



**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
CITY HALL, 291 N. MAIN STREET
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
OCTOBER 10, 2017, 5:30 PM**

Call to Order

Roll Call

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

This is the opportunity to address the City Council on any matter scheduled for Closed Session. Unless additional time is authorized by the Council, all commentary shall be limited to three minutes.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

A. Closed Session Pursuant to:

1 - Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (3) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation: One case concerning correspondence dated August 28, 2017, from the Law Offices of Melo and Sarsfield regarding a notice of violation of the California Voting Rights Act.

6:00 P.M. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

This is the opportunity to address the Council on any matter of interest. Please address all items not scheduled for public hearing at this time. Unless additional time is authorized by the Council, all commentary shall be limited to three minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing Concerning the Establishment of By-District Election Boundaries for the Porterville City Council; and Consideration of Agreement for Demographic and Districting Consultant Services with National Demographics Corporation

Re: A Public Hearing to solicit public input on criteria for the drafting of district boundary maps for City Council districts; and the consideration of approval of an agreement for associated consultant services at a cost of \$23,500.

Adjourn to a joint meeting of the Porterville City Council and Library and Literacy Commission.

**PORTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL AND
LIBRARY AND LITERACY COMMISSION JOINT MEETING
291 NORTH MAIN STREET, PORTERVILLE, CA 93257
OCTOBER 10, 2017**

Roll Call: Council Members and Commissioners

Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Mayor Ward
Invocation

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

This is the opportunity to address the City Council and/or Library and Literacy Commission on any matter. Unless additional time is authorized, all commentary shall be limited to three minutes.

JOINT MEETING SCHEDULED MATTERS

- 1. Discussion of Future Library Facility Needs**
Re: Discussion between the City Council and Library and Literacy Commission pertaining to future library facility needs.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council and Library and Literacy Commission adjourned to the meetings of October 17, 2017, and November 14, 2017, respectively.

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SUBJECT: Public Hearing Concerning the Establishment of By-District Election Boundaries for the Porterville City Council; and Consideration of Agreement for Demographic and Districting Consultant Services with National Demographics Corporation

SOURCE: Administrative Services

COMMENT: As the Council is aware, on August 30, 2017, the City of Porterville received a letter from Marguerite Melo of Melo and Sarsfield in which assertions are made that the City's current "at-large" voting system does not comply with the California Voting Rights Act (Elec. Code § 14025 et seq.). The letter threatens litigation unless the City voluntarily agrees to implement district elections. At its meeting of September 19, 2017, the City Council adopted a resolution to initiate procedures for establishing and implementing by-district elections, and at its meeting of October 3, 2017, the City Council held the first of several public hearings in order to receive public input prior to the drafting of district maps. This is the second such pre-map hearing to receive public commentary. Additional pre-map public hearings will be held on October 17 and 24, 2017, in order to provide the public with ample opportunity to provide comments.

Attached hereto for Council's consideration is a proposal for consulting services submitted by National Demographics Corporation ("NDC"). As the Council will recall, the City has previously worked with NDC when the firm provided a preliminary assessment of the City's demographics and election/candidate analysis. It is staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the agreement at the proposed cost of \$23,500 for the basic element, to be funded through the Council's Special Purposes Reserve Fund.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing to receive public input for criteria in the drafting of district boundary maps; and
2. Consider and approve the proposed agreement submitted by National Demographics Corporation in the amount of \$23,500 to be paid with Council Special Purposes Reserve funds; and
3. Authorize the Administrative Services Director to execute same.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. NDC Proposal

Appropriated/Funded:

Review By:

Department Director:

Patrice Hildreth, Administrative Services Dir

Final Approver: John Lollis, City Manager



**A Proposal to the
City of Porterville
for Demographic Services**

By National Demographics Corporation
Douglas Johnson, President

October 10, 2017



National Demographics Corporation

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Ms. Patrice Hildreth
City Clerk, City of Porterville
291 North Main Street
Porterville, CA 93257

Dear Ms. Hildreth,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this proposal to the City of Porterville. NDC has 38 years of experience districting and redistricting local jurisdictions, together with unmatched experience working with jurisdictions facing California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) concerns. Based in Glendale, NDC has worked on CVRA analysis and districting efforts for over 50 cities, 250 school districts, and a variety of other local California jurisdictions. We welcome the opportunity to bring the firm's expertise and skills to assist the City.

For each project, there are certain required basic elements, and there are several options that the City can include or leave out at its option. NDC carefully tailors each project to the needs and goals of the individual client partner. NDC welcomes the opportunity to work with the City to encourage public participation in the districting process, and NDC offers a number of tools developed specifically for public engagement in this effort. And we offer templates and samples for every step of the project: analysis and staff reports; outreach materials; web pages and even resolution and ordinance templates.

The attached proposal consists of a brief introduction; specific proposed project elements and options; timeline and cost information; conclusion; and signature section. NDC looks forward to working with you on this effort. Please call or email if you have any questions, concerns, or requests regarding this proposal.

Sincerely,

Douglas Johnson
President



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About National Demographics Corporation:

Brief Company History

NDC has served hundreds of local governments over the past 37 years. Founded in 1979, NDC has performed work in all regions of the country, serving clients as varied as the States of Mississippi, Arizona, Florida and Illinois, Clark County Nevada, American Waterworks, California's Franchise Tax Board, the San Diego Unified School District, the Foundation for California, and the Arizona cities of Glendale, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Mesa and Surprise.

The company is especially well known for its work in local and state government. Since 2002, NDC has established a reputation as the state's leading demographic expert on the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA), having performed demographic assessments of potential CVRA liability for over 300 jurisdictions.

No company has been responsible for addressing the electoral demographic needs of more local governments, as NDC has districted and/or redistricted well over 150 local school districts, cities, water districts, county boards, and other local districts. Nationally recognized as a pioneer in good government districting and redistricting, NDC is especially experienced in working with local jurisdictions in California, Arizona and Nevada.

This background gives us unmatched expertise in the issues, questions, and decisions jurisdictions face in any discussion regarding the California and Federal Voting Rights Act and related election system choices.

NDC and the California Voting Rights Act

NDC has performed analysis of potential demographic liability under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) for over 200 jurisdictions in California. For those jurisdictions actually sued under CVRA (none of which were NDC clients prior to the filing of the lawsuit), all but one hired NDC to assist in evaluating their demographics, voting history, legal situation, and options. This includes Madera Unified, Modesto, the City of Madera, Visalia, Compton, the City of Escondido, Palmdale, Santa Clarita Community College District, Glendale Community College District, ABC Unified, and Anaheim. Only Compton Community College faced a lawsuit without the assistance of NDC, as their case was a 'friendly' lawsuit where the settlement was pre-arranged with the plaintiffs prior to the filing of the case.

No other firm even comes close to NDC's experience with this still-new law, and many of the jurisdictions listed above came to NDC after discovering the demographers they initially hired either did not sufficiently understand California and Federal Voting Rights law and the related demographics to help, or the demographers so badly handled the project that their own demographers' work directly resulted in the jurisdiction being sued.

NDC's expertise in both Voting Rights demographics and in the drawing of election districts is widely recognized. NDC's personnel are responsible for numerous books and articles on the subject, and President Douglas Johnson has been a speaker on the CVRA at conferences of the California School Board Association, the California Latino School Board Member Association, the California League of Cities, and other state and national conferences.



NDC's Districting Process

The following information is provided for information and for use if a jurisdiction decides to move to by-district elections. If the client decides not to move to by-district elections, the work would end with the demographic analysis described above.

Technical Expertise

NDC's personnel are nationally recognized as leaders in the districting field, and are responsible for numerous books and articles on the subject. NDC possesses all the hardware and software necessary to the districting and redistricting needs of any jurisdiction, and its personnel have extensive experience in performing graphics districting and redistricting work as well as in developing databases for districting use.

The technical demands of a districting effort are high, and NDC is the undisputed leader in this area. But far more important than technical expertise are the interpersonal understanding and experience working with all parties in the process, including the public.

Public Involvement

NDC pioneered the "transparent districting" approach which involves the public at every stage of the process. The company invented the "public participation kit" for public participation in districting efforts, which many of the firm's competitors now attempt to duplicate. Perhaps NDC's most valuable service is the firm's experience transforming often-contentious and passionate debates on this difficult subject into thoughtful, constructive discussions focused on the options and outcomes rather than individual personalities or positions. NDC also has considerable experience working with translators in public forums and providing materials in English and Spanish.

Minority Group Outreach/Partnerships

U.S. Supreme Court decisions are constantly changing the rules regarding districting, "race-based districting," and the establishment of districts focused on the electoral power of "protected classes." It is crucial that the consultant work with the racial, ethnic, and other community groups at the beginning of the process to welcome their ideas and develop the appropriate expectations regarding minority representation prospects. No NDC local districting or redistricting plans has ever been challenged in Court or by the Department of Justice.

Openness

Any change in election systems can have momentous implications for the distribution of political power in a jurisdiction and for access by groups and individuals to the governance process. Not surprisingly, such changes often attract much public attention, sometimes generate intense controversy, and may draw charges of manipulation and abuse of power. Indeed, disputes over the form and substance of the process may often result in stalemate or legal challenge. It is crucial, therefore, that the jurisdiction establish, at the beginning, a process that is not only fair, but that is seen to be fair, to all contending groups and individuals.



Media Outreach

The firm's work has been widely praised in the media, and NDC has worked extensively on background, off the record, and on the record with all types of press including radio, television, newspaper, and new media.

Local Leadership

NDC views its role as an advisor and technical resource. The firm advises its clients, but every project remains the client's project. NDC offers guidance based on its experience and expertise, but ultimately the decisions are made by the jurisdiction itself. NDC welcomes the chance to assist this project under the guidance and direction of the jurisdiction's elected leadership, key staff members, and the entire community.

Impeccable References

All of NDC's former clients – without exception – can be contacted for references. The firm has no embarrassing projects. All NDC's local districting and redistricting plans have been accepted into law with a minimum of controversy.

Mr. Rick Haydon, City Manager, City of Santa Maria, 110 E. Cook Street, Santa Maria, CA 93454-5190. Phone: (805) 925-0951 ext. 2200. Email: rhaydon@cityofsantamaria.org

Ms. Pam Abel, Superintendent, Modesto City Schools, 426 Locust Street, Modesto, CA 95351-2631. Phone: (209) 574-1616. Email: able.p@mcs4kids.com

Mr. Darrell Talbert, City Manager, City of Corona, 400 S Vicentia Avenue, Corona, CA 92882-2187. Phone: 951.279.3670. Email: Darrell.Talbert@ci.corona.ca.us

Mr. Steve Carrigan, City Manager, City of Merced, 678 West 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. Phone: 209- 385-6834 Email: citymanager@cityofmerced.org

Mr. Devin Reif, Strategic Planning, City of Oakland, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3315, Oakland, CA 94612. Phone: 510-238-3550 Email: DReiff@oaklandnet.com

Mr. David Silberman, Deputy County Counsel, San Mateo County, 400 County Center, 6th Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063. Phone: 650-363-4749 Email: dsilberman@smcgov.org

Judge Hugh Rose (retired), Chairman, City of Modesto Districting Commission. 508 King Richard Lane, Modesto, CA 95350. Phone (209) 522-0719. Email: hhrose@hotmail.com.

