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October 15, 2015

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Mr. Patrick Ogawa, Acting Executive Officer
County of Los Angeles
Board of Supervisors
Hall of Administration, Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

56 December 1, 2015


PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RE: Request for Consolidation with the November 8, 2016, Statewide General Election

Dear Mr. Ogawa:

This letter is to inform you that formal action was taken by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its October 12, 2015, Regular Meeting to call for the holding of a Special Municipal Election to submit to the voters a measure relating to changing the City's electoral system from at-large to by-district elections and request consolidation with the County's Statewide General Election. A certified copy of Resolution No. 15-80 formally requesting consolidation with the County's November 8, 2016, Statewide General Election is enclosed. We respectfully ask that consideration of our request be placed on the Board's agenda as soon as possible.

Certified copies of the election-related resolutions formalizing the City Council's actions are also being provided to Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean C. Logan under separate cover.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at Bellflower City Hall, telephone no. (562) 804-1424, extension 2222, or via e-mail at dbauchop@bellflower.org.

As always, thank you for your help and cooperation. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Debra D. Bauchop, CMC
City Clerk

Enclosure

cc: Dean C. Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (without enclosures)

> Scott A. Larsen
Mayor

Dan Koops
Mayor Pro Tem

Ray Dunton
Council Member

Sonny R. Santa Ines
Council Member

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Ron Schnablegger
Council Member

CITY OF BELLFLOWER

RESOLUTION NO. 15-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bellflower called a special municipal election to be held on November 8, 2016, for the purpose of submitting a question relating to changing the City's electoral system from at-large to by-district elections with respect to electing City Council Members; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the special municipal election be consolidated with the statewide general election to be held on the same date; that within the City the precincts, polling places, and election officers of the two elections be the same; that the County election department of the County of Los Angeles canvass the returns of the special municipal election; and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the requirements of California Elections Code section 10403, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of a special municipal election with the statewide general election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

SECTION 2. A measure is to appear on the ballot as follows:

Shall Members of the City Council of the City of Bellflower be elected by-districts described in Ordinance No. 1302 instead of at-large?	YES
	NO

SECTION 3. The complete text of the proposed ballot measure and a map of the proposed electoral districts to be submitted to the voters is attached as Exhibit A, Full Text of the Ballot Measure (Ordinance No. 1302).

SECTION 4. The vote requirement for the proposed ballot measure to pass is a majority (50% + 1) of the votes cast.

SECTION 5. The County election department is authorized to canvass the returns of the special municipal election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election and only one form of ballot shall be used. The election will be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide or special election.

SECTION 6. The Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the County election department to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the consolidated election.

SECTION 7. The City of Bellflower recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by the County by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse the County for any costs.

SECTION 8. The Mayor, or presiding officer, is hereby authorized to affix his signature to this Resolution signifying its adoption by the City Council of the City of Bellflower, and the City Clerk, or her duly appointed deputy, is directed to attest thereto.

SECTION 9. The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the County election department of the County of Los Angeles.

SECTION 10. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; shall enter the same in the book of original Resolutions; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER ON THIS 12th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.



Scott A. Larsen, Mayor

Attest:


Debra D. Bauchop, City Clerk

Attachment:


Exhibit A – Full Text of the Ballot Measure and Map of Proposed Electoral Districts (Ordinance No. 1302)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)SS
CITY OF BELLFLOWER)

I, **Debra D. Bauchop**, City Clerk of the City of Bellflower, California, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Resolution No. 15-80 was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its Regular Meeting of October 12, 2015, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Council Members – Schnablegger, Koops, Dunton, Santa Ines,
and Mayor Larsen

Dated: October 13, 2015


Debra D. Bauchop, City Clerk
City of Bellflower, California

(SEAL)

**EXHIBIT A
FULL TEXT OF THE BALLOT MEASURE**

**CITY OF BELLFLOWER
ORDINANCE NO. 1302**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER AMENDING CHAPTER 2.28 OF THE BELLFLOWER MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTIONS 2.28.020, 2.28.030, AND 2.28.040 CHANGING THE CITY'S ELECTORAL SYSTEM FROM AT-LARGE TO BY-DISTRICT ELECTIONS WITH RESPECT TO ELECTING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, ESTABLISHING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, AND SCHEDULING ELECTIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the City of Bellflower supports the full participation of all residents in electing Members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellflower currently elects its five City Council Members using an at-large election system; and

WHEREAS, some members of the public believe adopting a by-district electoral system for the Bellflower City Council would better promote the full participation of all residents in electing Members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in the at-large election system, candidates may reside in any part of the City and each City Council Member is elected by the voters of the entire City; and

WHEREAS, in a by-district election system, a candidate for City Council must reside in the district which he or she wishes to represent, and only the voters of that district are entitled to vote to decide who their representative will be; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of California Government Code sections 34870-34884, a proposal to adopt a by-district method of election in a general law city must be submitted to the voters of the City along with the proposed boundaries of the districts; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of California Elections Code section 10010, a political subdivision that changes from an at-large method of election to a by-district method of election shall hold at least two public hearings on a proposal to establish the district boundaries of the political subdivision prior to a public hearing at which the governing body of the political subdivision votes to approve or defeat the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held public hearings on the proposal to establish district boundaries on August 24, 2015, September 14, 2015, September 28, 2015, and October 12, 2015, at which it considered the proposal to establish district boundaries; and

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WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to enact, pursuant to California Government Code sections 34870-34884, an ordinance providing for the election of the Members of the City Council of the City of Bellflower by-district in five single-member districts as reflected in Exhibit 1 to this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.28 of the Bellflower Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding Sections 2.28.020 through 2.28.040 to read as follows:

Section 2.28.020. By-District Electoral System.

- A. Pursuant to California Government Code section 34871(a), Members of the City Council of the City of Bellflower shall be elected by-districts in five (5) single-member districts.
- B. (1) Beginning with the general municipal election in March 2019, Members of the City Council shall be elected in the electoral districts established by Section 2.28.030 and subsequently reapportioned as provided by State law. Elections shall take place on a by-district basis as that term is defined in California Government Code section 34871, meaning one Member of the City Council shall be elected from each district, by the voters of that district alone. Each Member of the City Council shall serve a four-year term until his or her successor is qualified.
- (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) hereof, the Council Member elected to represent a district must reside in that district and be a registered voter in that district, and any candidate for City Council must live in, and be a registered voter in, the district in which he or she seeks election at the time nomination papers are issued. Termination of residency in a district by a Council Member shall create an immediate vacancy for that Council district unless a substitute residence within the district is established within thirty (30) days after the termination of residency.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Members of the City Council in office at the time the Ordinance codified in this chapter takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of the full term to which he or she was elected and until his or her successor is qualified. At the end of the term of each Council Member that Member's successor shall be elected on a by-district basis in the districts established in Section 2.28.030 and as provided in Section 2.28.040.

