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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
38300 SIERRA HIGHWAY
SUITE B
PALMDALE, CA 93550
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022
3:30 PM
7:00 PM
www.cityofpalmdale.org**

WELCOME

As a result of the dramatic increase in COVID-19 cases, and our desire to keep both the public and City staff safe, the public will be permitted to physically attend the City Council meeting scheduled for February 16, 2022, including public seating available at limited capacity. Masks are required to be worn by all persons in attendance. It is recommended that all citizens practice social distancing to the extent possible while in attendance. Councilmembers may choose to participate in person or via conference call.

How to observe the meeting virtually:

1. Spectrum local access Channel 27
2. Online live webcast at www.cityofpalmdale.org.

How to Submit Public Comments:

**VERBAL PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE MEETING – ZOOM Number: US: +1 346
248 7799 Webinar ID: 840 3281 6351 Passcode: 082427**

Webinar attendee link [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84032816351?
pwd=VVFMZDBYYTFSeMpMTTg3S2UzSWliZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84032816351?pwd=VVFMZDBYYTFSeMpMTTg3S2UzSWliZz09).

Verbal comments must be limited to three (3) minutes. Public comments submitted will become part of the official meeting record.

The safety and well-being of employees and the public remains the City's top priority. The City of Palmdale appreciates your patience and understanding during these challenging times.

The City Council is making every effort to follow the spirit and intent of the Brown Act and other applicable laws regulating the conduct of public meetings in order to maximize transparency and public access.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 267-5151 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

If you require oral Spanish translation, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 267-5151 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Your courtesy is requested to help our meetings run smoothly. If you'll be kind enough to follow these simple rules, we can make the best possible use of your time and ours:

- Please refrain from public displays or outbursts, such as unsolicited applause, comments, cheering, foul language or obscenities.
- Any disruptive activities that substantially interfere with the ability of the City Council to carry out its meeting will not be permitted and offenders will be asked to leave the meeting.
- Please turn off/mute your cell phones and mobile devices.

3:30 P.M.

1. MAYOR TO CALL MEETINGS TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

MAYOR HOFBAUER, MAYOR PRO TEM LOA,
COUNCILMEMBERS CARRILLO, BISHOP, BETTENCOURT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Now is the time for public participation for any person wishing to speak to the City Council on matters listed or not listed on the agenda, within the jurisdiction of the City Council. If you are attending the meeting by phone, please press *9 to "raise your hand." If attending by personal computer, please click the "raise your hand" button. Press *6 to un-mute yourself, state your name and begin speaking. PLEASE NOTE: A three-minute limit is imposed on each speaker.

4. PRESENTATION BY CITY ATTORNEY

- 4.1 This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54957.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: City Manager

- 4.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One case.

Closed session is recommended because the City will assess the merits of this matter, and/or threat. Based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the City of Palmdale. The existing facts and circumstances that might result in litigation against the City of Palmdale are that the law firm of Shenkman & Hughes has sent a letter to the City of Palmdale regarding decennial redistricting process which could amount to a threat of litigation. The aforementioned facts and circumstances are stated as required by Government Code Section 54956.9 (e)(2). Based on the existing facts and circumstances, it is the opinion of the City Attorney that it would prejudice the position of the City of Palmdale to discuss this matter in public or to disclose further circumstances in this potential case. Further, such disclosure may harm any settlement attempts or other efforts to resolve the matter without litigation.

- 4.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

CV Communities v. AVEK
Los Angeles County Superior Court
Case No. BC66107

This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

5. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CITY ATTORNEY

6. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION MEETING

7:00 P.M.

7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF OUR TROOPS

8. WAIVER OF FULL READING OF RESOLUTION(S) and ORDINANCE(S)

Staff Recommendation: Move to waive full reading of the Resolution (s) and/or Ordinance(s) to be considered and voted on at this meeting. (Voice Vote - Requires a majority to waive.)

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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10. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar will be enacted by one motion unless an item(s) is pulled by Council, in which case the item(s) will be removed from the Calendar and will be considered separately following this portion of the Agenda.

- 10.1 Adopt Resolution No. CC 2022-019, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Palmdale Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the City Council and All City Subordinate Bodies for the Period of February 21, 2022 through March 23, 2022. (Staff Reference: City Attorney Beck)

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[2_16_2022 Resolution No. CC 2021-019 Brown Act Teleconference AB 361.doc](#)

- 10.2 Adopt Resolution No. CC 2022-021, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Palmdale to approve the street name change of Avenue R-12, between 65th to 70th Street East, to be named Hawks Way. (Staff Reference: Director of Public Works Heffernan)

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[Resolution CC 2022-021 Hawks Way.doc](#)

[Avenue R-12 Map.pdf](#)

- 10.3 Adopt Resolution CC 2022-024, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Palmdale to Support the Recall of Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon. (Staff Reference: City Attorney Beck)

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[DA Gascon - Resolution.Support.Recall.2.16.22.docx](#)

- 10.4 Approve Legal Services Agreement Between the City of Palmdale and Bradley, Gmelich & Wellerstein in the amount of \$250,000. (Staff Reference City Attorney Beck)

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[LSA.BGW,2.16.22 v2.docx](#)

11. PUBLIC HEARING

- 11.1 Public Hearing to review and consider the redistricting draft maps recommended by the Advisory Redistricting Commission. (Staff Reference: Acting City Manager Perez)

[2.16.2022_Public_Hearing_to_Review_and_Consider_the_Redistricting_Draft_Maps_\(1\).docx](#)
[Reso. No. 2021-031.pdf](#)
[NDC-Purple.pdf](#)
[ALVA-Map.pdf](#)
[Public_208.pdf](#)
[Outreach Summary Report - Palmdale.pdf](#)
[Public_202.pdf](#)
[Public_203.pdf](#)
[Public_205.pdf](#)
[Public_206.pdf](#)
[NDC-Minimal-Change.pdf](#)
[NDC_Orange.pdf](#)
[NDC_Pink.pdf](#)

- 11.2 Public Hearing and Review of Proposed Ordinance No. 1580 for adoption. (Staff Reference: City Attorney Beck)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE
CONTINUING A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SECTION 5.04.670(H)(4) OF
THE PALMDALE MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FLAVORED
ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE PRODUCTS

Staff Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance No. 1580

[2.16.2022 Ordinance Continuing A Temporary Suspension of Section 5.04.670\(H\)\(4\) of the Palmdale Municipal Code Prohibiting the Sale of Flavored Electronic Cigarette Products.docx](#)
[\[Proposed\] Ordinance No. 1580 - Flavored Tobacco.doc](#)

- 11.3 Public Hearing and Review of Proposed Ordinance No. 1571 for adoption. (Staff Reference: City Attorney Beck)

ORDINANCE NO. 1571, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.34 ET. SEQ.: REGULATION OF SMOKING AT PUBLIC PLACES AND PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT

Staff Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance No. 1571

[StaffReport_Smoking Ordinance Amendments .1571.2.16.22 v2.docx](#)
[Smoking.Ord.CAO.2.8.22.docx](#)

12. APPOINTMENTS

- 12.1 Approve nomination for appointment of the Public Member to the board of directors for Visit Palmdale. (Staff Reference: Director of Economic and Community Development Garibay - Presented by Economic Development Coordinator Gonzalez)

[City_Staff_Report-Visit Palmdale BOD_at-large_FINAL.pdf](#)

- 12.2 Approve alternate member nomination for appointment to the Measure AV Oversight Committee. (Staff Reference: City Clerk Smith)

[2_16_22_MAV_Regular_Member_Appointment_sss.docx](#)
[Ordinance No. 1561.pdf](#)
[MAV_Bylaws.docx](#)

13. NEW BUSINESS

- 13.1 Discuss potential move to five Council districts and rotating mayor. (Staff Reference: City Attorney Beck)

[StaffReport_Modifying Districts.2.16.22.docx](#)

14. ADJOURN



City Council Staff Report

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2021
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
DISTRICT: ALL
SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. CC 2022-019, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ALL CITY SUBORDINATE BODIES FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 21, 2022 - MARCH 23, 2022

ISSUE

Adopt Resolution No. CC 2022-019, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Palmdale Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the City Council and All City Subordinate Bodies for the period of February 21, 2022 through March 23, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. CC 2022-019, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Palmdale Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the City Council and All City Subordinate Bodies for the period of February 21, 2022 through March 23, 2022.

