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Commission Meeting

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Comments:

Hello,

I am in favor of Map D submitted by Commissioner Dave Heil. The reason being that it currently allows for the city of Rio Rancho to be more accurately represented and it carries forward what we currently have. So there are less changes in boundaries. The reason this is important is to maintain equal representation to taxation. The city of Rio Rancho contains 70% of Sandoval County's population and therefore should have the highest amount of representation, due to the taxes being taken there. The higher the population center the more representation it should carry as that is where taxes are being generated and business is being conducted. Also, by combining the Corrales and Placitas areas as one, the voices of the more rural community can be represented as well. The other map plans result in political boundary changes that will not represent Rio Rancho or the native american tribes and cause underrepresentation.

In the end whether or not these redistricting measures go into place the correct commissioners must be elected to represent the values and ideals of the county. This goes beyond the D and R parties and therefore if the map is altered either way it will greatly distort the direction the county is moving in. The commission currently is working well and bringing new business here and the expanding housing market is a sign of increasing population as people want to move into Rio Rancho and as a result county funds are increasing that can help fix the county roads and utilities.