Section 2.28.030. Establishment of City Council Electoral Districts.

- A. Subject to Section 2:28.040, Members of the City Council shall be elected on a "by-district" basis from the Council districts described as follows:
- (1) Council District 1 shall comprise all that portion of the City beginning at the intersection of Somerset Blvd. and the City's western border, thence proceeding easterly along Somerset Blvd. to Cabell Ave.; thence proceeding northeasterly along Cabell Ave. to Potter St.; thence proceeding southeasterly and easterly along Potter St. to Cornuta Ave.; thence proceeding northerly along Cornuta Ave. to Lindale St.; thence proceeding easterly along Lindale St. to Woodruff Ave.; thence proceeding northerly along Woodruff Ave. to Rosecrans Ave.; thence proceeding easterly along Rosecrans Ave. to the City's eastern border; thence proceeding counter-clockwise along the City border to the point of beginning.
 - (2) Council District 2 shall comprise all that portion of the City beginning at the intersection of Somerset Blvd. and Bellflower Blvd., thence proceeding easterly along Somerset Blvd. to Cabell Ave.; thence proceeding northeasterly along Cabell Ave. to Potter St.; thence proceeding southeasterly and easterly along Potter St. to Cornuta Ave.; thence proceeding northerly along Cornuta Ave. to Lindale St.; thence proceeding easterly along Lindale St. to Woodruff Ave.; thence proceeding northerly along Woodruff Ave. to Rosecrans Ave.; thence proceeding easterly along Rosecrans Ave. to the City's eastern border; thence proceeding clockwise along the City border to Highway 91; thence proceeding westerly along Highway 91 to the Bellflower Bike Trail; thence proceeding northwesterly along the Bellflower Bike Trail to Cornuta Ave.; thence proceeding northerly along Cornuta Ave. to the north edge of parcel APN 7109003051 (16331 Cornuta Ave.); thence proceeding westerly along the north edge of parcel APN 7109003051 and parcel APN 7109003013 (16326 Eucalyptus Ave.) to Eucalyptus Ave.; thence proceeding northerly along Eucalyptus Ave. to Alondra Blvd.; thence proceeding westerly along Alondra Blvd. to Bellflower Blvd.; thence proceeding northerly along Bellflower Blvd. to the point of beginning.
 - (3) Council District 3 shall comprise all that portion of the City beginning at the intersection of Somerset Blvd. and the City's western border, thence proceeding easterly along Somerset Blvd. to Bellflower Blvd.; thence proceeding southerly along Bellflower Blvd. to Flower St.; thence proceeding westerly along Flower St. to Clark Ave.; thence proceeding southerly along Clark Ave. to Walnut St.; thence proceeding westerly along Walnut St. to the City border; thence proceeding clockwise along the City border to the point of beginning.

- (4) Council District 4 shall comprise all that portion of the City beginning at the intersection of Ardmore Ave. and the City's southern border, thence proceeding northerly along Ardmore Ave. to Flower St.; thence proceeding westerly along Flower St. to Clark Ave.; thence proceeding southerly along Clark Ave. to Walnut St.; thence proceeding westerly along Walnut St. to the City border; thence proceeding counter-clockwise along the City border to the point of beginning.
 - (5) Council District 5 shall comprise all that portion of the City beginning at the intersection of Highway 91 and the City's eastern border, thence proceeding westerly along Highway 91 to the Bellflower Bike Trail; thence proceeding northwesterly along the Bellflower Bike Trail to Cornuta Ave.; thence proceeding northerly along Cornuta Ave. to the north edge of parcel APN 7109003051 (16331 Cornuta Ave.); thence proceeding westerly along the north edge of parcel APN 7109003051 and parcel APN 7109003013 (16326 Eucalyptus Ave.) to Eucalyptus Ave.; thence proceeding northerly along Eucalyptus Ave. to Alondra Blvd.; thence proceeding westerly along Alondra Blvd. to Bellflower Blvd.; thence proceeding southerly along Bellflower Blvd. to Flower St.; thence proceeding westerly along Flower St. to Ardmore Ave.; thence proceeding southerly along Ardmore Ave. to the City border; thence proceeding counter-clockwise along the City border to the point of beginning.
- B. The Council districts specified in subdivision (A) shall continue in effect until they are repealed or amended by the voters or until they are adjusted pursuant to California Elections Code sections 21600-21606, any successor statute thereto, or any other provision of State law authorizing the City Council to amend the districts without a vote of the people.

Section 2.28.040. Election Schedule.

Council Members shall be elected in Council Districts 1, 3, and 5 beginning at the general municipal election in 2019 (or November 2018, if the City's elections are allowed by the County of Los Angeles or required by State law to be consolidated with the statewide election) and every four years thereafter. Council Members shall be elected from Council Districts 2 and 4 beginning at the general municipal election in 2021 (or November 2020, if the City's elections are allowed by the County of Los Angeles or required by State law to be consolidated with the statewide election) and every four years thereafter.

SECTION 2. Implementation.

A map showing the districts described in the Ordinance codified in this chapter is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by this reference. To the extent there is a conflict between the descriptions contained in said Ordinance codified in this chapter and the map incorporated herein, the map shall prevail.

If necessary to facilitate the implementation of this Ordinance, the City Clerk is authorized to make technical adjustments to the district boundaries that do not substantively affect the populations in the districts, the eligibility of candidates, or the residence of elected officials within any district. The City Clerk shall consult with the City Manager and City Attorney concerning any technical adjustments deemed necessary and shall advise the City Council of any such adjustments required in the implementation of the districts.

SECTION 3. Effective Date.

Upon a majority of the voters voting in favor of this Ordinance, it shall be considered as adopted upon the date the vote is declared by the City Council and shall go into effect ten (10) days after that date.

SECTION 4. Inconsistencies.

To the extent the terms and provisions of this Ordinance may be inconsistent or in conflict with the terms or conditions of any prior City ordinance, motion, resolution, rule or regulation governing the same subject, the terms of this Ordinance shall prevail with respect to the subject matter thereof.

