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President:	Edward J. "Ted" Costa
Vice President:	Pamela Tobin
Director:	Marty Hanneman
Director	Kenneth H Miller
Director	Dan Rich

Dear President Costa, Vice President Tobin, Director Hanneman, Directory Miller, and Director Rich

The Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors respectfully requests that you move forward with District Based Elections in 2020.

The goal of the 2001 California Voting Rights Act is to provide equal and fair representation for constituents of a local government entity such as the San Juan Water District. Since your staff has determined that it is possible to complete the process this year, it makes sense to move forward with by district voting this year.

Based on information from your board meetings, a delay will cost $50,000 or more. This money will ultimately be paid for by businesses and individuals who live in the district. With the ongoing Covid-19 Crisis, the last thing businesses need is to see an increase in the cost of doing business.

The City of Citrus Heights has moved to by district voting for the next City Council election. Next week, the Citrus Heights Water District will complete their public hearings process and approve by district voting starting in 2020.

Please reconsider your previous decision to delay by district voting until 2022 and move forward with completing the conversion this year.

Sincerely,

Ilene Martzen
Board Chairperson
Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce