



City Council Staff Report

DATE: November 17, 2021

AGENDA ITEM NO: Public Hearing
Agenda Item No. 4A

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Vincent D. Chang, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding redrawing council district boundaries pursuant to Elections Code § 21601.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

1. Conducting a Public Hearing to receive testimony on redrawing of council district boundaries pursuant to Elections Code § 21601;
2. Providing direction to the City's demographer regarding redrawing of council district boundaries pursuant to Elections Code § 21601; and
3. Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In 2019, the City transitioned to district-based elections. In accordance with the Fair and Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities and Political Subdivisions (FAIR MAPS) Act (Elections Code § 21601-21609), following the federal decennial census every ten years, districts boundaries must be redrawn so that each district is substantially equal in population. It is important in ensuring that each City Councilmember represents about the same number of constituents. The maps must meet certain requirements and has a total deviation of less than 10% difference.

At the second public hearing on October 20, 2021, National Demographics Corporation (NDC) presented the findings from the "Still Balance Analysis" using the 2020 Census adjusted data and concluded that the existing district map meets the FAIR MAPS Act criteria with a deviation of 2.84%.

The City Council received and filed public comments, took action to move forward with the existing map (Option A), and scheduled the third public hearing for November 17, 2021; fourth public hearing and introduction of an ordinance to adopt final map for December 1, 2021; and scheduled December 15, 2021 for adoption of the ordinance and the final map (Note: typographical error on the October 20, 2021 staff report referenced the incorrect date for the adoption of the ordinance on December 22, 2021).

The City Council held the first public hearing on July 21, 2021, second public hearing on October 20, 2021, and the third public meeting being held tonight.

BACKGROUND:

Following each decennial federal census, the City Council must adopt boundaries for all council districts so that the districts will be substantially equal in population. According to the FAIR MAPS Act, districts must meet the following requirements:

District Map Criteria

- Comply with federal requirements of equal population and the Voting Rights Act
- Areas that are geographically contiguous (connected).
- Keeping the geographic integrity by minimizing division of community interest of social and economic interests.
- Areas easily identifiable bonded by natural and artificial barriers, streets, and boundaries.
- Encourages geographical compactness where nearby areas of population are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations.
- Do not favor or discriminate against a political party.

Public Hearings

- Hold a minimum of four public hearings, one pre-draft maps hearing, two post-draft maps hearings, and one additional pre/post-draft maps hearing.
- Post-draft maps hearings must be held after a 21-day (waiting period) following the release of the State-Adjusted census data.
- Hearings must start at a fixed time or after completion of previous agenda item.
- At least one hearing must be held after 6:00 p.m. or on the weekend.

Notices

- Dedicated webpage (www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/Redistricting2021) with explanation of redistricting and public comment process, calendar of hearings, notices and agendas, recordings or written summaries, draft maps considered by the City Council, and adopted map.
- Notices contain date, time and location of hearings and must be posted online five days in advance.
- All materials related to the redistricting must be kept online until 2031.

Outreach

- Encourage public participation including a good faith effort to provide information to local media, provide information through “good government, civil rights, civic engagement, and community groups or organizations.”
- Interested persons may subscribe to receive notices about public meetings.

- Post information on redistricting and comment process online including applicable non-English languages in accordance with the Secretary of State's determination of Chinese and Spanish as the required languages.

Translation

- Provide information on redistricting and comment process in applicable non-English languages in accordance with the Secretary of State's determination.
- Requires providing live translation, if the request was made 72 hours in advance or 48 hours if the notice was posted five days before the hearings.

Timeline for Submittal of Adopted Map

- 205 days before the next regular election. Los Angeles County's deadline for submittal of final map for November 8, 2022, election is May 12, 2022.

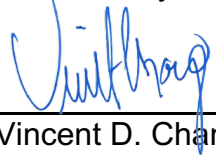
Next Steps and Tentative Timelines

- Schedule the fourth public hearing for December 1, 2021 to receive public comments and introduce first reading of an ordinance for adoption of the final map. Final map must be posted on the City's website seven days prior to adoption.

FISCAL IMPACT:

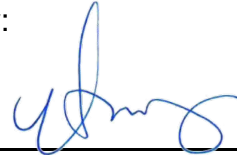
The costs of redistricting process of \$55,000 have been appropriated in the FY 21-22 budget.