SECTION 5. Interpretation.

In interpreting this Ordinance or resolving any ambiguity, this Ordinance shall be interpreted in a manner that effectively accomplishes its stated purposes.

SECTION 6. Severability.

If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The People of the City of Bellflower hereby declare they would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that anyone or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 7. Posting.

The City Clerk is directed to cause a copy of this Ordinance to be posted as required by law.

SECTION 8. Execution.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to attest to the adoption of this Ordinance by the voters of the City by signing where indicated below.

I HEREBY CERTIFY MEASURE ___ (ORDINANCE NO. 1302) WAS PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016.

Mayor

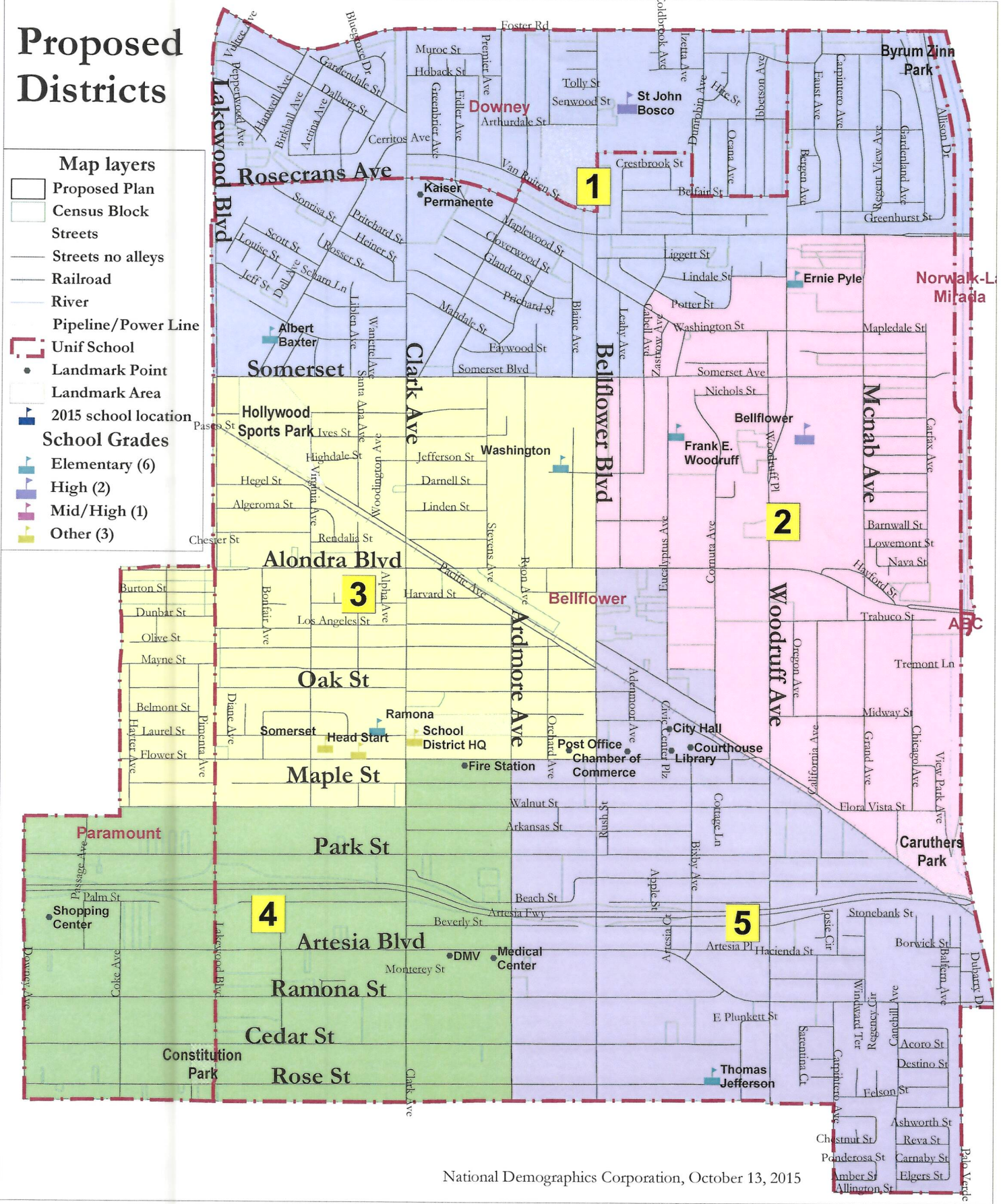
Attest:

