

COUNCIL ACTION: (For City Clerk use only)

- ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. _____
- APPROVED APPROVED WITH CHANGES
- CONTINUED TO _____ DENIED
- INTRODUCED ORDINANCE NO. _____
- NO ACTION TAKEN/DID NOT PASS
- RECEIVED AND FILED RETURNED TO STAFF
- REFERRED TO _____
- SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING



AGENDA REPORT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: June 1, 2016
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Management Services
SUBJECT: **FIRST OF THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAPS AND COMMUNITY FEEDBACK TO DATE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Conduct the public hearing and receive public input regarding all potential district boundary maps that have been identified, including those proposed during the various community forums that have been held.
2. Provide feedback regarding the proposed Council district boundary maps, with the intended goal of narrowing the focus of discussion at the next hearing to a few of the most preferred maps.

ANALYSIS:

The City Council was elected under an at-large election system, whereby Council Members are elected by voters of the entire City. For the last several months, the City Council and staff have been working with National Demographics Corporation (NDC) to learn about the advantages and disadvantages of Council election districts vs. at-large elections. Moving to by-district elections would require a Council Member to reside within a designated district boundary and would be elected only by voters of that district.

On September 2, 2015, the Council adopted Resolution 2015-065, indicating its commitment to place Council election districts on the November 2016 ballot and directed NDC to move forward with developing City Council district boundaries for voter consideration on the November ballot.

Subsequently, on March 2, 2016, the Council adopted Resolution 2016-030, adopting line drawing criteria for creating Council district boundaries. The adopted criterion requires that:

1. Each Council district shall contain a nearly equal number of inhabitants; and
2. Council district borders shall be drawn in a manner that complies with the Federal Voting Rights Act; and
3. Council districts shall consist of contiguous territory in as compact form as possible; and
4. Council districts shall respect communities of interest as much as possible; and
5. Council district borders shall follow visible natural and man-made geographical and topographical features as much as possible.

With this direction, NDC prepared four (4) sample maps: A, B, B2 and C for public input at the first community forum held on April 18, 2016. An additional four (4) community forums were held on April 28th, May 14th (9:00a.m. and 1:00p.m.) and May 16th, from which additional sample maps A2, A3, and A4 were created based on feedback.

The City will have three (3) public hearings prior to the Council's approval of a Council district map to be included with a by-district ballot measure to be submitted for voter consideration at the November 2016 election.

As such, the subject matter for each hearing will be as follows:

June 1 Review of All Potential District Boundary Maps

The Council will review and receive public input regarding all potential district boundary maps that have been identified, including those proposed during the various community forums that have been held. The goal of the hearing will be to narrow the focus of discussion to a few of the most preferred maps.

June 15 Review of Top Preferred Potential District Boundary Maps

The Council will review and receive further public input regarding the preferred maps, as determined at the last hearing. The goal of the hearing will be to preliminarily identify the most preferred map to be included on the November 2016 ballot.

July 6 Adopt Preferred Map & Authorize Ballot Measure

The Council will review and receive further public input regarding the preferred map, as determined at the last hearing. The goal of the hearing will be to adopt an ordinance approving the preferred map and adopt a resolution to place the measure to establish district based elections on the November 2016 ballot.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.


ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

No environmental review is required because the proposed action is not a project governed by the California Environmental Quality Act.

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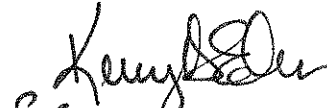
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