BACKGROUND

On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361 which temporarily amends the Ralph M. Brown Act (*California Government Code* §§54950, et. al.) to provide more flexibility regarding participation in public meetings from a remote location.

AB 361 went into effect October 1, 2021 and expires on January 1, 2024.

DISCUSSION

AB 361 requires several procedural safeguards to encourage maximum public participation during a remote meeting, key ones of which are summarized as follows:

1. The public must have the ability to address the legislative body directly and must be given information on how to address the legislative body;
2. The public must be provided with either a call-in or internet-based service option;

3. The legislative body must stop the meeting if the call-in or internet-based option fails;
4. The legislative body cannot require that public comments be submitted in advance (although this option can be provided);
5. Public speakers cannot be required to pre-register for public comment (except as required by an independent call-in or internet platform);
6. Members of the public must be given a reasonable time to register to provide public comment; and
7. Agencies that provide a timed public comment period shall not close the public comment period until that time period has expired.

The proposed resolution would continue to permit meetings pursuant to AB 361 for a maximum period of 30 days (February 21, 2022 through March 23, 2022).

Beyond this procedural requirement, there are no additional changes to the currently established procedures regarding providing a teleconferencing option for public meetings of the City Council and all of its subordinate bodies.

Accordingly, Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. CC 2022-019.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal II: Ensure long-term fiscal health of the City and maintain funding for services.

C. Involve and expand engagement to enhance public oversight and transparency.

Prepared by:	Andrew S. Pletcher, Deputy City Attorney
Certified as to availability of Funds:	Keith Kang, Finance Manager
Approved by:	Ronda Perez, Acting City Manager
Approved as to form:	Christopher Beck, City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Resolution No. CC 2022-019

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. CC 2022-019**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE
AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE
CITY COUNCIL AND ALL CITY SUBORDINATE BODIES FOR THE
PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 21, 2022 – MARCH 23, 2022**

WHEREAS, the City of Palmdale is committed to preserving and fostering public access and participation in meetings of the City Council and all its subordinate bodies, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (*California Government Code* §§54950, et. al.), so that any member of the public may attend and participate as the bodies conduct the public's business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act makes special provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings where the Governor has exercised his authority pursuant to *California Government Code* § 8625, and an in-person meeting may present imminent health risks to elected, appointed, or sitting members during public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Palmdale finds that the recitals found to be true and correct in Resolution No. CC 2021-102 (passed on October 20, 2021), incorporated herein by reference, continue to exist making remote participation in meetings important to ensure the public is given full opportunity to participate; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Palmdale finds that the City Council and all of its subordinate bodies shall conduct their meetings with remote participation in the manner authorized by *California Government Code* §54953(e), and such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed by *California Government Code* § 54953(e)(2).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council and its subordinate bodies shall conduct their meetings with remote participation in a manner authorized by *California Government Code* §54953(e), and such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to

provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed by *California Government Code* §54953(e)(2).

SECTION 3. This Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of December 20, 2021, or such time as the City Council adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with *California Government Code* §54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which meetings may continue to be held remotely by teleconference in compliance with that section.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 16th day of February 2022.

Approved as to form:

Steven D. Hofbauer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christopher L. Beck
City Attorney

Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk

I, Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk of Palmdale, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmdale at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 16th day of February 2022 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

Date: _____
Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk



City Council Staff Report

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2022
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
ENGINEERING DIVISION
DISTRICT: 4
SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. CC 2022-021, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE TO APPROVE THE STREET NAME CHANGE OF AVENUE R-12, BETWEEN 65TH TO 70TH STREET EAST, TO BE NAMED HAWKS WAY

ISSUE

Adopt Resolution No. CC 2022-021, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Palmdale to approve the street name change of Avenue R-12, between 65th to 70th Street East, to be named Hawks Way.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC 2022-021, authorizing the City to change the street name of Avenue R-12, between 65th to 70th Street East, to be named Hawks Way.

BACKGROUND

Staff has been petitioned by the Antelope Valley Union High School District to change the street name for Avenue R-12, between 65th to 70th Street East, to be named Hawks Way. This segment of Avenue R-12 borders the southern portion of Pete Knight High School. Currently this roadway ends at the westerly boundary line of the High School and serves as one of the main student drop-off points. In the future, with the current construction of subdivision Tract 61611 and 61891, roadway improvements along Avenue R-12 will be extended to connect with 65th Street East.

To change the name of said segment of Avenue R-12 will involve changing 1 standard street name sign that is at the intersection of Avenue R-12 and 70th Street East. This action will not require any changes to property addresses, as there are no business or residence that addressed along this street, as Pete Knight High School is addressed from 70th Street East.

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution CC 2022-021 approving the street name change of Avenue R-12, between 65th to 70th Street East, to be named Hawks Way.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$700; Amounts related to street sign fabrication and installation are budgeted in FY 2022 in Street Maintenance, Account No. 20133001-738410. Below is a breakdown of the costs.

ITEM	NO.		UNIT COST	TOTAL
Small Signs	1		\$150	\$150
Labor & Material	1		\$300	\$300
Staff Time (Agency coordination, Post Office, etc)	1		\$250	\$250
Project Total				\$700

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal III: Invest in infrastructure to improve community livability.

- C. Plan and maintain safe and attractive neighborhoods, streets, facilities, and public spaces with exciting programming that promotes active fun for everyone.

Prepared by:
Certified as to availability of Funds:
Approved by:
Approved as to form:

Chuck Heffernan, P.E., Director of Public Works
Keith Kang, Finance Manager
Ronda Perez, Acting City Manager
Christopher Beck, City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. CC 2022-021
2. Map of Avenue R-12

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. CC 2022-021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE
CHANGING THE NAME OF AVENUE R-12, BETWEEN 65TH TO 70TH
STREET EAST TO BE NAMED HAWKS WAY

WHEREAS, a City street known as Avenue R-12, extending from 65th Street East to 70th Street East; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and appropriate to change the name of Avenue R-12, between 65th Street East to 70th Street East to the name of Hawks Way; and

WHEREAS, the Antelope Valley Union High School District requested and support a street name change to promote and express school pride within the community; and

WHEREAS, Section 34091.1 of the California Government Code provides for changing the existing name of a City street;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That portion of the City street now known as "Avenue R-12" between 65th Street East to 70th Street East shall henceforth be designated as "Hawks Way".

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, _____.

Approved as to form:

Steven D. Hofbauer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christopher L. Beck
City Attorney

Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk

I, Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk of Palmdale, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmdale at a regular meeting of said Council held on the _____ day of _____, 20____ by the following roll call vote:

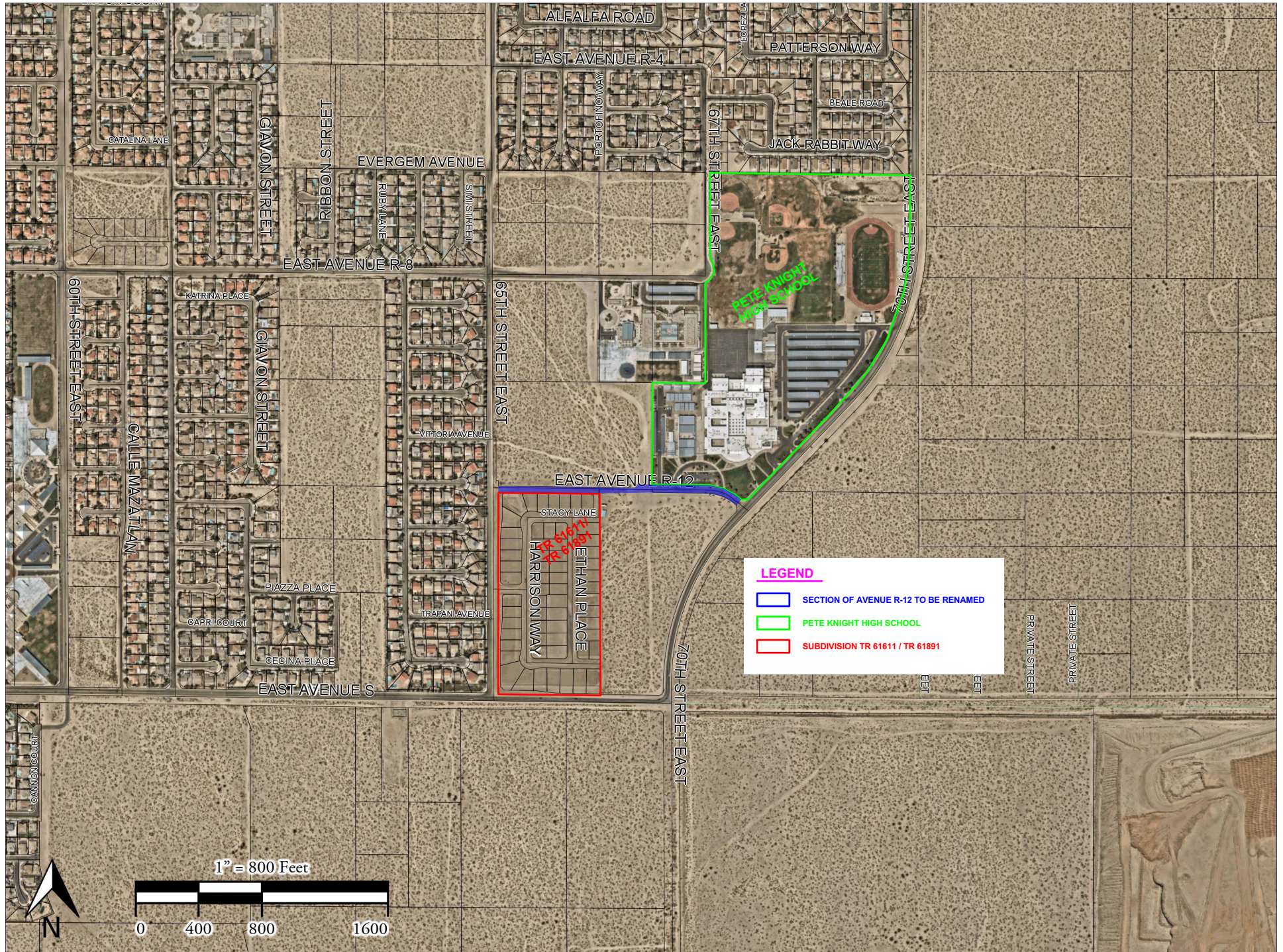
AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

Date: _____
Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk

AVENUE R-12, NAME CHANGE





City Council Staff Report

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2022
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
DISTRICT: ALL
SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION CC 2022-024, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE TO SUPPORT THE RECALL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON

ISSUE

Adopt Resolution CC 2022-024, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Palmdale to Support the Recall of Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss Resolution and adopt or reject as necessary.

BACKGROUND

At the City Council meeting on February 2, 2022, staff was directed to return with the attached Resolution in support of the recall of Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon.

DISCUSSION

In response to a directive to staff, the Office of the City Attorney has produced the attached Resolution supporting the recall of Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal I: Maintain effective public safety and protection for life, property, and the environment.

C. Provide comprehensive and innovative safety services to prevent crime and promote a safe community.

Prepared by:

Certified as to availability of Funds:

Approved by:

Approved as to form:

Christopher Beck, City Attorney

Keith Kang, Finance Manager

Ronda Perez, Acting City Manager

Christopher Beck, City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution CC 2022-024

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. CC 2022-024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE,
TO SUPPORT THE RECALL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON

WHEREAS, the City of Palmdale, values and places the highest priority on public safety and protecting its community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palmdale, strives to maintain effective public safety and protection for life, property and the environment, as stated in Goal I of the Strategic Plan.

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon issued a series of Special Directives in December 2020, including Special Directives 20-06, 20-07, and 20-08; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-06 eliminates cash bail for any misdemeanor, non-serious felony, or non-violent felony offense; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-07 lists numerous misdemeanor charges that will be declined or dismissed before arraignment and without conditions unless “exceptions” or “factors for consideration” exist. These misdemeanor charges include trespassing, disturbing the peace, criminal threats, drinking in public, drug and paraphernalia possession, being under the influence of a controlled substance, public intoxication, resisting arrest, driving without a valid license or with a suspended license, minor in possession of alcohol, loitering, and loitering to commit prostitution; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-08 eliminates several sentencing enhancements, including the Three Strikes Law, gang enhancements, and violations of bail; and

WHEREAS, some of the Special Directives issued by Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon contradict state law, which were enacted through the legislative or ballot initiative process to prevent and prosecute crime and protect the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Special Directives listed in this Resolution undermine the legislative and ballot initiative process and risk safety of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Special Directives undermine the deterrent effects of various criminal laws and penalties that were meant to protect the public, including the residents of the City of Palmdale; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palmdale adopted Resolution CC 2021-074, which was a vote of no confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon; and

WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance for the City of Palmdale, that policies that aim to restructure or amend prosecutorial directives are consistent with state law and issued with reasonable intent and priority to enhance public safety and protect the general public and victims' rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Palmdale insists Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon uphold the laws of the state, whether they were established by the state legislature or the voters of this state, and demands no Special Directives be issued by Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon which contradict these laws.

SECTION 2. The City of Palmdale supports the recall of Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, _____.

Approved as to form:

Steven D. Hofbauer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christopher L. Beck
City Attorney

Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk

I, Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk of Palmdale, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmdale at a regular meeting of said Council held on the _____ day of _____, 20____ by the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

Date: _____

Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk



City Council Staff Report

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2022
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
DISTRICT: ALL
SUBJECT: APPROVE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRADLEY, GMELICH AND WELLERSTEIN (Agreement No. A-7819)

ISSUE

Should the Council approve the Legal Services Agreement between the City of Palmdale and Bradley, Gmelich and Wellerstein (Agreement No. A-7819)?

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Legal Services Agreement between the City of Palmdale and Bradley, Gmelich and Wellerstein. (Agreement No. A-7819)

BACKGROUND

Bradley, Gmelich & Wellerstein (previously Bradley Gmelich) has competently provided legal services to the City of Palmdale for more than a decade. The City Attorney's Office would like to continue to use their services for various legal matters. Agreement A-7819 would retain Bradley, Gmelich & Wellerstein for up to three (3) years.

DISCUSSION

Under the proposed agreement with Bradley, Gmelich & Wellerstein, the firm would continue to provide legal services pertaining to personal injury and property damage defense. This work would also include cross claims, counter claims, summary judgments and all manner of motions, discovery proceedings, trials, and post-trial and appellate work. In addition, the firm would provide general advisory services related to such claims and lawsuits and the prevention of future claims and lawsuits. The City will be charged rates between \$135 and \$275 per hour. All billings are on the 1/10th hour basis. The firm also charges for items such as applicable court fees, messenger, courier and air freight expenses, parking expenses, local and out-of-town travel expenses, mileage, computerized and other research costs, long distance telephone expenses, conference call expenses, facsimile and other communication expenses, postage, and printing costs.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Legal Services Agreement has the not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000. Fees will only be paid to the extent services are provided. Funds for this agreement are currently budgeted in the City Attorney's Office budget accounts, Litigation Account (10114001-721140).

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal II: Ensure long-term fiscal health of the City and maintain funding for services.

- A. Manage resources, costs and liabilities to ensure the City's long-term fiscal health.

Prepared by:

Certified as to availability of Funds:

Approved by:

Approved as to form:

Christopher Beck, City Attorney

Keith Kang, Finance Manager

Ronda Perez, Acting City Manager

Christopher Beck, City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

Agreement No. A- 7819

**AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES BETWEEN
THE CITY OF PALMDALE AND BRADLEY, GMELICH & WELLERSTEIN LLP**

AGREEMENT NO. A- 7819

This Legal Services Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the City of Palmdale ("City") and Bradley, Gmelich & Wellerstein LLP ("Firm"), collectively identified as "the parties."

RECITALS:

A. This Agreement is made pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section 6148, and is intended to fulfill the requirements of that section.

B. The City desires to retain the Firm to provide specialized legal services related to the areas of civil litigation and personal injury defense, general advisory services related to municipal law and business practices, as well as legal services related to employment law litigation, advice and counsel.

C. The attorneys of the Firm are duly licensed under the laws of the State of California and are fully qualified to provide the services contemplated by this Agreement.

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Scope of Services.**

a. The Firm will provide those legal services as may be authorized and assigned by the Palmdale City Attorney, including, without limitation, legal services related to personal injury and property damage defense, employment law defense, cross claims, counter claims, summary judgments and all manner of motions, discovery proceedings, trials, and post-trial and appellate work, as well as general advisory services related to such claims and lawsuits and the prevention of future claims and lawsuits. The firm will provide those legal services reasonably required to accomplish City's stated goals.

b. The legal services the Firm will provide to City will be billed at the rates set forth in Exhibit "A", attached.