City Clerk

Exhibit 1: Map of Proposed Electoral Districts










Proposed Districts

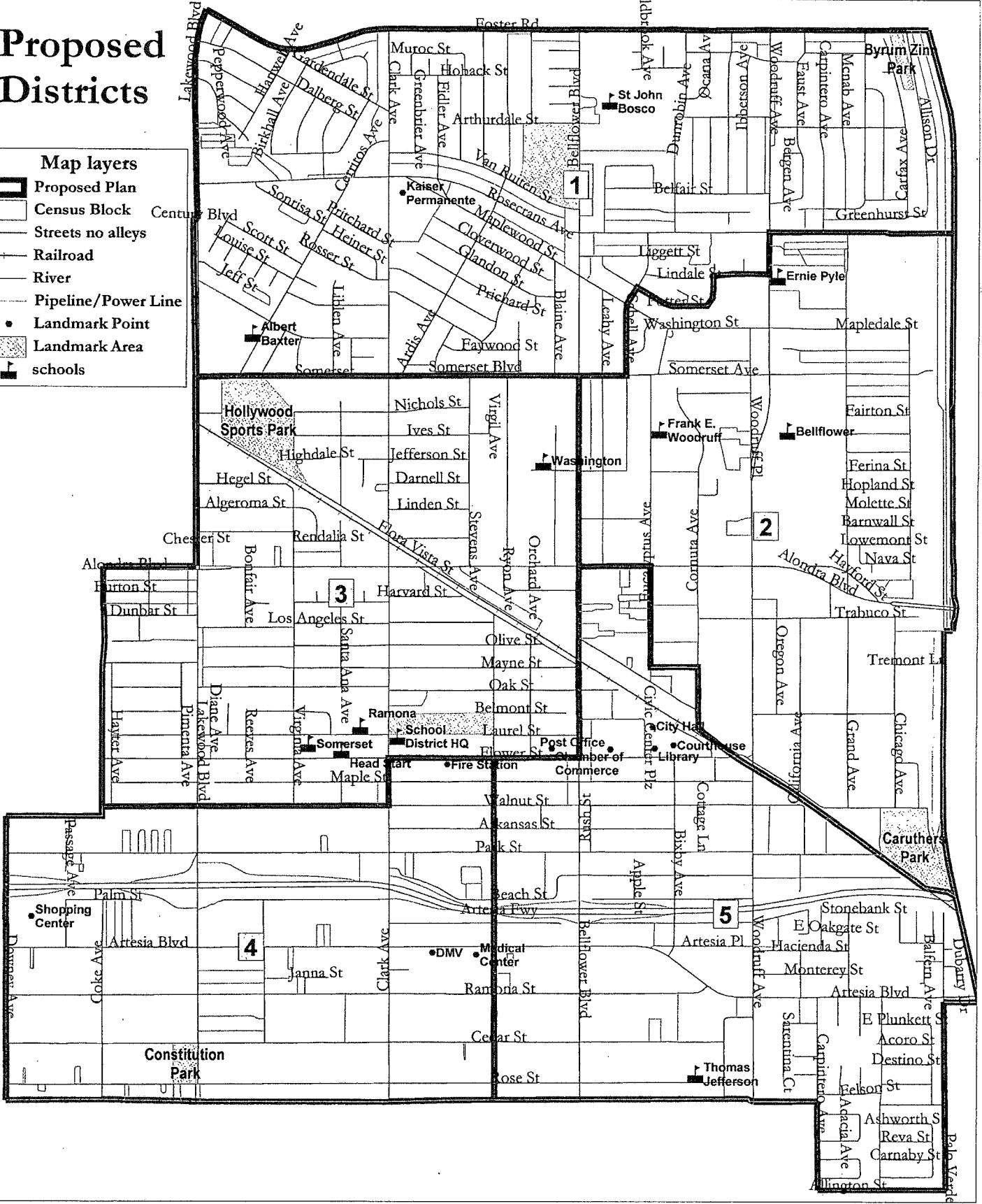
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- School Grades**
- Elementary (6)
 - High (2)
 - Mid/High (1)
 - Other (3)



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF BELLFLOWER)

I, **Debra D. Bauchop**, City Clerk of the City of Bellflower, California, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 15-80 adopted by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its Regular Meeting of the Bellflower City Council thereof held on the 12th day of October 2015.

**In Witness hereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed the seal of the
City of Bellflower, California, this 14th
day of October 2015.**



**Debra D. Bauchop, City Clerk
City of Bellflower, California**

CITY OF BELLFLOWER

RESOLUTION NO. 15-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016, FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS A QUESTION RELATING TO CHANGING THE CITY'S ELECTORAL SYSTEM FROM AT-LARGE TO BY-DISTRICT ELECTIONS WITH RESPECT TO ELECTING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Elections Code sections 9222 and 12001 and California Government Code section 34871, a special municipal election shall be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, to submit to the voters a question relating to the method by which voters in the City of Bellflower elect their City Council Members; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellflower currently elects its five City Council Members using an at-large election system; and

WHEREAS, the system for electing the City Council Members can be changed by the voters at an election called for that purpose, and that measure is submitted to determine whether the voters of Bellflower want to change the method for the election of City Council Members from at-large to by-district; and

WHEREAS, in the at-large election system, candidates may reside in any part of the City and each City Council Member is elected by the voters of the entire City; and

WHEREAS, one alternative method of electing the City Council Members is to elect those Council Members within geographically defined districts within the City ("by-district system"). In a by-district system, a candidate for the City Council must reside in the district which he or she wishes to represent, and only the residents of that district are entitled to vote to decide who their representative will be; and

WHEREAS, in an at-large system, because candidates are elected by all the voters in the City, they must campaign for votes throughout the entire City. Advocates of the by-district system point out since the candidates in a by-district system campaign for election only in the particular district where the candidates reside, the cost of campaigning may be lower than campaigning throughout the entire City; and

WHEREAS, advocates of the at-large system point out successful candidates for the City Council are accountable through the electoral process to voters throughout the City, not only the voters in a particular district or geographic area of the City; and

WHEREAS, advocates of the by-district system point out successful candidates for election to the City Council are accountable through the electoral process to the voters in their districts, and not to the voters throughout the entire City. Thus, a district's Council Member may be more responsive to the particular constituent needs in the district; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes the voters of Bellflower should have the opportunity to decide how they wish to elect their City Council Members and whether to change the method of election of the City Council Members from an at-large to a by-district system; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2015, the City Council approved criteria to guide the drawing of proposed City Council district boundaries, as follows:

Legal Requirements:

1. The boundaries of the districts shall be established so the districts are at least as nearly equal in population as required by law.
2. The boundaries of the districts shall be established so the districts do not result in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen to vote on account of race or color as provided in Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act.
3. The boundaries of the districts shall not be gerrymandered in violation of the principles established by the *United States Supreme Court in Shaw v. Reno*, 509 U.S. 630 (1993), and its progeny.

Traditional Districting Criteria:

(numbering is for ease of reference and does not indicate priority)

4. The boundaries of the districts shall observe communities of interest, such as school- and park-connected neighborhoods, urban populations, City planning areas, social interests, agricultural, industrial, or service industry interests, or other locally recognized definitions of communities and neighborhoods, insofar as practicable.
5. The boundaries of the districts may take into account visible features, such as topography and geography, and man-made geographical features such as highways and canals, etc., insofar as practicable.
6. The boundaries of the districts shall be compact, insofar as practicable.
7. The boundaries of the districts shall be created to contain contiguous territory, insofar as practicable.
8. To maintain a longer-term population balance, districts known to be areas of higher-than-average population growth following districting may be under-populated within the population deviation amounts allowed by law.
9. The boundaries of the districts shall comply with such other factors which become known during the districting process and are formally adopted by the City Council.