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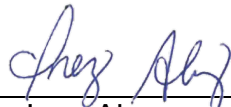
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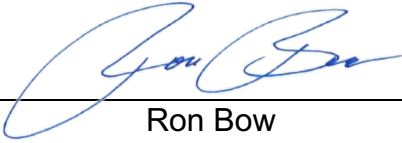
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2020 Adjusted Census Data
2. Summary Public Comments from the October 20, 2021, Council Meeting

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ATTACHMENT 1
2020 Adjusted Census Data

Monterey Park - Current Districts (2020 Adjusted)

District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
2020	2020 Census (Raw)	12,412	12,116	12,084	12,432	12,211	61,255
	Deviation from ideal	161	-135	-167	181	-40	348
	% Deviation	1.31%	-1.10%	-1.36%	1.48%	-0.33%	2.84%
2020 Total Pop	% Hisp	18%	24%	56%	16%	24%	28%
	% NH White	3%	6%	3%	3%	4%	4%
	% NH Black	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% Asian-American	77%	68%	39%	79%	71%	67%
	Total	7,846	8,287	8,647	6,562	7,508	38,850
Citizen Voting Age Pop	% Hisp	17%	22%	53%	28%	23%	29%
	% NH White	5%	8%	4%	4%	6%	5%
	% NH Black	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	78%	69%	43%	67%	70%	65%
	Total	6,511	7,206	7,023	5,211	6,330	32,281
Voter Registration (Nov 2020)	% Latino est.	21%	24%	59%	22%	27%	31%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	19%	22%	54%	20%	25%	29%
	% Asian-Surnamed	59%	54%	26%	57%	52%	49%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
	% NH White est.	17%	19%	12%	16%	16%	16%
	% NH Black	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	2%
	Total	2,765	3,414	3,358	2,006	2,991	14,534
Voter Turnout (Nov 2018)	% Latino est.	23%	25%	63%	29%	32%	35%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	22%	24%	58%	27%	30%	33%
	% Asian-Surnamed	52%	51%	23%	47%	46%	43%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
	% NH White est.	21%	20%	11%	19%	17%	17%
	% NH Black	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%
	Total	4,523	5,379	5,184	3,516	4,649	23,251
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	% Latino est.	22%	24%	60%	24%	28%	32%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	20%	22%	55%	22%	26%	30%
	% Asian-Surnamed	56%	53%	26%	54%	50%	47%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
	% NH White est.	19%	19%	12%	17%	17%	17%
	% NH Black est.	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%
	Total	12,582	11,760	12,693	12,118	11,329	60,482
ACS Pop. Est.	Total	12,582	11,760	12,693	12,118	11,329	60,482
Age	age0-19	18%	18%	21%	20%	18%	19%
	age20-60	51%	54%	52%	54%	50%	52%
	age60plus	31%	29%	27%	27%	32%	29%
Immigration	immigrants	61%	48%	41%	63%	55%	53%
	naturalized	63%	68%	74%	57%	62%	64%
Language spoken at home	english	23%	31%	28%	21%	22%	25%
	spanish	11%	17%	39%	13%	17%	19%
	asian-lang	65%	51%	32%	64%	60%	54%
	other lang	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	45%	34%	27%	51%	42%	40%
Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	34%	39%	45%	43%	36%	39%
	bachelor	24%	27%	20%	18%	22%	22%
	graduatedegree	12%	11%	8%	7%	9%	9%
Child in Household	child-under18	26%	26%	31%	32%	27%	29%
Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	54%	60%	58%	55%	58%	57%
Household Income	income 0-25k	24%	19%	17%	25%	18%	21%
	income 25-50k	18%	18%	21%	23%	25%	21%
	income 50-75k	16%	18%	17%	16%	16%	17%
	income 75-200k	34%	34%	38%	29%	28%	33%
	income 200k-plus	8%	11%	7%	6%	13%	9%
Housing Stats	single family	62%	69%	75%	54%	73%	67%
	multi-family	38%	31%	25%	46%	27%	33%
	rented	52%	40%	40%	63%	45%	48%
	owned	48%	60%	60%	37%	55%	52%

Total population data from the California adjustment to the 2020 Decennial Census. Surname-based Voter Registration and Turnout data from the California Statewide Database. Latino voter registration and turnout data are Spanish-surname counts adjusted using Census Population Department undercount estimates. NH White and NH Black registration and turnout counts estimated by NDC. Citizen Voting Age Pop., Age, Immigration, and other demographics from the 2015-2019 American Community Survey and Special Tabulation 5-year data.

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October 20, 2021 Public Hearing #2

Bill Lam, resident and a student at CSUN, said he is in favor of Option B to let the people draw the redistricting map using the public participation kit based on the 2020 census data on what the new lines would look like in the next decade.