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Proposed Scope of Work

To provide the flexibility to meet the needs of the client if it decides to move to by-district-area elections, NDC offers a full menu of options:

Basic Districting Project Elements

Includes all of the services listed below:.....\$23,500

- Project Setup and coordination:
 - Development of redistricting database including Census and California Statewide Database data;
 - Incorporation of any Geographic Information System (GIS) data that the District wishes to include and provides (often including school locations; school attendance areas; important local landmarks; or local neighborhood boundaries);
 - Initial discussion with key staff and/or Council members about demographics, communities of interest, schedule and criteria;
 - Any phone- or web-conference calls to discussion the project's progress or answer any Council, staff or media questions that may arise;
- Plan Development:
 - Creating of 2 to 4 initial draft maps for Council and public consideration;
 - Analysis and preparation for Council consideration of all whole or partial plans submitted by the public;
 - Conversion of all maps and reports to web-friendly versions for online posting;
 - Online posting of all maps to an interactive website for detailed review;
 - Any requested additional maps and/or map revisions requested;
- Plan Presentation:
 - Presentations at Council meetings and/or public forums by phone- or web-conference (or in person for the “in person presentation” fee listed under “optional elements” below);
- Work with the County Registrar of Voters to implement the final adopted plan.

Optional Districting Project Elements

Selected at the client’s discretion:

- In-person presentation at additional Council meetings, facilitation of public forum(s), and/or any other requested meetings;.....\$2,000
- Preparation and processing of paper, PDF and Excel-based "public participation kits" (paper kits that allow the public to draw and submit their own plans)......\$4,000
- Creation, hosting, and updating of an NDC--managed project information website (if the client does not wish to manage a project website as part of its existing website).\$4,500
- Hosting, managing and processing submitted plans for an online interactive system that allows public to draw and submit proposed districting plans through a standard web browser.....\$13,500
- Spanish translation of project-related materials.....\$125 per page



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Stated prices include all travel, printing (except public participation kits and any large-plot maps), and other anticipated expenses.

Timeline: timeline will be established in consultation with the client. This Level ideally has three to nine months available, but can be done faster when necessary.

Other Potential Project-Related Expenses:

The only anticipated additional districting expenses would be any site or staff costs for conducting the community forums; and the cost of printing or copying paper copies of the “Public Participation Kit.” In NDC’s experience, most public participants will download and print the Kits in their own homes or offices.

Additional Analysis

NDC is happy to assist with any additional analysis that the client requests at our standard hourly rates:

Principal (Dr. Douglas Johnson)	\$200 per hour
Vice President (Justin Levitt).....	\$125 per hour
Senior Analyst.....	\$75 per hour
Analyst / Clerical.....	\$50 per hour

Dr. Johnson is also available for deposition and/or testimony work if needed, at \$250 per hour.

Requested Payment terms:

NDC requests that one-half payment be made at project start and one-half at the conclusion.

Conclusion

Since its founding NDC has been the preeminent company in the nation devoted to local election systems. To summarize:

- NDC, founded in 1979, has a demonstrated record of financial solvency.
- NDC’s hardware and software resources were specially designed and acquired for election-related demographic analysis.
- NDC’s highly respected personnel have impeccable credentials in each aspect of the districting and redistricting processes.
- NDC’s suggested approach has been tested in many jurisdictions.
- Any NDC client can be contacted for testimonials and reference.
- NDC has more experience in the field of municipal election demographics than any other company.
- NDC has demonstrated experience over many years in working with the press and media on local election system issues.
- NDC possesses fully up-to-date and highly effective geographic retrieval systems with applications specifically designed for election-related demographic analysis.



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It should be clear that NDC has all of the resources of experience, technical expertise, and legal/political know-how to assist the City in its current effort. NDC looks forward to the opportunity to work with the City on this project.

Proposal Acceptance

The terms of this proposal are available for 45 calendar days from its delivery to you. In most situations, NDC is open to extending that period of time to meet any particular needs of your jurisdiction.

NDC prides ourselves on tailoring each project to the needs and goals of each individual client. NDC is open to any feedback, concerns, requests, or changes regarding this proposal. If, however, it is acceptable in its current form, then NDC welcomes the opportunity to begin work as soon as possible.

