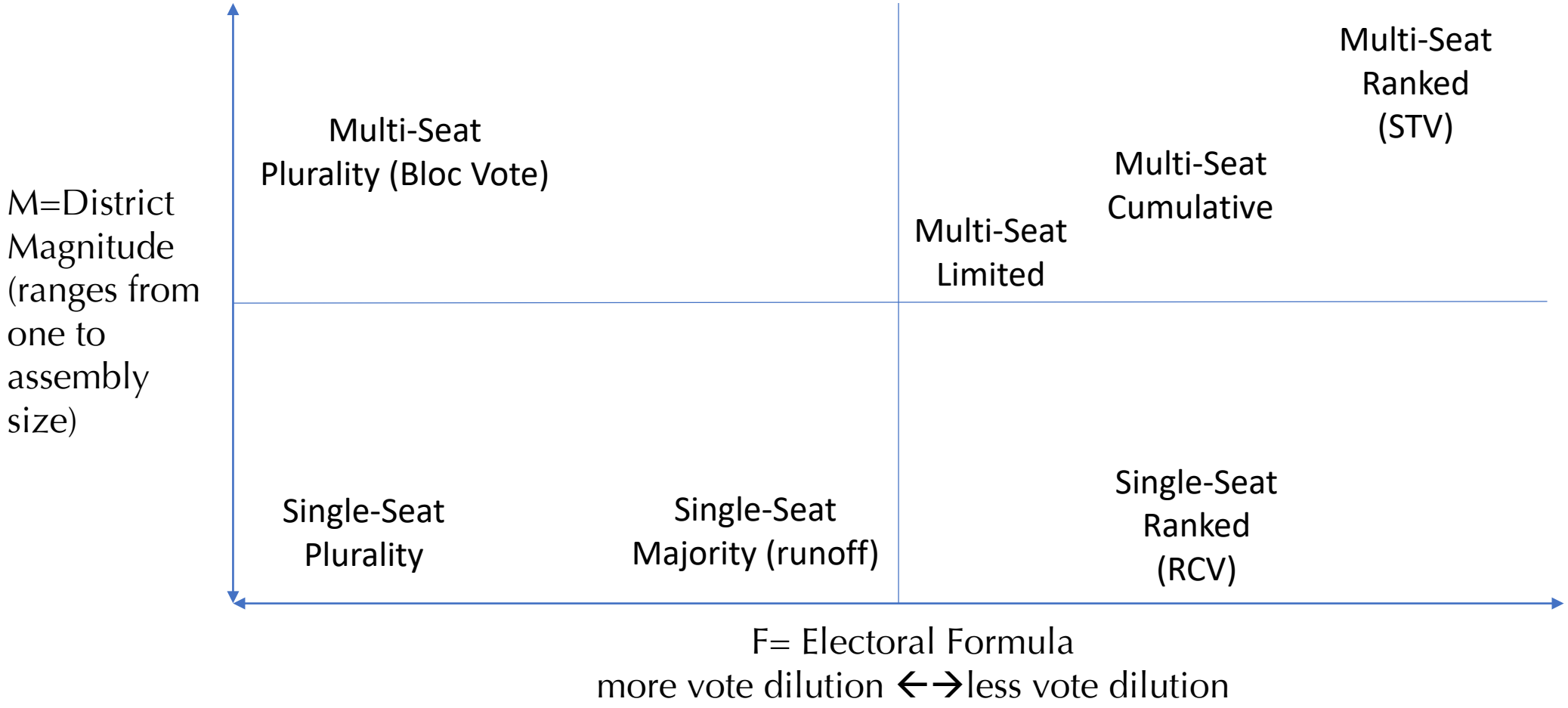
# What is “fair” representation?

