

March 7, 2009

### **The Final Insult on Mockingbird?**

Take your blood pressure medicine before proceeding.

At City Council on Thursday, March 5, Bill Kaufman, who represented McCombs for the case, presented a private neighborhood survey that he commissioned for closing Mockingbird. He presented his results as red 'X' marks on a city map. At the time it struck me that the overwhelmingly majority of Kaufman's signatures came from south of Callaghan near Greatview, which I knew was outside our association boundaries.

Cibrian stated in endorsing McCombs' petition for closure that she had to listen to the voice of the people, that is, as shown on Kaufman's map. She thus threw away all the other inputs on this case: the two neighborhood meetings that she called and led (20-to-0 AGAINST and 7-to-0 AGAINST); the City of San Antonio canvassing results (12-to-0 AGAINST); the 49 'Written Testimony' forms sent to the City Clerk AGAINST closure; and statements of opposition by the two cognizant neighborhood associations, VJNI and NNOD.

Look at the map on the next page that I pulled from Developmental Services. It turns out that the majority of the signatures on Kaufman's map didn't even come from District 8. They were from District 1!

So Cibrian disregarded all her District 8 inputs and made her decision on District 1 inputs\*. Incredible. She did not represent our district on this case.

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\* If confronted with this fact, Cibrian may say she didn't realize the signatures came from outside her district, but we all know she block walked every inch of District 8 when she ran in 2007. She knew.