2. **Designation of Responsible Attorneys.**

Barry Bradley, Esq. is designated as the attorney responsible for providing the legal services under this Agreement to City and for supervising

any other attorneys within the Firm assisting him in the performance of those services. The Firm's offices are located at 700 North Brand Boulevard, 10th Floor, Glendale, CA 91203.

3. **Confidentiality.**

All reports, information, data, or other documents prepared or assembled by the Firm under this Agreement are confidential and the Firm shall not make the same available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the Palmdale City Attorney.

4. **Maximum Contract Amount, Billing Procedures, and Monthly Statements.**

a. The Firm shall submit to the Palmdale City Attorney, within thirty (30) days after the end of each calendar month, an itemized statement of the professional services provided and the time expended providing those services. This statement will be in the form customarily submitted by the Firm to clients that are billed on an hourly basis. The parties acknowledge that payment of all monthly statements is expected to be made within thirty (30) days of the billing date.

b. The Firm will bill the City for items such as, but not limited to, long distance telephone calls, filing fees (if applicable), document duplication, computerized legal research, word-processing, and similar out-of-pocket expenditures. These items will be separately designated on the Firm's monthly statements as "disbursements," and will be billed in addition to the fees for professional services.

c. If the Firm's services are billed by the hour, time will be charged by the Firm in increments of 1/10 of an hour (i.e., six-minute units). Among the services which are routinely billed are telephone conversations and travel time. In addition to the fees charged for services, the Firm also bills for costs incurred, which include, but are not limited to, filing fees (if applicable), messenger and air courier expensed, parking expenses, local and out-of-town travel expenses, facsimile and other communication expenses, postage, and printing costs. In addition, the Firm charges for certain internal costs if incurred on City's behalf, such as photocopying, secretarial overtime, and word processing.

The rate structure in general, or the rates of particular attorneys, may be increased from time to time, after a minimum 30-day written notice to and written consent of the Palmdale City Attorney. To the extent feasible, these adjustments will be made so as to coincide with the beginning of City's fiscal

year, which begins on July 1st. If possible, requests to increase fees should be forwarded to the Palmdale City Attorney in February of any given year.

d. The Firm's fees for legal services are based primarily on hourly rates; other factors considered by the Firm in determining a fair fee are set forth in Rule 4-200 of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the California State Bar Association. If persons who are "Of Counsel" to the Firm work on City matters, the Firm and its Of Counsel may from time to time share the fees paid by City; however, if such is the case, City's fees will not be increased in any way, and the fees which City is requested to pay will be the same as would have been payable had there been no such sharing of fees.

e. All fees, charges, costs and reimbursable items for the entire term of this Agreement shall not exceed a maximum of **\$250,000.00**.

5. **Resolution of Fee Disputes.**

City is entitled to require that any fee dispute be resolved by binding arbitration in Los Angeles in accordance with the arbitration rules of the Los Angeles County Bar Association for legal fee disputes. If City chooses not to use the Los Angeles County Bar Association's arbitration procedures, City agrees that any disputes regarding the professional services rendered or fees charged by the Firm will be submitted to binding arbitration in Los Angeles to be conducted by the American Arbitration Association (or an alternative provider if the Parties so agree) in accordance with its commercial arbitration rules.

6. **Term of the Agreement.**

This Agreement will take effect on February 16, 2022 and will remain in full force and effect for a period of three (3) years or until terminated in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.

7. **Termination of the Agreement.**

City has the right to terminate the Firm's representation at any time, without cause, subject to an obligation to give notice in writing to the Firm at least thirty (30) days prior to termination. The Firm has the same right, subject to an obligation to give City written notice at least ninety (90) days prior to termination so that City will be able to arrange alternative representation. In either circumstance, City agrees to secure new counsel as quickly as possible and to cooperate fully in the substitution of the new counsel as counsel of record in any pending litigation matters. The Firm agrees to cooperate fully in any such

transition, including the transfer of files. Upon termination, all finished or unfinished materials shall become the property of City. Notwithstanding the termination of the Firm's representation, City will remain obligated to pay to the Firm all fees and costs incurred prior to such termination.

8. **Modifications to the Agreement.**

Unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement, modifications relating to the nature, extent, or duration of the Firm's professional services to be rendered will require the written approval of the Palmdale City Attorney. Any such written approval will be deemed to be a supplement to this Agreement and will specify any changes in the Scope of Services and the agreed-upon billing rate to be charged by the Firm and paid by the City.

9. **Independent Contractor.**

No employment relationship is created by this Agreement with the Firm or any employees of the Firm. For all purposes, the Firm and its employees are independent contractors to City and shall not incur, nor have the authority to incur any debt, obligation, or liability for or against City.

10. **Assignment and Delegation.**

This Agreement contemplates the performance of professional services by the Firm. Neither this Agreement, nor any portion of it, may be assigned or delegated by the Firm without the prior written consent of the Palmdale City Attorney. Delegation to attorneys outside the Firm will be limited to those situations in which the Firm is disqualified by virtue of a conflict of interest, or where the Firm does not possess the expertise to perform services in a particular practice area. The Firm will supervise delegated work, except where precluded from doing so by virtue of a conflict of interest, and where otherwise agreed to by the parties.

11. **Conflict of Interest.**

The Firm affirms that it presently has no interest and shall not have any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of the services contemplated by this Agreement. No person having such interest shall be employed by or associated with the Firm.

12. **Insurance.**

a. The Firm shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect a professional liability insurance policy that provides coverage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. This insurance policy shall provide coverage to the City for any damages or losses suffered by City as a result of any error, omission, or neglect by the Firm that arises out of the professional services rendered under this Agreement. Such insurance may be subject to a self-insured retention or deductible to be borne entirely by the Firm.

b. The Firm will obtain and maintain workers' compensation insurance in accordance with Section 3700 of the California Labor Code.

c. The Firm will obtain and maintain in full force and effect comprehensive general liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence with a \$2,000,000 aggregate.

d. All insurance coverage specified above will provide for a minimum of thirty (30) days notice of cancellation by the insurance carrier, and will be maintained in full force and effect throughout the term of this Agreement.

13. **Legal Files.**

a. During the period that the Firm is actively working upon a matter, the files pertaining thereto will be maintained in its offices. Files may be maintained in physical files or electronically. After the Firm has concluded working upon a matter, any physical files will be destroyed within a reasonable time in a confidentially safe manner. Electronic files will be maintained for a period of five years. City is free to request any of its original physical files or documents at any time, and further request that the original files not be destroyed for a specified period of time not to exceed four years from the date of file closure. All original agreements, modification or deeds, easements or similar original documents should be forwarded to the Palmdale City Clerk either as created or at the conclusion of a case. City may request copies of its client matter files at any time, including, without limitation, upon termination of the Firm's engagement. City agrees that upon delivery of any client matter files that it will pay the Firm for its costs incurred in photocopying such files.

b. If the firm is called upon to give testimony or produce documents in any legal or administrative proceeding which concerns City in any way, whether before or after the representation and rendition of legal services to

City under this agreement terminates, City agrees to pay the Firm, at it's then prevailing hourly rates, for it's time in investigating, preparing for and in giving testimony and/or in producing documents and for all expense incurred in connection with doing so.

14. **Entire Agreement**

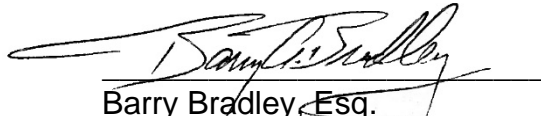
This Agreement will constitute the full and complete agreement and understanding of the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and all other written or oral statements of either party relating to its subject matter.

TO EFFECTUATE THIS AGREEMENT, the authorized representatives of the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the dates indicated below.

CITY OF PALMDALE

BRADLEY, GMELICH & WELLERSTEIN LLP

Steve Hofbauer
Mayor



Barry Bradley, Esq.
Managing Partner

Attest:

Shanae S. Smith
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Christopher Beck
City Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"
RATE SCHEDULE

A. Identification.

Client: City of Palmdale
Matter: Any matters assigned by the Palmdale City Attorney.