- Voting Rights Act and subsequent case law protects “effective” representation
  - Avoid **vote dilution** = in specific contexts, under certain rules, some people’s votes count less than others
  - Example: **Under racially polarized voting**, a racial minority is unable to elect a candidate of choice; such as cities where 60% white and 40% black voters reliably yields 100% white city councils, under Winner-take-all rules, black votes are diluted (white votes are amplified)
  - Solution: One Person, One Vote = EQUAL WEIGHT for all voters; nobody’s vote is diluted as a result of who they vote for (candidates of a particular race or party)

# Electoral Institutions: The road to representation



# How M and F interact to weight votes



# How electoral systems weight votes (in language we all understand)

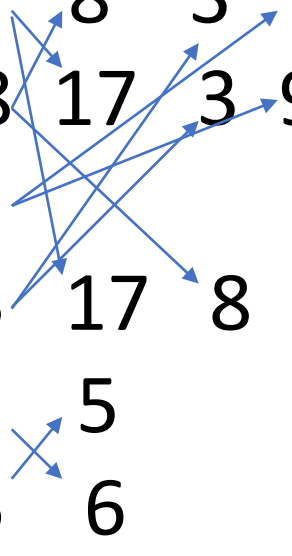
Six types of voters competing for three council seats. There are millions of ways to decide.

Cabernet
Merlot
Tempranillo
Rose
Firestone
Barrelhouse

} Cabernet, Merlot, and Rose drinkers tend to support one another, Tempranillo lovers are a bit eclectic. Beer drinkers stick together…How do different electoral systems weight voter choices?

# Current system: Bloc Voting (M=3, v=3)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C | R | M | R | F | B |
| C | C | M | M | F | F |
| R | C | T | T | M | B |
| F | T | C | C | C | C |
| F | T | M | C | C | B |
| C | T | T | T | C | M |
| C | B | T | M | T | C |
| C | F | M | B | C | C |



C = 17 8 3 9 =37/144 =25.7% W

M = 8 17 3 9 =37/144 =25.7% W

T = 9 = 9/144 = 6.3% L

R = 3 17 8 =28/144 =19.4% W

F = 6 5 =11/144 = 7.6% L

B = 5 6 =11/144 = 7.6% L

# Limited Voting (M=3, v=1)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C | R | M | R | F | B |
| C | C | M | M | F | F |
| R | C | T | T | M | B |
| F | T | C | C | C | C |
| F | T | M | C | C | B |
| C | T | T | T | C | M |
| C | B | T | M | T | C |
| C | F | M | B | C | C |

C = 17/48 = 35.4% W
M = 8/48 = 16.7% W
T = 9/48 = 18.8% W
R = 3/48 = 6.3% L
F = 6/48 = 12.5% L
B = 5/48 = 10.4% L

# Single-seat districts with a minority-majority district carved out (M=1, v=1)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C | R | M | R | F | B |
| C | C | M | M | F | F |
| R | C | T | T | M | B |
| F | T | C | C | C | C |
| F | T | M | C | C | B |
| C | T | T | T | C | M |
| C | B | T | M | T | C |
| C | F | M | B | C | C |

| District | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|---|
| C = | 4 | 7 | 6 |
| M = | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| T = | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| R = | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| F = | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| B = | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Winner | T | C | F |

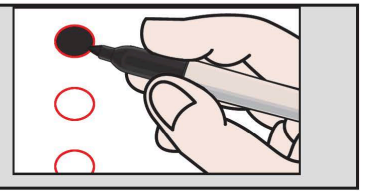
With transferable voting, voters can rank candidates, in either single-seat or multi-seat districts, winners are chosen when they pass an election threshold

# OFFICIAL BALLOT

## RCV Election
## California Certification
### Tuesday, June 7, 2016

**Instructions to Voters:**

Please rank your candidate choices from ONE to TEN by filling the Oval beside only 1 candidate for each choice column.
Fill in no more than 1 oval per candidate.



