

# City of Alamogordo



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Legislative Council Service  
Attn: Jon Boller, Staff Attorney  
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Dear Mr. Boller,

Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Cole, City Manager Mark Roath and I attended a recent redistricting meeting held in Las Cruces. It will be quite a challenge to fit everything together.

I do want to bring some of Alamogordo's concerns to your attention. The 2010 Census indicates a drop of approximately 15% in our population. When you look at everything that has gone on here, residential and commercial construction, new utility hook-ups, demolition permits, and the numbers provided by the 2000 Census, the 2010 Census population numbers cannot be correct. The city has begun the process of appealing the population numbers. It is a process that will take several months to complete and there will not be a resolution prior to your redistricting special session.

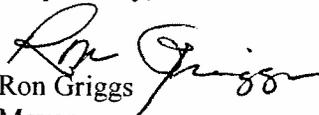
It is vitally important to Alamogordo that you take our challenge to the census numbers very seriously. Had you lived here in 2000, moved away, and then moved back in 2010, the growth of our city would have impressed you. I cannot tell you why the census numbers came in like they did; all I can tell you is that the numbers are wrong. As an example, to lose 5000 people as the census indicates, would require more than the entire active duty military population at Holloman Air Force Base to pack up and leave.

Redistricting is a huge task. The changes will affect our state for the next 10 years. Unless our concerns are addressed, the changes that affect Alamogordo will be based on grossly inaccurate data. Please take this into account as the district boundaries are developed.

Our City Manager, Mark Roath (575-439-4224) and our City Planner, Mark South (575-439-4231) are ready to share any and all of the information developed as we pursue our appeal. In addition, any member of our City Commission is ready to meet and discuss this issue with anyone to advance their understanding of this issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

  
Ron Griggs  
Mayor

CC: Governor Susana Martinez  
Representative Bill Burt  
Representative Yvette Herrell