10. The boundaries of the districts may consider avoiding pairing two or more incumbents in a single district, insofar as this does not conflict with the Constitution and laws of the State of California and the United States; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2015, the City released a public participation kit empowering members of the public to draw and submit their own districting plans (maps); and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2015, the City released draft Concept Plans A, B, and C drawn by the City's demographic consultant, National Demographics Corporation ("NDC"); in addition two proposed plans were received from the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), and a Bellflower resident submitted a concept for a map that, pursuant to instruction from the City Council, the City's consultant further developed in accordance with public comment, Council discussion, and the criteria adopted by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of California Elections Code section 10010, a political subdivision that changes from an at-large method of election to a by-district method of election shall hold at least two public hearings on a proposal to establish the district boundaries of the political subdivision prior to a public hearing at which the governing body of the political subdivision votes to approve or defeat the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held public hearings on the proposal to establish district boundaries on August 24, 2015, September 14, 2015, September 28, 2015, and October 12, 2015, at which it considered the proposal to establish district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing on September 28, 2015, the City Council unanimously instructed the City's consultant change the district numbering on all submitted plans so the district numbered 2 should be numbered 3, and the district numbered 3 should be numbered 2; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing on September 28, 2015, the City Council unanimously indicated, subject to a further public hearing on October 12, 2015, draft Concept Plan A as the districting plan for the City to be submitted to the voters in accordance with California Government Code sections 34870 – 34884, as applicable; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing on September 28, 2015, pursuant to California Government Code section 34878, the City Council determined the Members of the City Council in office at the time any ordinance changing the City's method of election to a by-district method and establishing the boundaries of the electoral districts is approved by the voters and takes effect, shall continue in office until the expiration of the term to which he or she was elected and until his or her successor is qualified, and, at the end of the term of each Council Member that Member's successor shall be elected on a by-district basis in the districts established by ordinance; and

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WHEREAS, at the public hearing on September 28, 2015, the City Council also determined, if the change to by-district elections is approved by Bellflower voters, then Council Members shall be elected in Council Districts 1, 3, and 5 beginning at the general municipal election in 2019 (or November 2018, if the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to California Elections Code section 1301, permits the City to consolidate its general municipal election with the November 2018 statewide general election), and every four years thereafter, and Council Members shall be elected from Council Districts 2 and 4 beginning at the general municipal election in 2021 (or in November 2020, if consolidation is permitted), and every four years thereafter; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of California Government Code sections 34870-34884, a proposal to adopt a by-district method of election in a general law city must be submitted to the voters of that city along with the proposed boundaries of the districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to California Elections Code sections 9222 and 12001 and California Government Code section 34871, there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Bellflower a special municipal election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to the voters the following question("Ordinance No. 1302"):

Shall Members of the City Council of the City of Bellflower be elected by-districts described in Ordinance No. 1302 instead of at-large?	YES
	NO

SECTION 2. The complete text of the proposed ballot measure and a map of the proposed electoral districts to be submitted to the voters is attached as Exhibit A, Full Text of the Ballot Measure (Ordinance No. 1302).

SECTION 3. The vote requirement for the proposed ballot measure to pass is a majority (50% + 1) of the votes cast.

SECTION 4. The ballots to be used at the election shall be in form and content as required by law.

SECTION 5. The polls shall be open at 7 a.m. of the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until 8 p.m. of the same day when the polls shall be closed, pursuant to California Elections Code section 10242, except as provided in California Elections Code section 14401.

SECTION 6. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 7. Notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form, and manner as required by law.

SECTION 8. If the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors permits the special election on the proposed ballot measure to be consolidated with the statewide general election on November 8, 2016, then, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Sections 5, 6, or 7, above, within the City the precincts, polling places, and election officers of the two elections shall be the same; the County election department of the County of Los Angeles shall canvass the returns of the special municipal election; and the election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election.

SECTION 9. The Mayor, or presiding officer, is hereby authorized to affix his signature to this Resolution signifying its adoption by the City Council of the City of Bellflower, and the City Clerk, or her duly appointed deputy, is directed to attest thereto.

SECTION 10. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; shall enter the same in the book of original Resolutions; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER ON THIS 12th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.



Scott A. Larsen, Mayor

Attest:


Debra D. Bauchop, City Clerk

Attachment:

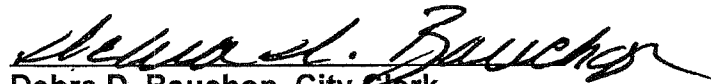
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AYES: Council Members – Schnablegger, Koops, Dunton, Santa Ines,
and Mayor Larsen

Dated: October 13, 2015


Debra D. Bauchop, City Clerk
City of Bellflower, California

(SEAL)

**EXHIBIT A
FULL TEXT OF THE BALLOT MEASURE**

**CITY OF BELLFLOWER
ORDINANCE NO. 1302**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER AMENDING CHAPTER 2.28 OF THE BELLFLOWER MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTIONS 2.28.020, 2.28.030, AND 2.28.040 CHANGING THE CITY'S ELECTORAL SYSTEM FROM AT-LARGE TO BY-DISTRICT ELECTIONS WITH RESPECT TO ELECTING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, ESTABLISHING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, AND SCHEDULING ELECTIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the City of Bellflower supports the full participation of all residents in electing Members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellflower currently elects its five City Council Members using an at-large election system; and

WHEREAS, some members of the public believe adopting a by-district electoral system for the Bellflower City Council would better promote the full participation of all residents in electing Members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in the at-large election system, candidates may reside in any part of the City and each City Council Member is elected by the voters of the entire City; and

WHEREAS, in a by-district election system, a candidate for City Council must reside in the district which he or she wishes to represent, and only the voters of that district are entitled to vote to decide who their representative will be; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of California Government Code sections 34870-34884, a proposal to adopt a by-district method of election in a general law city must be submitted to the voters of the City along with the proposed boundaries of the districts; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of California Elections Code section 10010, a political subdivision that changes from an at-large method of election to a by-district method of election shall hold at least two public hearings on a proposal to establish the district boundaries of the political subdivision prior to a public hearing at which the governing body of the political subdivision votes to approve or defeat the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held public hearings on the proposal to establish district boundaries on August 24, 2015, September 14, 2015, September 28, 2015, and October 12, 2015, at which it considered the proposal to establish district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to enact, pursuant to California Government Code sections 34870-34884, an ordinance providing for the election of the Members of the City Council of the City of Bellflower by-district in five single-member districts as reflected in Exhibit 1 to this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.28 of the Bellflower Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding Sections 2.28.020 through 2.28.040 to read as follows:

Section 2.28.020. By-District Electoral System.

