



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

REPORTS AGENDA ITEM NO. J.5

DATE: March 1, 2022

TO: City Council

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SUBJECT: Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Oxnard City Code Section 2-2.5.Regarding the Boundaries and Identifying Number of Each City Council District. (5/10/10)

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council introduce an Ordinance for first reading (by title only, waiving further reading) that amends Oxnard City Code Section 2-2.5. regarding the boundaries and identifying number of each City Council district.

BACKGROUND

Every ten years, cities with by-district elections are required to use new census data to review and redraw district lines to reflect population changes. This process, called redistricting, ensures that all districts within a city have nearly an equal number of people residing within each district.

While state law only requires that the City hold four public hearings or workshops on the redistricting process, the City Council held a total of seven public hearings on the redistricting process. These public hearings were held on July 29, 2021, September 30, 2021, December 6, 2021, January 6, 2022, January 22, 2022, February 1, 2022 and February 16, 2022.

As of the City Council meeting on February 1, 2022, a total of eight maps had been submitted by members of the public. They were as follows:

1. *Public Map 1* was submitted by Planning Commission Chair Daniel Chavez Jr.
2. *Public Map 2* was submitted by Planning Commission Vice Chair Ronald Arruejo.
3. *Public Map 3* was submitted by Councilmember Gabe Teran.
4. *Public Map 4* was submitted by Planning Commission Chair Daniel Chavez Jr.
5. *Public Map 5* was submitted by Councilmember Oscar Madrigal.
6. *Public Map 6* was submitted by Manuel Herrera.
7. *Public Map 7* was submitted by Manuel Herrera.
8. *Public Map 8* was submitted by Robert Vasquez.

In addition, as of the City Council meeting on February 1, 2022, the City's demographer had prepared for the City Council's consideration a total of four maps – NDC Maps 201, 202, 203 and 203A.

At the February 1, 2022 City Council meeting, each Councilmember indicated which of the 12 maps before them at that point they wished to consider further. Six maps were identified by one or more members of the City Council as maps which that member wanted the City Council to consider at the February 16, 2022 City Council meeting. These maps were Public Maps 4, 6 and 7, and NDC Maps 201, 203 and 203A.

After the February 1, 2022 City Council meeting and before the map submittal deadline of February 7, 2022 at 5 p.m., a

total of three additional maps were submitted to the City:

9. *Public Map 9* was submitted by Planning Commission Chair Daniel Chavez Jr.
10. *Public Map 10* was submitted by the Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)
11. *Public Map 11* was submitted by CAUSE.

At the February 16, 2022 City Council meeting, the City’s demographer – Kristen Parks of National Demographic Corporation – gave an overview of the six maps that the members of the City Council had selected to move forward for further consideration (Public Maps 4, 6 and 7, and NDC Maps 201, 203 and 203A) and the three maps that had been submitted after the February 1, 2022 City Council meeting (Public Maps 9, 10 and 11). Following the February 16, 2022 public hearing and after detailed discussions and deliberations by the City Council regarding the various maps, the City Council voted 5 to 2 to select NDC Map 203A as the map it wished to be brought back on March 1, 2022.

ANALYSIS

Based upon the City Council’s action on February 16, 2022 regarding the selection of NDC Map 203A, City staff drafted for City Council consideration an ordinance which would amend Oxnard City Code Section 2-2.5. so that the boundaries and identifying number of each City Council district are modified to be consistent with NDC Map 203A.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

This agenda item does not relate to the five strategic priorities adopted by City Council on March 16, 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

COMMITTEE OUTCOME

This item did not originate in Committee.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance
2. Appendix A