**Preferential Choices**

Rank no more than TEN Choices

| | Rank 1 | Rank 2 | Rank 3 | Rank 4 | Rank 5 | Rank 6 | Rank 7 | Rank 8 | Rank 9 | Rank 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Candidate 1** *Party 1* *Occupation 1* | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| **Candidate 2** *Party 2* *Occupation 2* | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| **Candidate 3** *Party 3* *Occupation 3* | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| **Candidate 4** *Party 4* *Occupation 4* | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| **Candidate 5** *Party 5* *Occupation 5* | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| **Candidate 6** *Party 6* *Occupation 6* | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| **Candidate 7** *Party 7* *Occupation 7* | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| **Candidate 8** *Party 8* *Occupation 8* | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| **Candidate 9** *Party 9* *Occupation 9* | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

# STV= V/(M+1) = 25% or 12,+1=13 votes to win a seat

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C | R | M | R | F | B |
| C | C | M | M | F | F |
| R | C | T | T | M | B |
| F | T | C | C | C | C |
| F | T | M | C | C | B |
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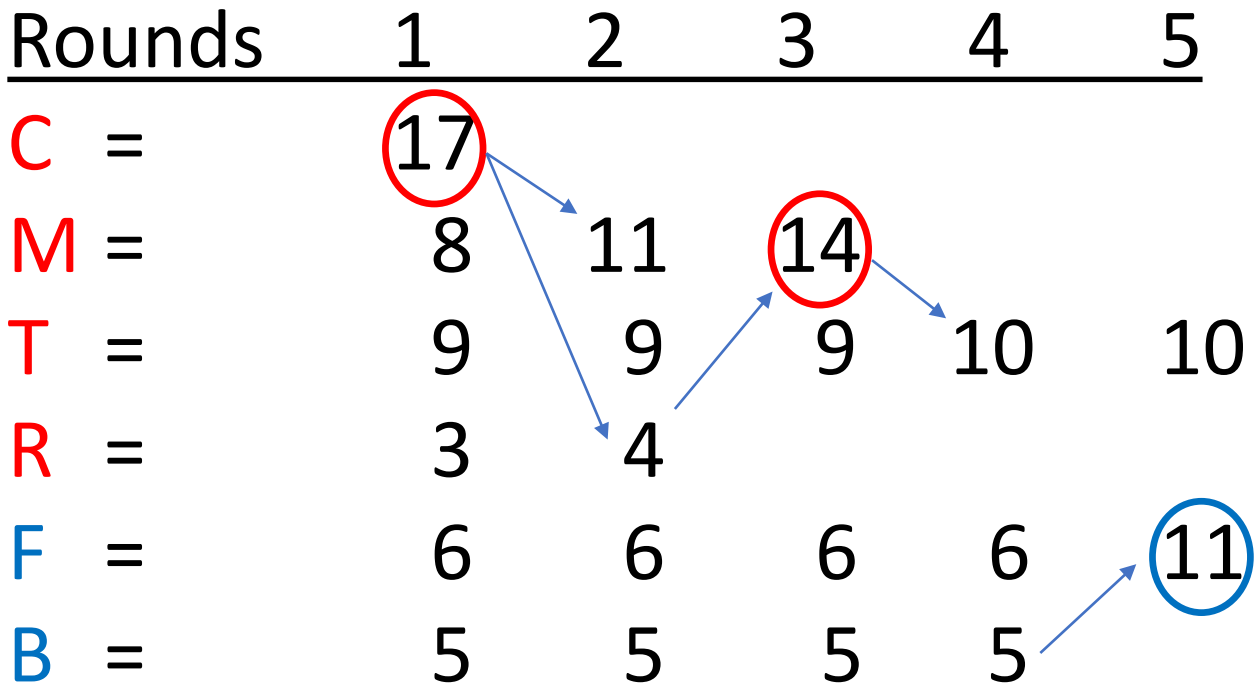
| C | B | T | M | T | C |
| C | F | M | B | C | C |



# Conclusion: Districts v Choice

- Single-Seat districts can generate minority representation, but at a cost (gerrymandering; less competitive elections, parochialism);
- Cities do not need to adopt districts to provide accurate minority representation and fair representation for all voters;
- Cumulative and “choice” voting are effective alternatives;
- RCV/STV provides for enhanced coalition building across diverse groups, positive campaigning, and high voter turnout in competitive elections

