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Item No. 10(A)

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: STEVEN ADAMS, CITY MANAGER

RE: CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING PROCESS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the City Council: 1) receive a presentation from the City's demographic consultant on the redistricting process; 2) open the public hearing and allow for public testimony; 3) close the public hearing; and 4) provide initial feedback and approve the public hearing schedule.

BACKGROUND:

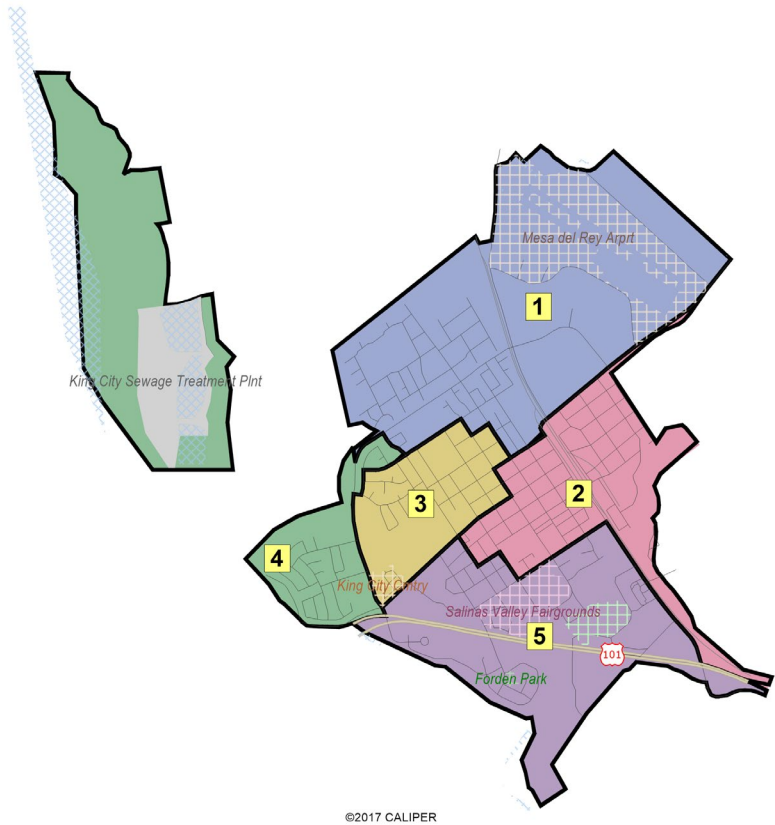
In June 2016, following an extensive public participation process, the City Council adopted an Ordinance establishing a City Council by-district electoral system and the City Council district map. To assist in developing the district boundaries, the City contracted with National Demographics Corporation (NDC). The 2020 Census data is now available. As a result, the City is required to review and update its districts to ensure that the districts continue to comply with State requirements.

The City has contracted with NDC again to assist the City with the redistricting process. Four public hearings are required in order to obtain public input. The first public hearing will be held at the September 28th meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Below is the existing district map:

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A summary of the recommended redistricting process and schedule is as follows:

Step	Description
Initial Pre-Draft Hearing: September 28	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on / identify the “neighborhoods” and “communities of interest” in the City.
Release draft maps: February 23	Draft maps posted to City website
Three hearings on draft maps: October 16, November 23 & February 8	Meetings to present, discuss, and (if necessary) revise the draft maps, and to discuss the election sequence.
Map adoption: February 22	Map adopted via ordinance. Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.

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There are a number of restrictions the City is required to follow in forming the districts. The City's consultant will review them as part of the public hearing presentation and the demographic data that will be analyzed. Staff recommends the City attempt to maintain the districts as close to the current district boundaries as possible, while making any necessary adjustments needed to address any changes that have occurred in the demographic data from the 2020 Census.

Each of the five districts will need to contain about 2,666 people with a maximum difference of 10%, or 267 people, between the least and most populated districts. The process will include defining neighborhoods and communities of interest to ensure they are not divided between districts. The City will also want to consider future growth since it is primarily projected in two areas.

COST ANALYSIS:

The estimated cost of the contract with NDC is \$20,000. Funds were included in the General Fund FY 2021-22 budget, so no additional appropriation is necessary.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This action is not a "project" for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change to the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. No further action is required under CEQA for City Council action.

ALTERNATIVES:

The following alternatives are provided for City Council consideration:

1. Approve staff's recommendations and provide initial input;
2. Modify the public hearing schedule;
3. Provide other direction to staff, such as pursuing a directly elected Mayor position or reconsider the by-district electoral system; or
4. Provide staff other direction.

Prepared and Approved by:



Steven Adams, City Manager