



AGENDA REPORT

City Clerk's Office

DATE:	April 5, 2022
TO:	Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Pamela Christian, City Clerk
Subject:	Adopt a Resolution and Introduce an Ordinance Adjusting the Boundaries of Council Districts Based on the 2020 Decennial Census and Amending Richmond Municipal Code (RMC) Section 2.16.050
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	None
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	March 22, 2022
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	On March 22, 2022, the Richmond City Council selected District Map No. 201 adjusting the boundaries of the City Council Districts. State law requires that new district maps must be adopted by April 17, 2022, for the November 2022 election.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	ADOPT a resolution of the City Council of the City of Richmond adjusting the boundaries of the six City Council Districts and adopting a new official Council District Map No. 201, for the City of Richmond based on the results of the 2020 decennial census and amending RMC section 2.16.050; and INTRODUCE an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Richmond adjusting the boundaries of the six City Council Districts and adopting a new official Council District Map No. 201, for the City of Richmond based on the results of the 2020 decennial census and amending RMC section 2.16.050 – City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

DISCUSSION:

The City of Richmond transitioned from at-large elections to by district elections in 2020. Every ten years, local governments use new census data to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. Assembly Bill 849 (2019) and Assembly Bill 1276 (2020) require cities and counties to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and doing public outreach. In Richmond, the City Council is responsible for drawing council districts and the redistricting process must be completed by April 17, 2022. District lines are adopted using the following state and federal criteria:

Federal Laws:

1. Equal Population (based on total population of residents as determined by the most recent federal decennial census and adjusted by the State to reassign incarcerated persons to the last known place of residence)
2. Federal Voting Rights Act
3. No Racial Gerrymandering

California Criteria for Cities (to the extent practicable and in the following order of priority):

1. Geographically contiguous districts (Areas that meet only at the points of adjoining corners are not contiguous. Areas that are separated by water and not connected by a bridge, tunnel, or regular ferry service are not contiguous)
2. Geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division
3. Easily identifiable boundaries that follow natural or artificial barriers (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.)
4. Lines shall be drawn to encourage geographic compactness. In addition, boundaries shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

In accordance with Elections Code Section 21607 and 21607.1, the City Council held public hearings and workshops on the drawing of district boundaries. At each of the public hearings and workshops, the public was invited to provide input on the composition of the new Council district boundaries.

Redistricting outreach has included the following:

- E-mail sent with flyers to the Community Outreach group, John Gioia's Office, Richmond Promise, ECIA Listserv (non-profits), Katrinka Ruk (Council of Industries), Chamber of Commerce, LEAP, Employment & Training, Malcom Marshall (Richmond Pulse), Mike Kinney (Richmond Standard), Gonzalo Ochoa (23rd St. Merchants Association), and Daniel Butt (Pt. Richmond Business Association).

- Flyer announced on the Mayor's Office social media, press release, City's social media, and KCRT.
- Flyer sent to Jan Mignone, Stephanie Ny, and Garland Ellis, Neighborhood Council PIO. Stephanie forwarded the e-mail to ALL Neighborhood Councils.
- Posted flyers at all community centers, 440 and 450 Civic Center Plaza buildings, and at the main library
- E-mail blast with flyers sent to parents of the WCCUSD
- Gabino Arredondo distributed flyers to various businesses he frequents
- Continuous announcement on the City's electronic marquee
- Electronic flyer continuously posted in the City Manager's Weekly Report

Public Hearings and Workshops were held as follows:

DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
7/6/2021	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Richmond	1 st pre-draft hearing
8/25/2021	Wednesday	2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Richmond	1 st & 2 nd pre-draft workshops*
9/14/2021	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Richmond	2 nd pre-draft hearing*
12/6/2021	Monday	6:00 p.m.	Richmond	3 rd pre-draft workshop*
1/18/2022	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Richmond	1 st post-draft hearing*
2/1/2022	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Richmond	2 nd post-draft hearing*
2/8/2022	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Richmond	1 st post-draft workshop *
3/22/2022	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Richmond	3 rd post-draft hearing*

*Translation services were available

The proposed maps of the district boundaries were published beginning January 2022 on the City's redistricting webpage at: www.ci.richmond.ca.us/Redistricting.

At its meeting on March 22, 2022, the City Council selected District Map No. 201 to represent the new district voting maps for the City. Tonight, the Council will adopt a resolution and introduce an ordinance to confirm District Map No. 201. The Council's adoption of the attached resolution will ensure that the City adopts a new district map by the April 17, 2022 deadline.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Resolution
Attachment 2 – Ordinance
Attachment 3 – Map No. 201