B. Attorney Fees. (Hourly)

1. For General Liability, Personal Injury and Property Loss Claims:

Managing Partner	\$275/hour
Partners and Special Counsel	\$255/hour
Senior Associates	\$240/hour
Associates	\$220/hour
Paralegals and Law Clerks	\$135/hour

2. For Employment Law Claims, Including Employment Advice, Counsel and Workplace Investigations:

Managing Partner	\$300/hour
Partners and Special Counsel	\$300/hour
Senior Associates	\$250/hour
Associates	\$250/hour
Paralegals and Law Clerks	\$135/hour

C. Standard Charges.

Hourly rate will be billed in minimum units of one-tenth hours.

D. Costs and Expenses.

In-office photocopying	\$0.25/page
Mileage	IRS prevailing mileage rates
Computerized Legal Research	At vendor cost
Word Processing	Varies
Postage	At vendor cost
Courier and Air Freight Charges	At vendor cost
Messenger Services	At vendor cost
Title Report and/or Litigation Guarantee	At vendor cost
Notary	At vendor cost
Court Photocopying	At cost
Incoming or out-going Fax Charges	\$1.00/page

Conference Call Charges	AT&T standard rates or equal
Travel Expenses	At cost
Other reasonable costs	At cost

E. Subject to Change.

The rates on this schedule are subject to change on thirty (30) days written notice and approval by the Palmdale City Attorney. If City declines to pay any increased rates, Firm will have the right to withdraw as Palmdale's counsel.



City Council Staff Report

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2022
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER DEPARTMENT, CITY CLERK DIVISION
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
DISTRICT: ALL
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE
REDISTRICTING DRAFT MAPS RECOMMENDED BY THE
ADVISORY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

ISSUE

Public Hearing to Review and Consider the Redistricting Draft Maps Recommended by the Advisory Redistricting Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Council has the following options:

1. Adopt one of the three proposed district boundary maps (ALVA Map, Public Map 208, or NDC Purple Map) recommended by the Advisory Redistricting Commission and direct staff to bring back Ordinance No. 1579, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Palmdale Adopting a Map Describing Voting District Boundaries and Amending Chapter 4.10 of Title 4 of the Palmdale Municipal Code at the March 2, 2022 City Council meeting for introduction and formal adoption.
2. Adopt one of the other proposed district boundary maps **not** recommended by the Advisory Redistricting Commission and direct staff to bring back Ordinance No. 1579, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Palmdale Adopting a Map Describing Voting District Boundaries and Amending Chapter 4.10 of Title 4 of the Palmdale Municipal Code at the March 2, 2022 City Council meeting for introduction and formal adoption.

BACKGROUND

Every ten years, California cities with by-district election systems must use new census data to review and, if needed redraw district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. This process, called redistricting, ensures all districts have nearly equal population. **The redistricting process for the City of Palmdale must be completed by April 17, 2022.**

The City of Palmdale adopted its current district boundaries in 2016 based on 2010 census data, as required by law. The district boundaries must now be reconsidered using

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the 2020 census data and in compliance with the Fair and Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities and Political Subdivisions ("FAIR MAPS") Act, which was adopted by the California legislature as AB 849 and took effect January 1, 2020. AB 1276 is a subsequent clean-up of AB 849 and took effect on January 1, 2021.

FAIR MAPS ACT and REDISTRICTING REQUIREMENTS:

Under the Act, the City shall draw and adopt district boundaries using the following criteria, in the listed order of priority (See, *California Elections Code* §21621, et. al.):

- 1) Comply with the federal requirements of equal population and the Voting Rights Act;
- 2) Geographically contiguous;
- 3) Undivided neighborhoods and "communities of interest" (socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together);
- 4) Easily identifiable boundaries;
- 5) Geographic compactness (do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people); and,
- 6) Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party.

Once the prioritized criteria are met, other traditional districting principles can be considered, such as:

- 1) Minimize the number of voters delayed from voting in 2022 to 2024;
- 2) Respect voters' choices / continuity in office; and
- 3) Future population growth.

By law, the City must hold at least four public hearings that enable community members to provide input on the drawing of district boundary maps:

- At least one public hearing must be held before the City Council or Advisory Redistricting Commission draws a draft map or maps of the proposed district boundaries;
- At least two of the public hearings shall be held after the City Council or Advisory Redistricting Commission has drawn a draft map or maps of the proposed district boundaries; and
- At least one public hearing or public workshop shall be held on a Saturday, on a Sunday, or after 6 p.m. on a weekday Monday through Friday.

To increase the accessibility of these hearings, the City of Palmdale must additionally take the following steps:

- At least one public hearing or public workshop shall be held on a Saturday, on a Sunday, or after 6 p.m. on a weekday Monday through Friday;

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- Public hearings shall be accessible to persons with disabilities; and
- If a public hearing is consolidated with a regular or special meeting of the council that includes other substantive agenda items, the public hearing must begin at a fixed time regardless of its order on the agenda.

In accordance with the requirements of the FAIR MAPS Act, the City of Palmdale conducted the following Public Hearings and Community Workshops:

September 14, 2021	First Meeting Public Hearing Council Chamber, 38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B, Palmdale
October 12, 2021	District 1 Community Workshop Holiday Inn, 38630 5th Street West, Palmdale
October 16, 2021	District 4 Community Workshop Knight High School – Theater, 37423 70th Street East, Palmdale
October 16, 2021	District 3 Community Workshop Palmdale Oasis Park Recreation Center – Gymnasium, 3850 East Avenue S, Palmdale
October 25, 2021	District 2 Community Workshop Marie Kerr Park Recreation Center, 2723-A West Rancho Vista Blvd., Palmdale
November 3, 2021	Second Public Hearing City Council Meeting in the Council Chamber, 38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B, Palmdale
January 12, 2022	Third Public Hearing City Council Meeting in the Council Chamber, 38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B, Palmdale
February 2, 2022	Fourth Public Hearing City Council Meeting in the Council Chamber, 38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B, Palmdale
February 16, 2022	Fifth Public Hearing City Council Meeting in the Council Chamber, 38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B, Palmdale

A summary of the public outreach regarding these public hearings and community workshops is attached as Attachment 5.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PALMDALE ADVISORY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION:

As part of the redistricting process, the Palmdale City Council adopted Resolution No. CC 2021-031 (Attachment 1) establishing the Advisory Redistricting Commission pursuant to *California Elections Code* §23000, et. al., the process by which a Commission member will be selected (Section 5. Eligibility Requirements), the overall timeline for the City to engage in the redistricting process before the November 8, 2022 General Election (Section 13. Schedule) and stating the intention of the City Council to adopt a map recommended by the Palmdale Advisory Redistricting Commission (Section 14. Statement of Council Intent).

ADVISORY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING (JANUARY 20, 2022):

On January 20, 2022, the Advisory Redistricting Commission held a Special Meeting to discuss and make their recommendation of the proposed district boundary map or maps to the City Council for consideration and recommended adoption in accordance with Resolution No. CC 2021-031, Section 13 which requires the Advisory Redistricting Commission to “forward its final recommendation regarding a proposed district boundary map to the City Clerk by no later than January 21, 2022.” See, Resolution No. CC 2021-031, Section 13.

The Advisory Redistricting Commission’s recommended district boundary maps are:

- City of Palmdale – Public Map 208 (Attachment 3)
- City of Palmdale – ALVA Map (Attachment 2)

After the recommendation was made by the Advisory Redistricting Commission, the City Clerk published the maps in the Antelope Valley Press (Attachment 4) and on the <https://drawpalmdale.org/> in accordance with the requirements of Resolution No. CC 2021-031.

FOURTH PUBLIC HEARING (FEBRUARY 2, 2022):

On February 2, 2022, the City Council held the Fourth Public Hearing to discuss and consider the two proposed district boundary maps (Public Map 208 and the ALVA Map) recommended by the Advisory Redistricting Commission. In accordance with Resolution No. CC 2021-031, the City Council voted to “reject the map(s)/sequencing and return [the maps] to the Commission for reconsideration with a statement of the reasons for such disapproval and request the Commission to modify the map(s)/sequencing.” See, Section 13, Resolution No. CC 2021-031.