# Further reading

My analysis of the new 2018 PA Congressional districts: https://blog.ucsusa.org/michael-latner/pennsylvanias-new-congressional-map-is-fair-but-reveals-fundamental-tradeoffs-in-institutional-choice

My analysis of the Maryland gerrymander: http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2018/03/27/marylands-electoral-maps-show-how-proportional-representation-could-solve-the-problem-of-gerrymandering/

My team's analysis of the 2018 Congressional elections and the impact of gerrymandering http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2018/11/22/the-2018-house-elections-may-be-historic-enough-to-end-the-redistricting-wars/

# Single-Seat Majority (M=1, v=1)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C | R | M | R | F | B |
| C | C | M | M | F | F |
| R | C | T | T | M | B |
| F | T | C | C | C | C |
| F | T | M | C | C | B |
| C | T | T | T | C | M |
| C | B | T | M | T | C |
| C | F | M | B | C | C |

| District | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|---|
| C = | 7 | 3 | 7 |
| M = | 0 | 6 | 2 |
| T = | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| R = | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| F = | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| B = | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Winner | C | M | C |

# Cumulative Voting (M=3, v= up to 3)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C | R | M | R | F | B |
| C | C | M | M | F | F |
| R | C | T | T | M | B |
| F | T | C | C | C | C |
| F | T | M | C | C | B |
| C | T | M | T | C | M |
| C | B | T | M | T | C |
| C | F | M | B | C | C |

| | Own + Other = Total Ballot | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C = | (17)17 | 8 | 25=17.4% L |
| M = | (8)16 | 17 | 33=22.9% W |
| T = | (9)27 | 0 | 27=18.8% W |
| R = | (3) 9 | 17 | 26=18.1% L |
| F = | (6)18 | 15 | 33=22.9% W |
| B = | (5)0 | | |

# Community Services Districts Comparison

| CSD | Active Powers | Frequency of Meetings | | | | Compensation |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1 Per Month | 2 Per month | Every Other Month | Quarterly | |
| **Avila Beach** | Water, sewer, solid waste, street lighting and fire protection | X | | | | None |
| **California Valley** | Solid waste and road maintenance | X | | | | $100 Regular meeting<br>$25 Committee<br>$50 other training |
| **Cambria** | Water, sewer, solid waste, street lighting, fire protection, parks & recreation, transit and Veteran's Memorial Administration | | X | | | $100 per meeting<br>Not to exceed $600/mo |
| **Ground Squirrel Hollow** | Road maintenace and solid waste | X | | | | |
| **Heritage Ranch** | Water, sewer, solid waste, parks & recreation and gas station operation (non-operational) | X | | | | $100 first meeting<br>$50 additional meeting<br>Not to exceed $200 |
| **Independence Ranch** | Road maintenance | | | X | | None |
| **Linne** | Road maintenance | | | | X | |
| **Los Osos** | Water, street lighting, fire protection, storm drainage and parks & recreation | X | | | | $100 per meeting<br>Not to exceed $100 per day and $600 per moth |
| **Nipomo** | Water, sewer, street lighting, drainage, landscape maintenance and solid waste | | X | | | $100 per meeting<br>$100 Standard Committee meeting<br>$75 Ad hoc committee meeting<br>Not to exceed $100/day and $600/mo |
| **Oceano** | Water, sewer (collection - transmission), fire protection, parks & recreation (inactive), solid waste and street lighting | | X | | | $100 per regular or special meeting<br>$50 committee meeting<br>Not to exceed $600/mo |
| **San Miguel** | Water, sewer, fire protection, street lighting and solid waste | X | | | | $100 per meeting<br>Not to exceed $600/mo |
| **San Simeon** | Road maintenance, water, sewer, street lighting and weed abatement | X | | | | $92.35 per meeting, no max |
| **Squire Canyon** | Road maintenance | | | | X | None |
| **Templeton** | Water, sewer, drainage, solid waste, street lighting, parks & recreation, fire protection and cementary | | X | | | $150 per meeting<br>Not to exceed 1 per day and $600/mo |