If your jurisdiction has specific contract and/or letter of agreement language you prefer to use, please provide it and ignore the signature block below. If you prefer, simply sign two copies of this proposal in the signature block below and return them to NDC. Once signed by NDC, one copy will be returned to you. Thank you.

For National Demographics Corporation

For the City of Porterville

Douglas Johnson, President

Date

Date



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Clients moved or moving from at-large to by-district elections

Counties

San Mateo

Cities

Apple Valley

Anaheim

Banning

Bellflower

Buckeye

Buena Park

Ceres

Chino

Compton

Corona

Eastvale

El Cajon

Escondido

Firebaugh

Fowler

Fullerton

Glendale (AZ)

Hemet

Hesperia

Highland

King City

Los Banos

Madera

Menifee

Merced

Mesa (AZ)

Modesto

Moreno Valley

Palmdale

Parlier

Pasadena

Peoria (AZ)

Rancho Cucamonga

Redlands

Reedley

Riverbank

San Marcos

Sanger

Santa Barbara

Surprise

Tulare

Turlock

Victorville

Visalia

Whittier

Wildomar

Yucaipa

Community College Districts

Antelope Valley

Cuesta

Glendale

Grossmont-Cuyamaca

MiraCosta

Rancho Santiago

San Diego

Santa Clarita

Sierra

Southwestern

Water, Irrigation & Conservation Districts

Fresno Irrigation

Imperial Irrigation District

Mojave Water Agency

Palmdale Water

Rowland Water

Alta Irrigation

San Bernardino Water

Santa Clara Valley Water

Upper San Gabriel Valley

Western Municipal Water

Winton Water

Other Special Districts

Jurupa Community Service District

Kings River Conservation District

Tulare Health Care District

Westside Community Health Care District

School Districts

Alpine Union

Alpine Union Elementary

Alta Vista

Bakersfield City Schools

Bonsall Union

Elementary

Borrego Springs Unified

Buena Park Elementary

Burton Elementary

Cajon Valley Union

Cajon Valley Union

Elementary

Calistoga Joint Unified

Capistrano Unified

Capistrano Unified

School District

Cardiff Elementary

Carlsbad Unified

Caruthers

Cayucas

Centinela Valley

Central Unified

Centralia Elementary

Chula Vista Elementary



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Clients moved or moving from at-large to by-district elections

Clay Elementary
Clovis Unified
Coalinga-Huron
Coronado Unified
Dehesa Elementary
Del Mar Union
Elementary
Dinuba Unified
Eastern Sierra Unified
Eastside Union
Elementary
Encinitas Union
Elementary
Escalon Unified
Escondido Union
Elementary
Escondido Union High
Exeter Elementary
Exeter High
Exeter Unified
Fallbrook Union
Elementary
Fallbrook Union High
Firebaugh-Las Deltas
Unified
Fresno Unified
Fullerton Union High
Glendale Unified
Greenfield
Grossmont Union High
Hughson Unified
Jamul-Dulzura Union
Elementary
Julian Union Elementary
Julian Union High
Kerman Unified
Kern High
Keyes Union
Kings Canyon Unified
School District

Kings River
Kingsburg Elementary
Kingsburg High
La Mesa-Spring Valley
Lake Elsinore
Lakeside Union
Elementary
Lakeside Union School
Lancaster Elementary
Lawndale Elementary
Lemon Grove
Elementary
Lindsay Unified
Lucia Mar
Madera Unified
Magnolia Elementary
Merced Union High
School District
Modesto City Schools
Modoc Unified
Monson Soltana
Morgan Hill Unified
Mountain Empire
Unified
Napa Valley Unified
National Elementary
Newhall Elementary
Newman Crows Landing
Oak Grove Elementary
School District
Oceanside Unified
Pacific Union
Panama Buena Vista
Pasadena Unified
Pixley Union
Pleasant View
Pomona Unified
Porterville
Poway Unified
Ramona Unified

Rancho Santa Fe
Elementary
Richland School District
Riverbank
Riverdale Unified
Salida Union
San Dieguito Union High
San Marcos Unified
San Pasqual Union
Elementary
San Ysidro Elementary
Santee Elementary
Selma Unified
Solana Beach Elementary
South Bay Union
Spencer Valley
Elementary
Strathmore Elementary
Sundale Union
Elementary
Sweetwater Union High
Tulare City Elementary
Tulare City High
Tulelake
Turlock Unified
Twin Rivers Unified
Vallecitos Elementary
Valley Center Pauma
Unified
Visalia Unified
Vista Unified
Walnut Valley Water
Warner Unified
Washington Union
Waterford Union
Whittier Union High
Woodlake Union

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Employment

President, National Demographics Corporation, 2006 – present.
Senior Analyst, National Demographics Corporation, 2001 – 2006.
Fellow, Rose Institute of State and Local Government, 2001 – present.
Project Manager and Senior Manager at three internet startup companies, 1999 - 2001.
U.S. Representative Stephen Horn, Legislative Director and System Manager. 1993 – 1997.
Coro Foundation, Fellowship in Public Affairs. 1992 – 1993.
Rose Institute for State and Local Government, Student Manager. 1989 – 1992.

Education

Claremont Graduate University, Ph.D. in Political Science, 2015. Dissertation: “Independent Redistricting Commissions: Hopes and Lessons Learned.”
UCLA Anderson Graduate School of Management, MBA, 1999.
Claremont McKenna College, BA in Government (Political Science), 1992.

Academic Honors

Graduated Cum Laude from Claremont McKenna College.
Phi Beta Kappa. Philip Roland Prize for Excellence in Public Policy.

Publications and Articles

Christian Science Monitor “Let the public help draw voting districts,” October 25, 2013.
New York Times, "The Case for Open Primaries," February 19, 2009.
Los Angeles Times Opinion Articles:
 “A neighbor’s help on redistricting” June 24, 2007.
 “A Trojan horse primary for the GOP” February 25, 2007.
 “Where a porn palace stood” (article on redevelopment), July 30, 2006.
Fresno Bee Opinion Article: “The Poison Handshake” June 15, 2004.
Redistricting in America. Rose Institute of State and Local Government, 2010.
Restoring the Competitive Edge: California's Need for Redistricting Reform and the Likely Impact of Proposition 77. Rose Institute of State and Local Government, 2005.
"Competitive Districts in California" Rose Institute of State and Local Government, 2005.
Latinos and Redistricting: “Californios For Fair Representation” and California Redistricting in the 1980s. Rose Institute of State and Local Government, 1991.

Speaker or Panelist

California School Board Association Annual Education Conference panelist: “The California Voting Rights Act: What Board Members Must Know.” December 4, 2015.
Associated Cities of California – Orange County, Keynote Speaker, Newly Elected Officials’ Reception and Dinner, “The California Voting Rights Act,” January 29, 2015.
California League of Cities, City Manager Department, 2015 Department Meeting: “Opportunity to Engage Residents: The California Voting Rights Act.” January 29, 2015.
California League of Cities, City Clerk Department, 2014 Annual Meeting: “Whose Line Is It Anyway: Making the transition from at-large to by-district elections.” September 3, 2014.
National Conference of State Legislatures, Redistricting and Elections Standing Committee: 2007 Spring Forum, "The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commissions' experiences with the first-ever independent redistricting."
National Conference of State Legislatures, Redistricting and Elections Standing Committee: 2008 Spring Forum, "Communities of Interest In Redistricting: A Practical Guide."

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National Conference of State Legislatures, Redistricting and Elections Standing Committee: 2009 Fall Forum, "The Key to Successful Redistricting."

National Conference of State Legislatures, Redistricting and Elections Standing Committee: 2010 Spring Forum, "Communities of Interest in Redistricting: A key to drawing 2011 plans (and for their defense)."

