

City of Hesperia

STAFF REPORT



DATE: January 18, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council Members

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SUBJECT: Third Public Hearing – Redistricting due to 2020 Census and Review of Draft Maps

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council 1) Receive a presentation from National Demographics Corporation (NDC), the City's redistricting consultant detailing the redistricting process and permissible criteria to be considered to create district boundaries; 2) Conduct the third public hearing to receive public input on the redistricting process and composition of districts; and 3) review and consider the three draft maps provided by National Demographics Corporation and any others that may have been submitted by the public for review.

BACKGROUND

Every ten years, local governments use new census data to Redistrict. Redistricting is the process of adjusting City Council voting districts so that each district has substantially the same number of voting-aged residents and reflect how local populations have changed. The legal deadline for the City to adopt new district maps is April 17, 2022. This meeting is the third of four public hearings required for the redistricting process to gain public input.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

On June 6, 2017 the City Council approved Ordinance 2017-09 establishing a by-district election system including five (5) districts, each having one (1) City Council seat representative and each serving a four (4) year term with a rotating appointed mayor. By-district elections were implemented in a staggered manner with the first by-district election held in 2018 for districts two (2), three (3) and four (4). In 2020, by-district elections were held for districts one (1) and five (5).

In July the City contracted National Demographic Corporation (NDC) to coordinate the City's redistricting process and required community outreach. Assembly Bill 849, known as the "Fair and Inclusive Redistrict for Municipalities and Political Subdivisions (FAIR MAPS) Act in 2019 requires cities to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding a minimum of four (4) public hearings and/or workshops. The purpose of this third public hearing is to gather public input and present the three (3) maps (attached) drafted by the City's consultant and any others that may have been submitted to the City.

On January 10, 2022, staff loaded interactive draft mapping tools to the City's website for the public to utilize during the redistricting process. Paper map kits can also be printed from the website or picked up from City Hall.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Provide alternative direction to staff

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. NDC Map 101
2. NDC Map 102
3. NDC Map 103