- A. Pursuant to California Government Code section 34871(a), Members of the City Council of the City of Bellflower shall be elected by-districts in five (5) single-member districts.
- B.
 - (1) Beginning with the general municipal election in March 2019, Members of the City Council shall be elected in the electoral districts established by Section 2.28.030 and subsequently reapportioned as provided by State law. Elections shall take place on a by-district basis as that term is defined in California Government Code section 34871, meaning one Member of the City Council shall be elected from each district, by the voters of that district alone. Each Member of the City Council shall serve a four-year term until his or her successor is qualified.
 - (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) hereof, the Council Member elected to represent a district must reside in that district and be a registered voter in that district, and any candidate for City Council must live in, and be a registered voter in, the district in which he or she seeks election at the time nomination papers are issued. Termination of residency in a district by a Council Member shall create an immediate vacancy for that Council district unless a substitute residence within the district is established within thirty (30) days after the termination of residency.
 - (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Members of the City Council in office at the time the Ordinance codified in this chapter takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of the full term to which he or she was elected and until his or her successor is qualified. At the end of the term of each Council Member that Member's successor shall be elected on a by-district basis in the districts established in Section 2.28.030 and as provided in Section 2.28.040.

Section 2.28.030. Establishment of City Council Electoral Districts.

- A. Subject to Section 2.28.040, Members of the City Council shall be elected on a "by-district" basis from the Council districts described as follows:
- (1) Council District 1 shall comprise all that portion of the City beginning at the intersection of Somerset Blvd. and the City's western border, thence proceeding easterly along Somerset Blvd. to Cabell Ave.; thence proceeding northeasterly along Cabell Ave. to Potter St.; thence proceeding southeasterly and easterly along Potter St. to Cornuta Ave.; thence proceeding northerly along Cornuta Ave. to Lindale St.; thence proceeding easterly along Lindale St. to Woodruff Ave.; thence proceeding northerly along Woodruff Ave. to Rosecrans Ave.; thence proceeding easterly along Rosecrans Ave. to the City's eastern border; thence proceeding counter-clockwise along the City border to the point of beginning.
 - (2) Council District 2 shall comprise all that portion of the City beginning at the intersection of Somerset Blvd. and Bellflower Blvd., thence proceeding easterly along Somerset Blvd. to Cabell Ave.; thence proceeding northeasterly along Cabell Ave. to Potter St.; thence proceeding southeasterly and easterly along Potter St. to Cornuta Ave.; thence proceeding northerly along Cornuta Ave. to Lindale St.; thence proceeding easterly along Lindale St. to Woodruff Ave.; thence proceeding northerly along Woodruff Ave. to Rosecrans Ave.; thence proceeding easterly along Rosecrans Ave. to the City's eastern border; thence proceeding clockwise along the City border to Highway 91; thence proceeding westerly along Highway 91 to the Bellflower Bike Trail; thence proceeding northwesterly along the Bellflower Bike Trail to Cornuta Ave.; thence proceeding northerly along Cornuta Ave. to the north edge of parcel APN 7109003051 (16331 Cornuta Ave.); thence proceeding westerly along the north edge of parcel APN 7109003051 and parcel APN 7109003013 (16326 Eucalyptus Ave.) to Eucalyptus Ave.; thence proceeding northerly along Eucalyptus Ave. to Alondra Blvd.; thence proceeding westerly along Alondra Blvd. to Bellflower Blvd.; thence proceeding northerly along Bellflower Blvd. to the point of beginning.
 - (3) Council District 3 shall comprise all that portion of the City beginning at the intersection of Somerset Blvd. and the City's western border, thence proceeding easterly along Somerset Blvd. to Bellflower Blvd.; thence proceeding southerly along Bellflower Blvd. to Flower St.; thence proceeding westerly along Flower St. to Clark Ave.; thence proceeding southerly along Clark Ave. to Walnut St.; thence proceeding westerly along Walnut St. to the City border; thence proceeding clockwise along the City border to the point of beginning.

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- (4) Council District 4 shall comprise all that portion of the City beginning at the intersection of Ardmore Ave. and the City's southern border, thence proceeding northerly along Ardmore Ave. to Flower St.; thence proceeding westerly along Flower St. to Clark Ave.; thence proceeding southerly along Clark Ave. to Walnut St.; thence proceeding westerly along Walnut St. to the City border; thence proceeding counter-clockwise along the City border to the point of beginning.
 - (5) Council District 5 shall comprise all that portion of the City beginning at the intersection of Highway 91 and the City's eastern border, thence proceeding westerly along Highway 91 to the Bellflower Bike Trail; thence proceeding northwesterly along the Bellflower Bike Trail to Cornuta Ave.; thence proceeding northerly along Cornuta Ave. to the north edge of parcel APN 7109003051 (16331 Cornuta Ave.); thence proceeding westerly along the north edge of parcel APN 7109003051 and parcel APN 7109003013 (16326 Eucalyptus Ave.) to Eucalyptus Ave.; thence proceeding northerly along Eucalyptus Ave. to Alondra Blvd.; thence proceeding westerly along Alondra Blvd. to Bellflower Blvd.; thence proceeding southerly along Bellflower Blvd. to Flower St.; thence proceeding westerly along Flower St. to Ardmore Ave.; thence proceeding southerly along Ardmore Ave. to the City border; thence proceeding counter-clockwise along the City border to the point of beginning.
- B. The Council districts specified in subdivision (A) shall continue in effect until they are repealed or amended by the voters or until they are adjusted pursuant to California Elections Code sections 21600-21606, any successor statute thereto, or any other provision of State law authorizing the City Council to amend the districts without a vote of the people.

Section 2.28.040. Election Schedule.

Council Members shall be elected in Council Districts 1, 3, and 5 beginning at the general municipal election in 2019 (or November 2018, if the City's elections are allowed by the County of Los Angeles or required by State law to be consolidated with the statewide election) and every four years thereafter. Council Members shall be elected from Council Districts 2 and 4 beginning at the general municipal election in 2021 (or November 2020, if the City's elections are allowed by the County of Los Angeles or required by State law to be consolidated with the statewide election) and every four years thereafter.

SECTION 2. Implementation.

A map showing the districts described in the Ordinance codified in this chapter is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by this reference. To the extent there is a conflict between the descriptions contained in said Ordinance codified in this chapter and the map incorporated herein, the map shall prevail.

If necessary to facilitate the implementation of this Ordinance, the City Clerk is authorized to make technical adjustments to the district boundaries that do not substantively affect the populations in the districts, the eligibility of candidates, or the residence of elected officials within any district. The City Clerk shall consult with the City Manager and City Attorney concerning any technical adjustments deemed necessary and shall advise the City Council of any such adjustments required in the implementation of the districts.

