

# City of Hesperia

## STAFF REPORT



**DATE:** June 6, 2017

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Nils Bentsen, City Manager **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION**

**BY:** Eric Dunn, City Attorney  
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**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Adopting By-District Election Ordinance With District Map

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council consider adopting proposed ordinance No. 2017-09 to establish a by-district election system in the City.

### BACKGROUND

The City engaged with National Demographics Corporation (NDC) in May of 2016 to facilitate the process of transitioning from an at-large election system to a by-district election system in response to alleged California Voting Rights Act violation claims and threat of litigation received by two separate law firms in late 2015 and early 2016.

Under the requirements of AB 350, which became effective January 1, 2017, the City held two public hearings in which the public was invited to participate and provide input regarding the composition of districts prior to drafting or reviewing any district maps. The City held the duly noticed AB 350 public hearings on March 7, 2017 and March 21, 2017.

The City Council also held public hearings on April 18, 2017 and May 2, 2017 to consider the proposed district maps and sequencing of elections.

On May 16, 2017 following a public hearing the City Council adopted one of the proposed City Council district maps and introduced Ordinance No. 2017-09 to establish by-district elections in the City. The City Council also determined the first election for the City under a by-district system will be held in 2018, and when each seat on the City Council would be subject to the new by-district requirements. Elections will be held in Districts 2, 3 and 4 in 2018; elections will be held in Districts 1 and 5 in 2020.

### Proposed Ordinance No. 2017-09

The proposed ordinance will establish a system of by-district elections in the City. The proposed ordinance establishes five districts in the City and includes as an exhibit the map of the City Council districts selected by the City Council, which was the "Council 1b" map.

### ALTERNATIVES

1. Provide Alternative Direction to Staff

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Ordinance No. 2017-09
2. Council 1b Map