



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: February 2, 2022

TO: Dean Albro, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Receive Community Input on the Composition of Districts for City Council Offices and the Redrawing of Election District Boundaries

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council:

- 1) Receive a presentation from National Demographic Corporation (NDC);
- 2) Hold the Public Hearing to receive public input on proposed election district boundary draft maps; and
- 3) Provide direction on any revisions to the draft maps.

Background:

Every 10 years, cities with by-district election systems must use new census data to review and, if needed, redraw, district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. This process, called redistricting, ensures all districts have nearly equal population. The redistricting process for Lompoc must be completed by April 17, 2022. This hearing is the third of four public hearings regarding the redistricting process.

Discussion:

Every 10 years, jurisdictions that have district-based elections are required to review district boundaries based on the results of the decennial Census to ensure equal representation based on population growth and to adjust district boundaries, if necessary, to reflect changes. The districts must now be redrawn using the 2020 census data and in compliance with the Fair Maps Act, which was adopted by the California legislature as AB 849 and took effect January 1, 2020. NDC was again contracted to assist the City with the redistricting process.

By law, the City must hold at least four Public Hearings that enable community members to provide input on the drawing of district maps:

Hearing Requirements	Date of Meeting
At least one Public Hearing must occur before the City draws draft maps	July 6, 2021
One Public Hearing can happen either before or after the drawing of draft maps	July 20, 2021
At least Two Public Hearings must happen after the drawing of draft maps	February 2, 2022 & February 16, 2022

The fourth and final public hearing will be held on February 16, 2022. At that hearing, a final map will be selected. It is anticipated that at that meeting, the first reading of the ordinance may also occur. If the first reading occurs, adoption of the ordinance would then be scheduled for March 1, 2022.

Fiscal Impact:

Funds for the redistricting process have been approved in the Biennial Budget Fiscal Years 2021-22.

Conclusion:

This evening's public hearing represents the third in the series of hearings required under the Fair Maps Act in order to complete the redistricting process for the City. The goals of this public hearing include: 1) reviewing any and all proposed district maps; 2) conducting the third public hearing to receive testimony from residents on redistricting criteria including "communities of interest" and on the proposed draft maps for consideration; 3) receiving feedback from the City Council on proposed draft maps that are legally compliant with the Fair Maps Act requirements, and direction on any desired refinements; and 4) receiving direction from City Council on final map(s) it wishes to consider in conjunction with introduction of an ordinance at the public hearing scheduled on February 16, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Haddon, City Clerk

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Dean Albro, City Manager

Attachment: National Demographic Corporation Power Point Presentation