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Dear Lion PCC John -

Following is a summary of the review and discussion of the redistributing of MD19 in particular the proposal as it affects 19A and 19I.

It is the unanimous decision of the 19A cabinet that the proposed merger of 19A and 19I is not feasible nor workable and it was resolved that we submit an alternative plan which is outlined in the summary.

19I leadership has been consulted and on board with 19A to seek an alternative approach.

We are confident that we can work out a solution in the best interest of MD19.

Thank you.

Yours in Lionism,

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This email is addressed to DG Syrus Lee and copied to IPDG Hans Wong, 1VDG May Ho, 2VDG Elaine Luk, CS Simon Yau, 19A Advisor PID Ralph Long, 19A Merger Committee PCC Polly Voon, PDG Ken Liu, PZC Sharon Hansen.

>> DG Syrus - please share with other Lions leaders as you see fit <<

Dear DG Syrus -

Following is a summary of the highlights and conclusions on the topic of 19A Plan for MD19 Redistricting which was on the agenda of the recent 19A Cabinet Meeting held

virtually on Zoom on Sunday, January 23rd 2022,

We know and accept that with the current membership numbers, the MD needs to be reorganized. The MD19 Strategic Planning Committee plan has proposed that the current 9 districts be reorganized into 5, with 19A and 19I merging into one district. Since the release of the SPC proposal at the Spring 2021 COG Meeting, there have been feedback and alternative plans submitted to the SPC which have by and large been ignored and/or rejected with no due consideration. 19I and 19A merger committees with a number of their district leaders met virtually early November 2021 and examined the feasibility of the SPC proposal of the 19A/19I merger and unanimously agreed that it is not workable nor acceptable.

We planned for an in person Redistricting Meeting in Richmond on January 16th, 2022 to explore alternative solutions but had to change it to a virtual zoom meeting instead, due to the COVID restrictions on gatherings. Good attendance of 19A and 19I merger committees and Lions leaders were in attendance. There were some Lions leaders outside 19A and 19I (19H, 19B, 19D) who attended as guests and observers. Among the attendees from 19A was PID Ralph Long, 19A District Advisor. We were unable to delve into the details of potential solutions but the feedback from 19A and 19I attendees was clear and unanimous that the SPC 19A/19I merger proposal is not workable nor acceptable. 19A and 19I will proceed to look at alternative plans that will work for their respective and other districts with the hope that MD19 SPC, MD19 COG and the MD19 family as a whole will, with an open mind, consider and assist in a positive outcome for the MD.

Following the January 16th, 2022 meeting, PID Long as 19A District Advisor, authored a Redistricting plan which was submitted to 19A cabinet for consideration at its Cabinet Meeting on Sunday, January 23rd, 2022. PCC Polly Voon, 19A Merger Committee, briefed the cabinet on the work done by the 19A and 19I merger committees, and the conclusion with a unanimous vote that a merger of 19A and 19I is not only unacceptable, but more importantly, and is not feasible and workable. 19I is working on an alternative plan which they can consider as workable from their perspective.

19A Cabinet considered the plan submitted by PID Ralph Long. Highlights and conclusions of the discussion and review are as follows.

We considered the following factors on the effect of the SPC 19A and 19I merger plan -
a) area covered - need to spend more money, time and travel by ferry, auto and plane
b) the effect on the individual :Lion - travel to a district convention, club charter night and/or anniversary. from existing District 19A to Port Angeles (requires 2 sets of ferry systems), or Victoria, Nanaimo, Campbell River (1 ferry) and many land miles at an expense and usage of time which would not be expanded if same was in Burnaby, Vancouver or Richmond.
c) locations of where the annual District Convention will take place - Port Angeles/Victoria/Vancouver/Richmond

The conclusion and resolution of the cabinet is unanimous that **District A and I DO NOT merge.**

Instead, we propose the following plan.

With the proximity of many areas of 19A and 19H,

1. Consideration of a merger of 19A and 19H in its entirety.
2. An alternative to a full merger of 19A and 19H is the following proposal-
 - District A in much of its entirety remain in District A but clubs from H be merged into A as follows
 - a) the lower mainland and fraser valley clubs (H5 - transferred from 19A to 19H in the 1960s) return to 19A
 - b) the Richmond Clubs (H4) transferred from 19H to 19A
 - c) 19H clubs east of Port Angeles and from C and G south east or south of Port Angeles be added to 19I
 - d) 19H clubs near the BC/Wash border near 19D be transferred to 19D
 - e) if any clubs left in 19H, they can be transferred to 19B
 - f) Districts B, C, G merge to form one district

As a result, MD19 will be 5 districts -

1. District A
2. District B, C, G
3. District D
4. District E and F
5. District I

In our 19A/19I merger discussions, we may need to consider moving some 19A clubs to 19I or 19D if the geography and resultant numbers makes sense.

19A Cabinet unanimously endorsed the following next steps -

1. 19A and 19I do not merge
2. 19A DG Syrus Lee to reach out to 19H DG Ken Ball and convene a meeting of 19A and 19H leadership to discuss and explore the proposed 19A and 19H merger plan.
3. DG Syrus and IPDG Hans Wong, as voting members on the MD19 COG, to reach out to the other COG members to present and support a motion to delay the current SPC plan for a year to allow us the time needed to work out the details of the adjustments proposed and to communicate the eventual plan agreed to the Lions within the districts.

It is imperative that this major change to MD19 be carefully and thoughtfully worked out and not rushed to ensure long term success and unity within the MD. Considering that the SPC plan was not publicly communicated till the Spring 2021 COG meeting and with the challenges of the COVID pandemic restrictions making in person meetings very difficult if at all possible, it is not unreasonable to extend the timeline to allow for more meaningful discussions and planning. There is no reason to rush the process!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Polly Voon

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