ADVISORY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING (FEBRUARY 9, 2022):

On January 20, 2022, the Advisory Redistricting Commission held a Special Meeting to discuss, reconsider, and make a second recommendation of the proposed district boundary map or maps based upon the statement provided by the City Council on February 2, 2022. After reconsidering the maps and in accordance with Resolution No. CC 2021-031, the Advisory Redistricting Commission recommended three district boundary maps:

- City of Palmdale – ALVA Map
- City of Palmdale – Public Map 208
- City of Palmdale – NDC Purple Map

After the recommendation was made by the Advisory Redistricting Commission, the City Clerk published the maps on the <https://drawpalmdale.org/> in accordance with the requirements of Resolution No. CC 2021-031.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of this public hearing is to have the City Council consider the three recommended district boundary maps (ALVA Map, Public Map 208, and NDC Purple Map) made by the Advisory Redistricting Commission in accordance with Resolution No. CC 2021-031 for possible adoption.

The City Council has the following options:

- **OPTION #1 - ADOPT A PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAP RECOMMENDED BY THE ADVISORY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION:**
Should the City Council choose to adopt one of the three proposed district boundary maps (ALVA Map, Public Map 208, or NDC Purple Map) recommended by the Advisory Redistricting Commission, the Council will vote for that map and direct staff to bring back Ordinance No. 1579, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Palmdale Adopting a Map Describing Voting District Boundaries and Amending Chapter 4.10 of Title 4 of the Palmdale Municipal Code at the March 2, 2022 City Council meeting for introduction and formal adoption.
- **OPTION #2 – ADOPT ONE OF THE MAPS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE ADVISORY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION:**
Should the City Council choose to adopt one of the maps not recommended by the Advisory Redistricting Commission, the Council will vote for that map and direct staff to bring back Ordinance No. 1579, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Palmdale Adopting a Map Describing Voting District Boundaries and Amending Chapter 4.10 of Title 4 of the Palmdale Municipal Code at the March 2, 2022 City Council meeting for introduction and formal adoption.

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FISCAL IMPACT

City Council has appropriated \$150,000 in the FY 2021/2022 mid-year budget adjustments to meet the 2021 Redistricting Program requirements.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal I: Maintain effective public safety and protection for life, property, and the environment.

- C. Use a variety of methods to communicate timely, useful, and trusted information about city programs, services, and policies.

Goal II: Ensure long-term fiscal health of the City and maintain funding for services.

- C. Involve and expand engagement to enhance public oversight and transparency.

Prepared by:

Andrew S. Pletcher, Deputy City Attorney

Certified as to availability of Funds:

Keith Kang, Finance Manager

Approved by:

Ronda Perez, Acting City Manager

Approved as to form:

Christopher Beck, City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. CC 2021-031
2. City of Palmdale – ALVA Map
3. City of Palmdale – Public Map 208
4. City of Palmdale – NDC Purple Map
5. City of Palmdale Outreach Summary Report (February 2, 2022)
6. City of Palmdale – Public Map 202
7. City of Palmdale – Public Map 203
8. City of Palmdale – Public Map 205
9. City of Palmdale – Public Map 206
10. City of Palmdale – NDC Minimal Change
11. City of Palmdale – NDC Orange
12. City of Palmdale – NDC Pink

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. CC 2021-031

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE
ESTABLISHING A REDISTRICTING COMMISSION PURSUANT TO
ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 23000

WHEREAS, members of the City Council of the City of Palmdale ("City") adopted Ordinance No. 1471, transitioning from at-large to by-district city councilmember elections under Elections Code § 10010; and

WHEREAS, the City Council are currently elected in "district-based " election, in which each city councilmember is elected only by the voters in the district in which the candidate resides; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code 21601 and 23000 authorizes the City Council to appoint a redistricting Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to receive input on district boundaries from a geographically diverse sector of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Maps Act (AB 849) became effective January 1, 2020 and created standardized redistricting criteria aimed to keep communities together and to prohibit partisan gerrymandering. The Act also expanded community outreach and public hearing requirements and timelines, which coincide with the State redistricting schedule (ATTACHMENT 1); and

WHEREAS, the SB 1018 became effective on January 1, 2019 expanding the methods for re-drawing district maps. Under this legislation, in addition to appointing an advisory, or an independent commission, the City Council may instead elect to appoint a hybrid commission or contract with Los Angeles County's Citizen Redistricting Commission ("CRC"), as outlined in the Authorities and Criteria for Redistricting Commissions (ATTACHMENT 2) and provides for detailed information for each commission):

- a. the City Council may **adopt districts itself**, and
- b. the City Council may appoint an **advisory commission** to recommend district boundaries for City Council adoption; and
- c. the City Council may establish an **independent redistricting commission** to adopt or new boundaries to the City; and
- d. the City Council may establish a **hybrid redistricting commission** to either adopt or recommend new boundaries to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Palmdale, acting by and through its City Council, having considered and been fully advised in the matter and good cause appearing therefore does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Establishment. There shall be established the Palmdale Redistricting Commission, hereinafter "Commission" which shall be an Advisory Commission pursuant to Elections Code §23001. The Commission shall be established by June 1, 2021 and shall exist until the City Council adopts an ordinance establishing City Council district boundaries for the November 2022 election.

SECTION 2. Membership. The Commission shall consist of 11 Commission members. Commission members shall consist of a diverse group of residents.

SECTION 4. Selection Process. The Commission member selection process is designed to produce a qualified and impartial Commission. Commission members shall be selected through an open application process. Any person who meets the minimum Commission member qualifications in Section 5 may apply to serve on the Commission. Commissioners shall be appointed as follows

A. The City Clerk shall initiate and widely publicize the Commission application process. To promote a large and diverse applicant pool, the City Clerk shall seek assistance from a broad range of community-based organizations to encourage qualified persons to apply. The application period shall be open through the earliest statutory date required.

B. At the end of the application period, the City Clerk shall review and verify the information contained in each application, including applicants' eligibility to serve on the Commission under Section 5. The City Clerk shall remove from the applicant pool any applicant who does not meet the minimum Commission member qualifications.

C. The applicants may be considered taking into account the following factors:

(1) The Commission should not be comprised entirely of members who are registered to vote with the same political party preference.

(2) Commission members should reasonably reflect the City of Palmdale's diverse geography and reside in diverse areas throughout the city.

(3) Race/ethnicity may be considered without using formulas, quotas or ratios.

(4) Gender, age, economic class, sexual orientation and party registration may be considered in selecting Commission members.

(5) Commission members shall be impartial, know the jurisdiction's neighborhoods and communities, appreciate the jurisdiction's diversity and work well with others.

D. Commission members shall be appointed as follows: each Councilmember shall appoint two Commission members, and the remaining three Commission members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with all proposed appointees subject to confirmation by a majority of the Council.

SECTION 5. Eligibility Requirements for Members of the Commission. The application process shall be open to all eligible residents. The following qualifications and restrictions are imposed on members of the Commission:

A. A person, or the family member of a person (i.e., spouse, registered domestic partner, parent, sibling, child or in-law), who has done any of the following in the preceding eight years, shall not be appointed to serve on a Commission:

- (1) Been elected or appointed to, or been a candidate for, an elective office of Palmdale.
- (2) Served as an officer of, employee of, or paid consultant to, a campaign Commission or a candidate for elective office of Palmdale.
- (3) Served as an officer of, employee of, or paid consultant to, a political party or as an elected or appointed member of a political party central Commission.
- (4) Served as a staff member of, consultant to, or contracted with, a currently serving elected officer of Palmdale.
- (5) Been registered to lobby in Palmdale.
- (6) Contributed five hundred dollars (\$500) or more in a year to any candidate for an elective office of Palmdale.

B. A member of the Commission shall not do any of the following:

- (1) While serving on the Commission, endorse, work for, volunteer for, or make a campaign contribution to, a candidate for an elective office of Palmdale.
- (2) Be a candidate for an elective office of Palmdale for 5 years commencing with the date of his or her appointment to the Commission.
- (3) For four years commencing with the date of his or her appointment to the Commission:
 - a. Accept an appointment to a Palmdale Board, Commission or Commission.

- b. Accept employment as a staff member of, or consultant to, an elected official or candidate for elective office of Palmdale.
 - c. Receive a noncompetitively bid contract with Palmdale.
 - d. Register as a lobbyist in Palmdale.
- C. Must be a resident of Palmdale and resided in Palmdale for at least the past three years.
- D. Must be a registered voter. Those residents not eligible to vote due to age or citizenship but have a Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) are exempt from this requirement.