***OTHER SPECIAL DISTRICTS***

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SSLOCSD (Sanitation District)** | Wastewater treatment | X | | | | $100 per meeting<br>Not to exceed 1 per day and $600/mo |
| **Port SLO Harbor District** | Harbor | X | | | | $450/mo per Commissioner<br>$500/mo per Commission President |

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Handout

## Carey Casciola

**From:** Bonita Ernst [redacted] >
**Sent:** Sunday, February 9, 2020 6:23 PM
**To:** carey@oceanocsd.org
**Subject:** Contact Form Submission, Subject: Other | Entry ID 167

**Name**

Bonita Ernst

**Email**

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**Phone**

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**Subject**

Other

**Message**

From what I have observed over the last few years it seems obvious that the OCSD has much on it's plate to debate and consider. I support at least 2 meetings per month and oppose any cut backs to just one. Regarding payment to Directors, I oppose any efforts to cut funding. Considering the General Manager is compensated with approximately $600 or more per day it makes sense that adequate compensation is needed for Directors - who are the ultimate deciders - be compensated to do the research, attend meetings and make informed decisions.
Regarding any limits to free speech following board votes I would remind everyone that the entire US and many law makers are still debating "Obama Care" even though it was passed into law a few years ago. Government is NOT private business and limits should not be placed on free speech.

## Carey Casciola

**From:** jeanie class [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2020 1:03 PM
**To:** carey@oceanocsd.org
**Subject:** Contact Form Submission, Subject: Other | Entry ID 170

**Name**

jeanie class

**Email**

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**Phone**

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**Subject**

Other

**Message**

Dear OCSD staff and boardmembers:
It appears that there are some communication problems among OSCD boardmembers. I suggest bringing in a neutral facilitator/mediator to help the group discuss and resolve those issues, increasing the board's skills for collaborative conversations on important issues for the board and the community. I strongly suggest this work be done before changes to the bylaws are considered. Please call upon me to help you find an appropriate facilitator.

## Carey Casciola

**From:** Toni Berger [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, February 9, 2020 10:01 AM
**To:** carey@oceanocsd.org
**Subject:** Contact Form Submission, Subject: Other | Entry ID 166