National Conference of State Legislatures, Redistricting and Elections Standing Committee: 2011 Winter Forum, "Citizen Voting Age Data from a line-drawer's viewpoint."

Luncheon Keynote Speaker, Santa Barbara's Channel Cities Club, "California's next experiment: independent, public redistricting," January 18, 2011.

Annual Conference, Arizona League of Cities and Towns, Presenter at "Redistricting Law and the Voting Rights Act: What It Means for Your City or Town in 2011," August 25, 2010.

Redistricting, The 2010 Census, and Your Budget, Sponsored by the Rose Institute of State and Local Government, California League of Cities, October 15, 2009.

Arizona Election Law 2010 Continuing Legal Education Conference, "Communities of interest and technology in redistricting," sponsored by the Arizona State Bar Association, March 2010

California's New Independent Redistricting Commission, sponsored by the Irvine Foundation and the California Redistricting Collaborative, December 15, 2009

Tribal Association of Sovereign Indian Nations (TASIN) Legislative Day 2009, "The 2010 Census and 2011 Redistricting in California," December 2, 2009.

California School Board Association, "Litigation Issues and the California Voting Rights Act," December 4, 2009.

California Latino School Boards Association, "Introduction to the California Voting Rights Act," August 20, 2009.

Building a National Reform Movement, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2006, conference on redistricting reform hosted by the League of Women Voters, Campaign Legal Center, and The Council for Excellence in Government

Texas Tech University, "A Symposium on Redistricting," May, 2006

California League of Cities, "Introduction to the California Voting Rights Act."

Voices of Reform, a project of the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco: multiple forums on redistricting and / or term limits, 2006 – 2007

Classroom speaker at Pepperdine University, the University of La Verne, Pomona College and Claremont McKenna College

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Employment

Vice-President, National Demographics Corporation, 2012 – present.
Senior Analyst, National Demographics Corporation, 2003 – 2011.
Instructor in Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2012 – present.
Graduate Research Fellow, Center for US-Mexico Studies, 2010 – present.
Graduate Research Fellow, University of California, San Diego, 2008 – 2010 and 2013 – 2014.
Jesse M. Unruh California Assembly Fellow. 2006 – 2007.
Rose Institute for State and Local Government, Student Manager. 2005 – 2006.

Education

University of California, San Diego, Ph.D. Political Science, 2016. Dissertation title: “The Impact of Geographic Patterns on Tradeoffs in Redistricting.”
Claremont McKenna College, BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE), 2006.

Academic Honors

California Studies Fellow, University of California, San Diego, 2007 – 2009
Graduated Cum Laude from Claremont McKenna College.

Publications and Conference Presentations

Settle, Jamie, Robert Bond, and Justin Levitt. 2011. “The Social Origins of Adult Political Behavior.” *American Politics Research*. 39 (2). 239-263

Miller, Kenneth and Justin Levitt. 2007. “The San Joaquin Valley.” In The New Political Geography of California. Eds. Frederick Douzet, Thad Kousser, and Kenneth Miller. Berkeley: Institute of Government Studies.

“The Political Geography of Tradeoffs in Redistricting” Paper presented at the State Politics and Policy Conference, Iowa City, IA, 2013

Getting What You Want: A Bargaining Approach to Fair Division in Redistricting. Paper presented at the “Challenging Urban Borders : the geopolitics of immigration and segregation” workshop, Berkeley, CA, 2013 and the State Politics and Policy Conference, Houston, TX, 2012

“An Atlas of Public Health in Mexico” (with Alberto Diaz Cayeros). Paper presented at the Hewlett Foundation Conference on Public Health, Mexico City, DF. 2012

“Remoteness and the Territoriality of Public Health” (with Alberto Diaz Cayeros). Paper presented at the American Political Science Association conference, Seattle, WA. 2011

“Initiatives as revealed preferences” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association conference, Seattle, WA. 2011

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