SECTION 6. During and Post-Service Restrictions. Commission members shall comply with the following during and post-service restrictions as contained in California Elections Code Section 23003(d):

- A. While serving on the Commission, members may not work for, volunteer for, or make a campaign contribution to, a candidate for an elective office of Palmdale.
- B. Commission members may not run for an elective office of Palmdale for 5 years commencing with the date of my appointment to the Commission.
- C. For four years commencing with the date of his or her appointment to the Commission, members shall not:
 - (1) Accept an appointment to a Palmdale Board, Commission or Commission.
 - (2) Accept employment as a staff member of, or consultant to, an elected official or candidate for elective office of Palmdale.
 - (3) Receive a noncompetitively bid contract with Palmdale.
 - (4) Register as a lobbyist in Palmdale.

SECTION 7. Redistricting Criteria. The Commission shall take into account the following legally required criteria in recommending district boundaries:

- A. Each city council district shall contain a nearly equal population;
- B. A redistricting plan shall be drawn in a manner that complies with the Federal Voting Rights Act, the California Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution; and
- C. City Council districts shall not be drawn with race as the predominate factor.

- D. The Commission may also adopt its own criteria consistent with this Section 7 and may consider additional criteria, including the criteria set forth in Elections Code 21601, such as including topographical and geographical boundaries (major roads, freeways, creeks, railroad lines or other barriers) and communities of interest (school district boundaries, neighborhood boundaries, retail/commercial districts, voting precincts etc.).

SECTION 8. Public Transparency. The Commission shall implement an open process for public input and Commission deliberation as follows:

- A. The Commission members shall file Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest forms.
- C. The Commission shall comply with the California Public Records Act, commencing with Section 6250 of the California Government Code, and the Ralph M. Brown Act, commencing with Section 54950 of the California Government Code.
- D. The Commission shall publish on the internet and make available to the public a draft version of a proposed final map before final recommendation to the City Council.
- E. All records of the Commission relating to redistricting, and all data considered by the Commission in drawing a draft map or proposed final map, are public records.
- F. The City shall establish and make available to the public on the internet a calendar of all public hearings.
- G. The City shall establish and maintain for ten years a webpage for the Commission where important redistricting materials may be published, including hearing agendas, hearing minutes, links to hearing audio or video recordings where applicable, a Commission member roster, and draft maps created by the Commission.
- H. Commission members shall disclose all contact regarding the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction that occurs outside of a publicly noticed meeting. Commission members shall disclose these contacts no later than the Commission's next regular or special meeting.
- I. Any person who is compensated for communicating with the Commission or any Commission member, other than a reimbursement of reasonable travel expenses, shall identify the party compensating them in such communication.

SECTION 9. Public Engagement. The Commission and the City should actively encourage residents to participate in the redistricting process.

A. The Commission shall make every reasonable effort to afford maximum public access to its proceedings.

B. The City shall solicit broad public participation in the redistricting process, including from residents of communities that traditionally participate less frequently in the local political process. At minimum, the City shall:

(1) Develop and present a proposed outreach campaign to the City Council at a public meeting;

(2) Conduct an outreach campaign to educate the public on the redistricting process and how to be involved; and

(3) Request the assistance of neighborhood associations, community groups, civic organizations, and civil rights organizations with engaging residents in the redistricting public review process.

SECTION 10. Commission Meetings. The hearing location shall be accessible to persons with disabilities and, to the extent practicable, shall have free parking nearby and be accessible by public transit. Public hearings shall be scheduled at various times and days of the week to accommodate a variety of work schedules and to reach as large an audience as possible. The Commission shall establish and implement a process for accepting written public comment, including the submission of draft maps and draft partial maps for the Commission's consideration.

SECTION 11. Administration. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the seated Commission members (i.e., if eleven members are seated, a quorum shall be six members). The Commission may only recommend a plan for district boundaries and election sequencing with a majority vote of the seated Commission members (i.e., if eleven members are seated, six votes would be needed). All other Commission actions, other than maps and sequencing, require only a majority vote of those present, provided that a quorum is present. The City Council or the Commission may remove a Commission member for substantial neglect of duty, gross misconduct in office, or inability to discharge the duties of office. Before being removed, a Commission member must be provided with the reasons for their proposed removal, at least a week's notice of the public hearing where his or her proposed removal will be voted on, and an opportunity to respond to or rebut those reasons in writing and at the hearing.

SECTION 12. Staff Support. The City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney shall designate staff to support the Commission, as needed.

SECTION 13. Schedule. The Commission shall forward its final recommendation regarding a proposed district map to the City Clerk by no later than January 21, 2022. Upon receipt of the recommendation, the City Clerk shall immediately cause the recommended map(s) to be published for a seven-day public review period. Thereafter, the City Council shall conduct a public hearing on the Commission


proposed map(s). At this hearing the City Council may elect to: (1) direct staff to introduce an ordinance approving one of the Commission recommended maps/sequencing or (2) reject the map(s)/sequencing and return it to the Commission for reconsideration with a statement of the reasons for such disapproval and request the Commission to modify the map(s)/sequencing. If the City Council rejects the Commission's recommendation, the Commission shall have up to seven days (but in no event later than January 28, 2022) to submit a revised map(s)/sequencing to the City Council for further consideration. Upon receipt of the revised map(s) the City Clerk shall immediately cause the maps to be published for a seven-day public review period.

SECTION 14. Statement of Council Intent: It is the intention of the City council to adopt one of the redistricting maps recommended by the Commission.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 6th day of April, 2021.

Approved as to form:


Steven D. Hofbauer, Mayor


Christopher L. Beck
City Attorney

ATTEST:


Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk

I, Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk of Palmdale, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmdale at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 6th day of April, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hofbauer, Bettencourt, Carrillo, Loa, Bishop

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Date: 4/15/2021

Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk

Attachment 1 – Fair Maps Act

Criteria Applied to Drawing District Lines	Transparency & Public Engagement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal Population of each district required • Voting Rights Act & California Voting Rights Act must be followed. • Population is adjusted to count incarcerated people at their home address not their prison address <p>Then the following <i>in order of priority</i>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Geographic Contiguity to the extent practicable. 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. Communities of Interest Preservation to the extent practicable. A "community of Interest" is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single supervisorial district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. 3. Geographic Integrity of a city or census designated place shall be respected to the extent practicable. 4. Geographic Compactness should be encouraged to the extent practicable, where it doesn't conflict with previous criteria, and in a manner to ensure that nearby areas of population are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations. 5. Easily Identifiable by Residents To the extent practicable, districts shall be bounded by natural and artificial barriers, including streets. 6. Prohibit Favoritism No partisan favoritism or discrimination. 	<p>Hearing & Map Key Requirements</p> <p>At least four hearings required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One hearing prior to issuing first draft map. • Two hearings after draft map issued. • Hold at least one hearing or workshop on a weekend or weeknight after 6pm • Hearings must be accessible to persons with disabilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft maps posted online seven days before adoption of final map; three days in the last 28 days before deadline • If available, draft maps submitted by county/city must include total population, citizen voting age population (CVAP), and racial & ethnic characteristics of CVAP in each proposed district. • Census data from Statewide Database must be available for at least three weeks before release of any draft map; if 60-90 days until deadline, this is reduced to one week; if fewer than 60 days, no waiting period. <p>Outreach</p> <p>Council's good faith outreach required to reach underrepresented and non-English speaking communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminate info through social media, media, good government, and community organizations, including those serving non-English speaking communities • Live translation required if requested • Dedicated internet web page with info in English and any languages in which city is required to produce ballots. • Public comment and map drafts may be submitted in writing or electronically and must be made publicly available.