**Name**

Toni Berger

**Email**

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**Phone**

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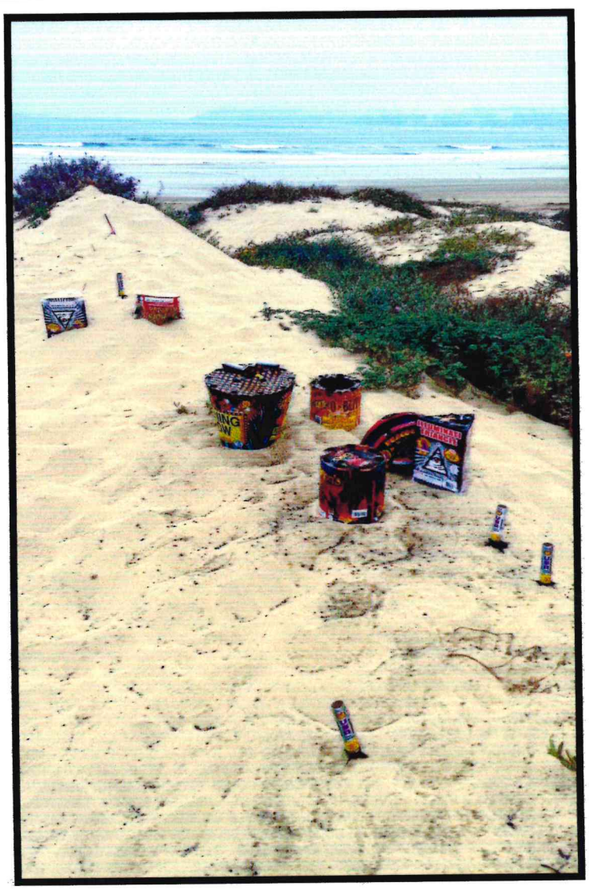
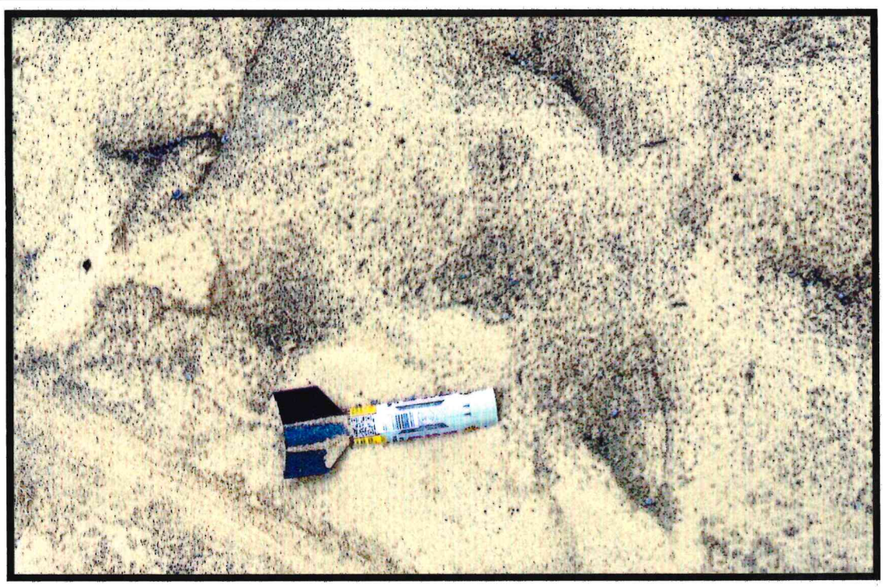
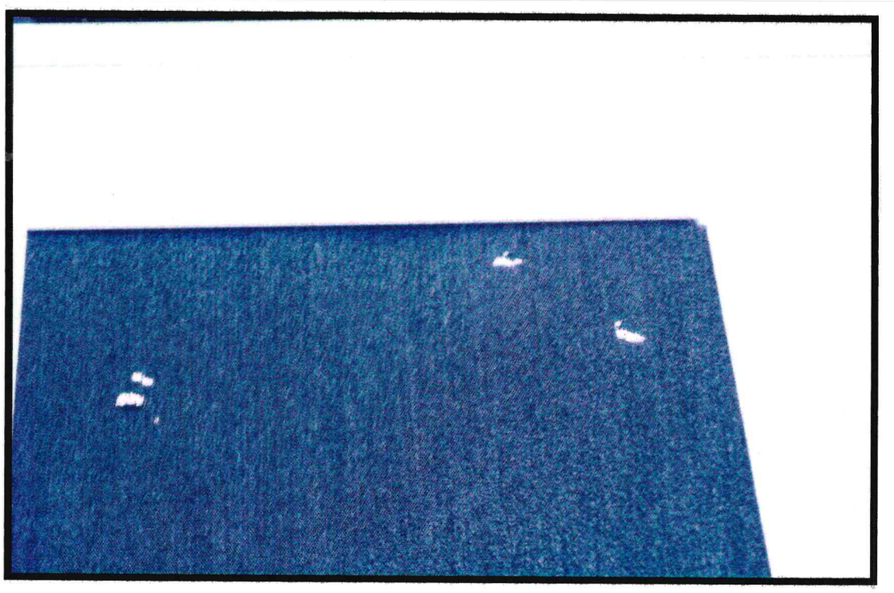
**Message**

I see homes getting painted , new landscaping , newer cars . These are the signs of progress. The public association needs to be put in check . They are there for the people , for Oceano and to exclude the public ? Censor members you do not like or agree with is not doing the peoples work . It is culling anyone who disagrees with this party. By making one meeting you will limit the public access. I am tempted to think this is your reason . You need to be transparent , don't pull some Schiff stuff , as in secret meetings , railroad those who have a different opinion and limit their access to meetings. I do see why residents are leery of your intent , your actions are speaking for themselves. Be fair and DO NOT PRESUME YOU ARE BETTER THAN THE RESIDENTS !







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