SECTION 3. Effective Date.

Upon a majority of the voters voting in favor of this Ordinance, it shall be considered as adopted upon the date the vote is declared by the City Council and shall go into effect ten (10) days after that date.

SECTION 4. Inconsistencies.

To the extent the terms and provisions of this Ordinance may be inconsistent or in conflict with the terms or conditions of any prior City ordinance, motion, resolution, rule or regulation governing the same subject, the terms of this Ordinance shall prevail with respect to the subject matter thereof.

SECTION 5. Interpretation.

In interpreting this Ordinance or resolving any ambiguity, this Ordinance shall be interpreted in a manner that effectively accomplishes its stated purposes.

SECTION 6. Severability.

If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The People of the City of Bellflower hereby declare they would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that anyone or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 7. Posting.

The City Clerk is directed to cause a copy of this Ordinance to be posted as required by law.

SECTION 8. Execution.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to attest to the adoption of this Ordinance by the voters of the City by signing where indicated below.

I HEREBY CERTIFY MEASURE ___ (ORDINANCE NO. 1302) WAS PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016.

Mayor

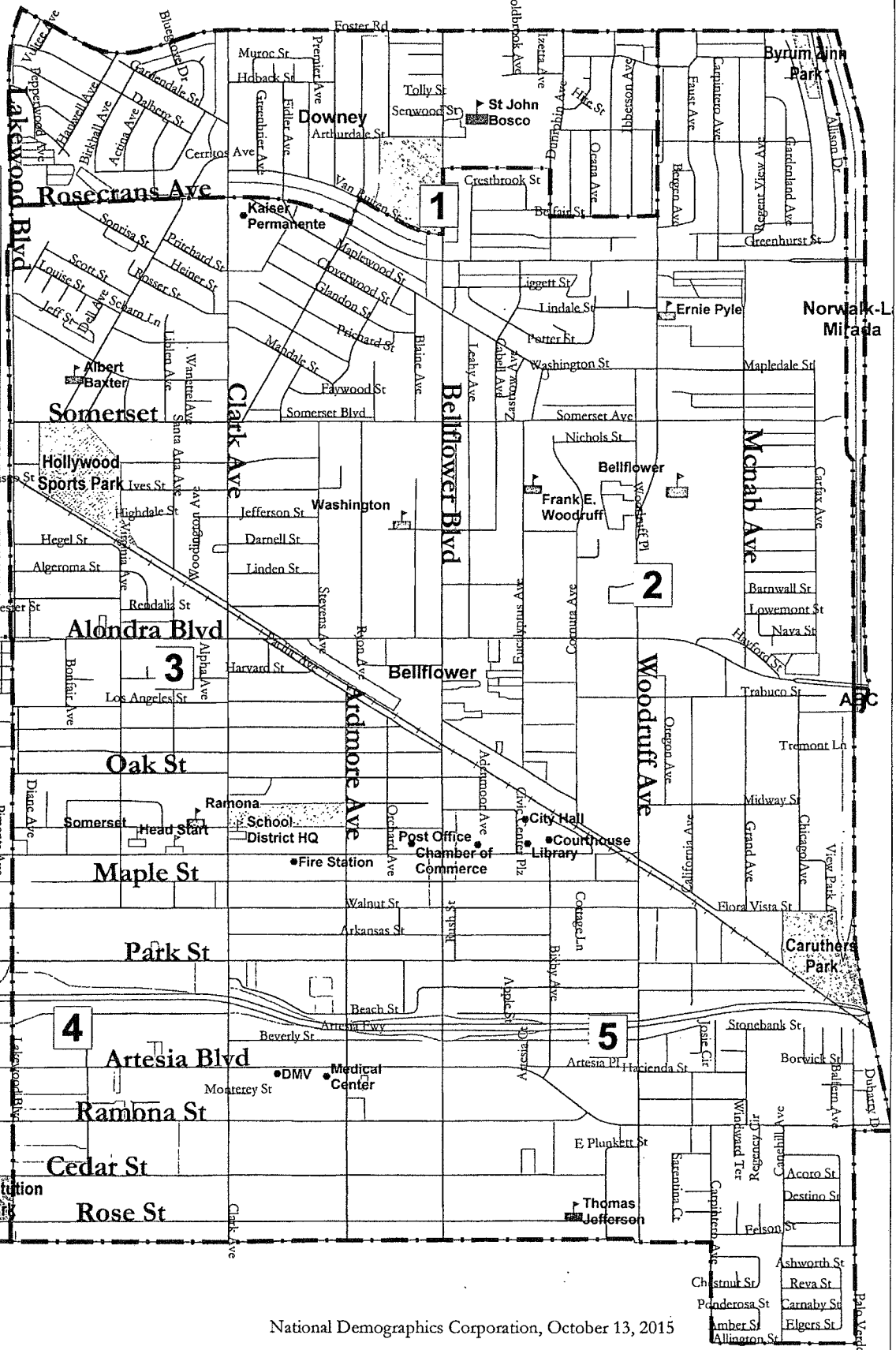
Attest:

City Clerk

Exhibit 1: Map of Proposed Electoral Districts










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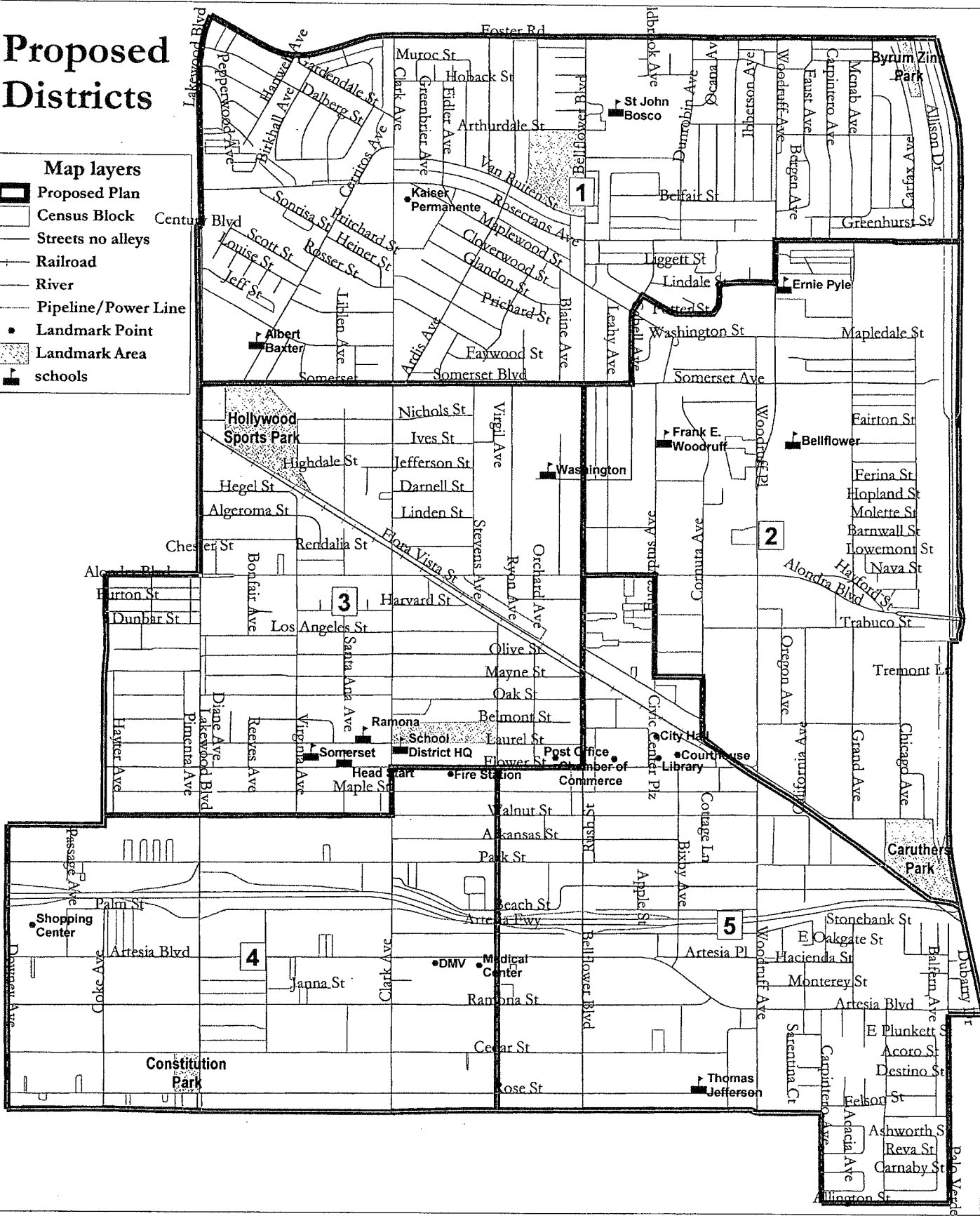
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- School Grades**
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 - High (2)
 - Mid/High (1)
 - Other (3)



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CITY OF BELLFLOWER

RESOLUTION NO. 15-81

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER RELATIVE TO SETTING PRIORITIES FOR WRITTEN ARGUMENTS REGARDING A CITY MEASURE AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

WHEREAS, a special municipal election is to be held in the City of Bellflower on November 8, 2016, at which there will be submitted to the voters the following question ("Ordinance No. 1302"):

Shall Members of the City Council of the City of Bellflower be elected by-districts described in Ordinance No. 1302 instead of at-large?	YES
	NO

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement filed in the Los Angeles County Superior Court under the California Voting Rights Act entitled, *Melliz, et al., v. City of Bellflower, et al.*, Case No. BC551555, neither the City nor any Council Member on behalf of the City shall (i) file a written argument or rebuttal in favor of or against the proposed ballot measure or (ii) authorize any City Council Member serving at any time between the date of the Settlement Agreement and the date of the election on the proposed ballot measure to file a written argument or rebuttal in favor of or against the proposed ballot measure.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 1, above, each Council Member may, as a private citizen, file a written argument in favor of or against the proposed ballot measure and/or file a rebuttal argument to the argument in favor of or against the proposed ballot measure; provided, that s/he/they do not use the title "City Council Member," or similar language, for identification purposes in the signature block.

SECTION 3. Written arguments in favor of or against the proposed ballot measure shall not exceed 300 words including title; rebuttal arguments to the argument in favor of or against the proposed ballot measure shall not exceed 250 words including title. Arguments and rebuttals may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City Clerk after which no arguments/rebuttals in favor of or against the proposed ballot measure may be submitted to the City Clerk, in accordance with Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9, of the California Elections Code of the State of California.

SECTION 4. All arguments and rebuttals in favor of or against the proposed ballot measure shall be filed with the City Clerk, signed, with the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it or, if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument and shall be accompanied by the Argument and Rebuttal Form (all authors must sign the Declaration by Author/s of Arguments or Rebuttals on the reverse side of the Argument and Rebuttal Form), in accordance with Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9, of the California Elections Code of the State of California.

SECTION 5. The City Council directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the proposed ballot measure to the City Attorney.

a) The City Attorney shall prepare an Impartial Analysis of the proposed ballot measure not exceeding 500 words showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure.

b) The Impartial Analysis shall include a statement indicating whether the proposed measure was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters or by the governing body of the City.

c) In the event the entire text of the measure is not printed on the ballot, nor in the voter information portion of the sample ballot, there shall be printed immediately below the Impartial Analysis, in no less than 10-point type, a statement substantially as follows: "The above statement is an impartial analysis of the proposed ballot measure (Ordinance No. 1302). If you desire a copy of the proposed ballot measure, please call the City Clerk's Office at (562) 804-1424 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you."

d) The Impartial Analysis of the proposed ballot measure shall be filed by the date set by the City Clerk for the filing of primary arguments.

SECTION 6. The Mayor, or presiding officer, is hereby authorized to affix his signature to this Resolution signifying its adoption by the City Council of the City of Bellflower, and the City Clerk, or her duly appointed deputy, is directed to attest thereto.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; shall enter the same in the book of original Resolutions; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER ON THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.



Scott A. Larsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

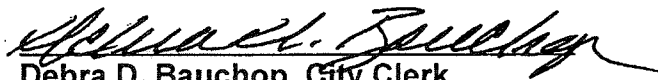

Debra D. Bauchop, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)SS
CITY OF BELLFLOWER)

I, **Debra D. Bauchop**, City Clerk of the City of Bellflower, California, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Resolution No. 15-81 was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its Regular Meeting of October 12, 2015, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Council Members – Schnablegger, Koops, Dunton, Santa Ines,
and Mayor Larsen

Dated: October 13, 2015


Debra D. Bauchop, City Clerk
City of Bellflower, California

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