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Resolution on the Adoption of the Redistricting Plan by the County of Los

Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission

Redistricting is the process of redrawing the political boundaries for elective offices after the U.S. Census. Every ten years, after the federal census, district boundaries for federal, state, and local elected offices are redrawn to reflect new population data and shifting populations.

In September 2016, Governor Edmund Gerald Brown Jr. signed Senate Bill 958 (SB 958, as codified in Elections Code sections 21530 et seq.) into law, which made it the controlling law governing redistricting in Los Angeles County. Under this law, Los Angeles County was required to create a 14-member Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) by December 31, 2020, make available to the CRC a complete and accurate computerized database for redistricting, provide the public access to the database application and redistricting data, and provide reasonable staffing and funding for the CRC.

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The primary responsibility of the CRC is to use the 2020 Census data to independently create and adopt a redistricting plan that includes a final redistricting map adjusting the boundary lines for the five single-member County Supervisorial Districts. The CRC is also required to issue, with the redistricting plan, a report explaining its decisions to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk by December 15, 2021. (Elections Code sections 21501, 21534.)

In addition, state law requires the CRC to hold seven (7) public hearings before drawing redistricting maps; hold two (2) public hearings after maps are drawn, including posting the maps on a County website for public comment; publish a calendar of CRC hearings, with posted agendas in advance; provide live translation of public hearings, when requested; and encourage public participation through public outreach, coordinating with community organizations, and posting redistricting information and hearings on the website.

Recognizing the importance of the CRC's decennial redistricting work and in support of the CRC's role to ensure a fair, transparent, and public process to complete its charge, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion on November 24, 2020 directing the Executive Office, the Chief Executive Officer, County Counsel, Internal Services Department, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, and other departments as needed to provide reasonable staffing to the CRC, including but not limited to any appropriate technical experts and administrative support, ensure that a complete and accurate computerized database is available to the CRC for redistricting, put procedures into place to provide the public ready access to the redistricting data and computer software, provide Los Angeles County demographic data as required by the

CRC, and identify available funding to support the foregoing activities. These activities were completed as directed and the County continues to support and provide reasonable staff and funding to the CRC in anticipation of the CRC adopting a final map of the five County Supervisorial Districts by December 15, 2021.

In light of SB 958 and the impending adoption and filing of a final redistricting plan by the CRC by December 15, 2021, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to inform the public of the changes to come with the CRC's adoption of a redistricting plan, and to amend the County Code, Title 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 1.08 (Supervisorial Districts), as needed, to immediately reflect the new supervisorial district boundaries and current law governing redistricting in Los Angeles County.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Find that the actions herein are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of project by section 21065 of the California Public Resources Code and section 15378(b)(5) of the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. The adoption of a resolution regarding the provision of constituent services in accordance with the adopted redistricting plan and related directives are organizational or administrative activities of government which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.
2. Adopt the attached resolution declaring that on the first business day following December 15, 2021, or the date of the adoption and filing of the redistricting plan by the CRC, constituent services will be provided to County

residents in accordance with the redistricting plan, with County Supervisors to represent County residents in their respective numbered districts in accordance with the newly adjusted boundaries set forth in the redistricting plan adopted, unless alternate boundaries are set by court order, or unless otherwise required by law.

3. Direct the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Executive Office to issue a press release by the first business day after the CRC's adoption and filing of the final redistricting plan with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, informing the public how the boundaries for the County's five supervisorial districts shall be adjusted with information directing the public to the final redistricting plan, information about the redistricting plan and the redistricting process, and information on how members of the public can identify the supervisorial district in which they reside and the County Supervisor that represents the district in which they reside under the final redistricting plan. The press release should be part of a robust outreach plan, including partnership with hyperlocal and ethnic media across the County.
4. Direct County Counsel to draft an ordinance within 90 days after the CRC's adoption and filing of the redistricting plan that amends the County Code, Title 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 1.08 (Supervisorial Districts), relating to redistricting, to reflect the current law governing redistricting in Los Angeles County and the new supervisorial district boundaries.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ON THE ADOPTION OF THE REDISTRICTING PLAN
BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, California Elections Code, Division 21 – State and Local Reapportionment, Chapter 6.3 – County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission, Sections 21530 – 21535, established an independent Citizens Redistricting Commission in the County of Los Angeles, to adjust the boundary lines of supervisorial districts in the year following the decennial federal census; and

WHEREAS, California Elections Code Section 21534(d)(1) requires the County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission to adopt a redistricting plan adjusting the boundaries of the supervisorial districts and file the plan with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk by the map adoption deadline set forth in Elections Code Section 21501(a); and

WHEREAS, given the impending adoption and filing of the redistricting plan by the County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission by the statutory deadline December 15, 2021, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to inform the public of the changes to come with the redistricting plan; and

WHEREAS, the constituents of Los Angeles County need to know immediately when the final redistricting plan adopted and filed by the County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission applies in terms of which Supervisor represents the district they reside in and who to contact for constituent services; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County Code, Title 1 – General Provisions, Chapter 1.08 – Supervisorial Districts, provides the existing redistricting framework and

plan, and will need to be amended to reflect the current law governing redistricting in Los Angeles County and the new supervisorial district boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that:

Constituent services will be provided to County residents in accordance with the redistricting plan beginning on the first business day following December 15, 2021, or the date of the adoption and filing of the redistricting plan with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, with County Supervisors to represent County residents in their respective numbered districts in accordance with the newly adjusted boundaries as set forth in the redistricting plan, unless alternate boundaries are set by court order, or unless otherwise required by law.

The foregoing resolution was on the 7th day of December, 2021, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.



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