California Elections Code Sections 21620-21630; Table information adapted from the League of Women Voters of California, The FairMaps California Local Redistricting Toolkit

Attachment 2: Authorities and Criteria for Redistricting Commissions

	Advisory Commission	Hybrid Commission	Independent Commission
Statutory Authority	Elections Code 23002	Elections Code 23003	Elections Code 23003
Scope	Recommends a districting map to the City Council	Recommends two or more districting maps to the City Council and the Council must select one	Has authority to independently adopt City districting map
Qualifications/ Selection Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City may prescribe the manner in which members are appointed to the commission. • Person who is elected city official, or a family member, staff member or paid campaign staff of elected official of city shall not be eligible. • City may impose additional requirements and restrictions on members of the commission in excess of those prescribed by State law. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be resident of City. • Commissioners may not be comprised entirely of members from same political party preference. • City may prescribe the manner in which members are appointed to the commission, provided it uses an application process open to all eligible residents and not appointed by City Council. • City may also impose additional qualifications and restrictions on members of the commission in excess of those prescribed by State law. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be resident of City. • Commissioners may not be comprised entirely of members from same political party preference. • City may prescribe the manner in which members are appointed to the commission, provided it uses an application process open to all eligible residents and not appointed by City Council. • City may also impose additional qualifications and restrictions on members of the commission in excess of those prescribed by State law.
Member Disqualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person who is an elected official of the City • A family member, staff member, or paid campaign staff of an elected official of the City 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person who is an elected official of the City • A family member, staff member, or paid campaign staff of an elected official of the City • A person, or the person's spouse, who has done any of the following in the preceding <u>eight years</u> (or a non-spouse family member in the preceding <u>four years</u>) shall not be appointed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person who is an elected official of the City • A family member, staff member, or paid campaign staff of a city councilmember. • A person, or the person's spouse, who has done any of the following in the preceding <u>eight years</u> (or a non-spouse family member in the preceding <u>four years</u>) shall not be appointed to serve on a commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) Served as an officer of, employee of, or paid

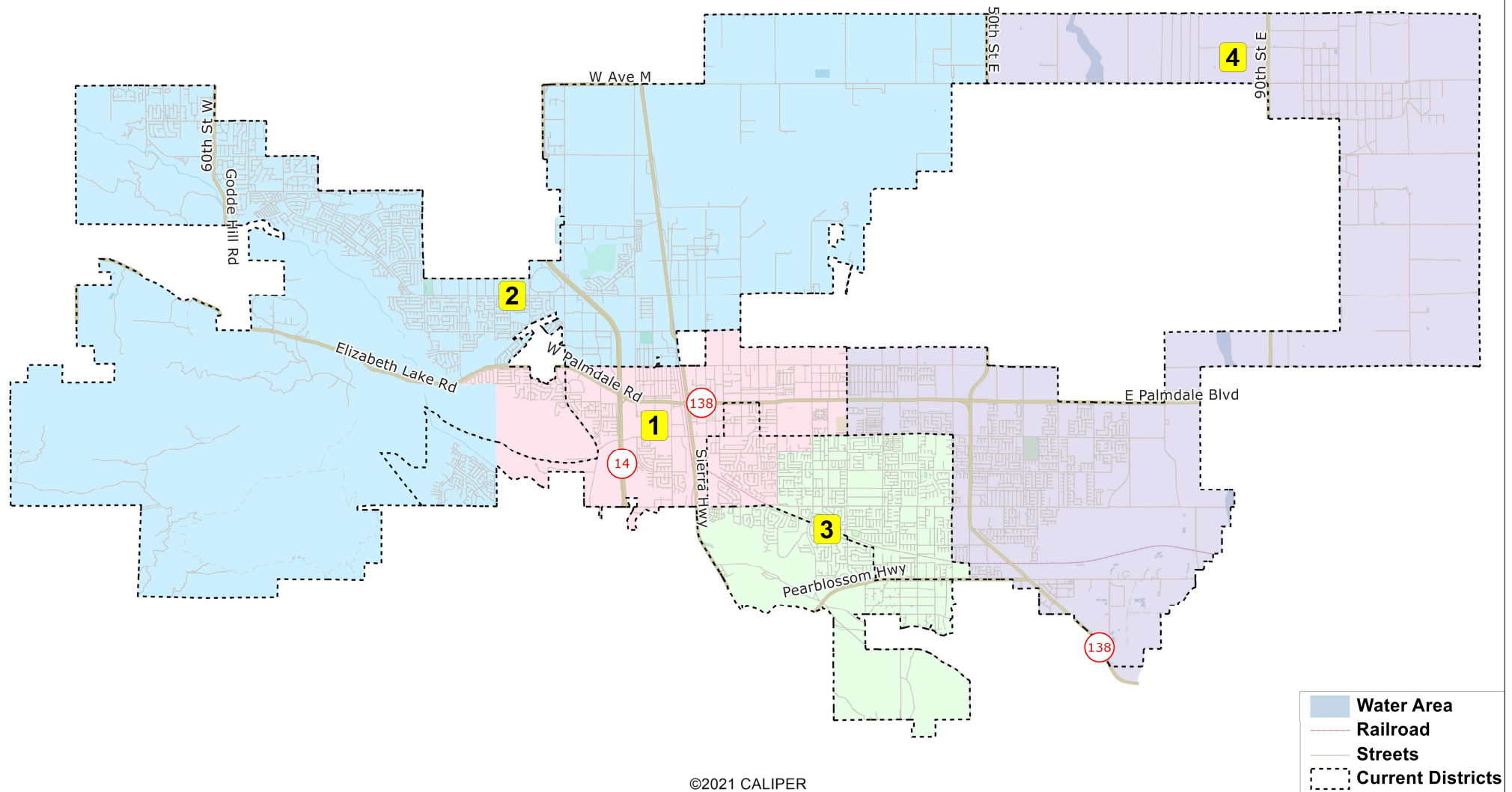
Advisory Commission	Hybrid Commission	Independent Commission
		<p>to serve on a commission:</p> <p>(A) Served as an officer of, employee of, or paid consultant to, a campaign committee or a candidate for city council.</p> <p>(B) Served as an officer of, employee of, or paid consultant to, a political party or as an elected or appointed member of a political party central committee.</p> <p>(C) Served as a staff member or a consultant to, or who has contracted with, a currently serving city councilmember.</p> <p>(D) Been registered to lobby the city.</p> <p>(E) Contributed five hundred dollars (\$500) or more in a year to any city council candidate.</p>
<p>Conduct Prohibitions While Serving on Committee</p>		<p>While serving on the commission, members may not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorse, work for, volunteer for, or make a campaign contribution to, a candidate for city council.
<p>Post-Service Conduct Prohibitions</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For <u>5 years</u> commencing on appointment to the commission, a commission member is prohibited from being a candidate for an elective office of the City if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The election for that office will be conducted using district boundaries adopted by the commission on

Advisory Commission		Hybrid Commission	Independent Commission
		<p>which the member served</p> <p>b. The election for that office will be conducted using district boundaries adopted by the City pursuant to recommendations by the commission on which the member served</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For <u>4 years</u> commencing with appointment to the commission, a commission member may not: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Accept employment as a staff member of, or consultant to, an elected official or candidate for elective office of the City. (2) Receive a noncompetitively bid contract with the City. (3) Register as a lobbyist for the City. • For <u>2 years</u> commencing with appointment to the commission, a commission member may not accept an appointment to an office of the City. 	<p>which the member served</p> <p>b. The election for that office will be conducted using district boundaries adopted by the City pursuant to recommendations by the commission on which the member served</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For <u>4 years</u> commencing with appointment to the commission, a commission member may not: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Accept employment as a staff member of, or consultant to, an elected official or candidate for elective office of the City. (2) Receive a noncompetitively bid contract with the City. (3) Register as a lobbyist for the City. • For <u>2 years</u> commencing with appointment to the commission, a commission member may not accept an appointment to an office of the City.
Commission Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form 700 likely required • Subject to the Brown Act • Subject to Public Records Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must file Form 700 • Subject to the Brown Act • Subject to Public Records Act • Commission shall be subject to same redistricting deadlines, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must file Form 700 • Subject to the Brown Act • Subject to Public Records Act • Commission shall be subject to same redistricting deadlines,

Advisory Commission		Hybrid Commission	Independent Commission
		<p>requirements and restrictions that apply to the City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission shall publish a map of the proposed new district boundaries and make it available to the public for at least 7 days before the map may be adopted • Commission shall not draw districts favoring or discriminating against incumbents or candidates 	<p>requirements and restrictions that apply to the City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission shall publish a map of the proposed new district boundaries and make it available to the public for at least 7 days before the map may be adopted • Commission shall not draw districts favoring or discriminating against incumbents or candidates •
Public Hearings	Council must conduct 4 hearings before map adoption. Advisory commission may conduct the pre-map hearing on behalf of Council.	Commission must conduct at least three public hearings before map adopted	Commission must conduct at least three public hearings before map adopted

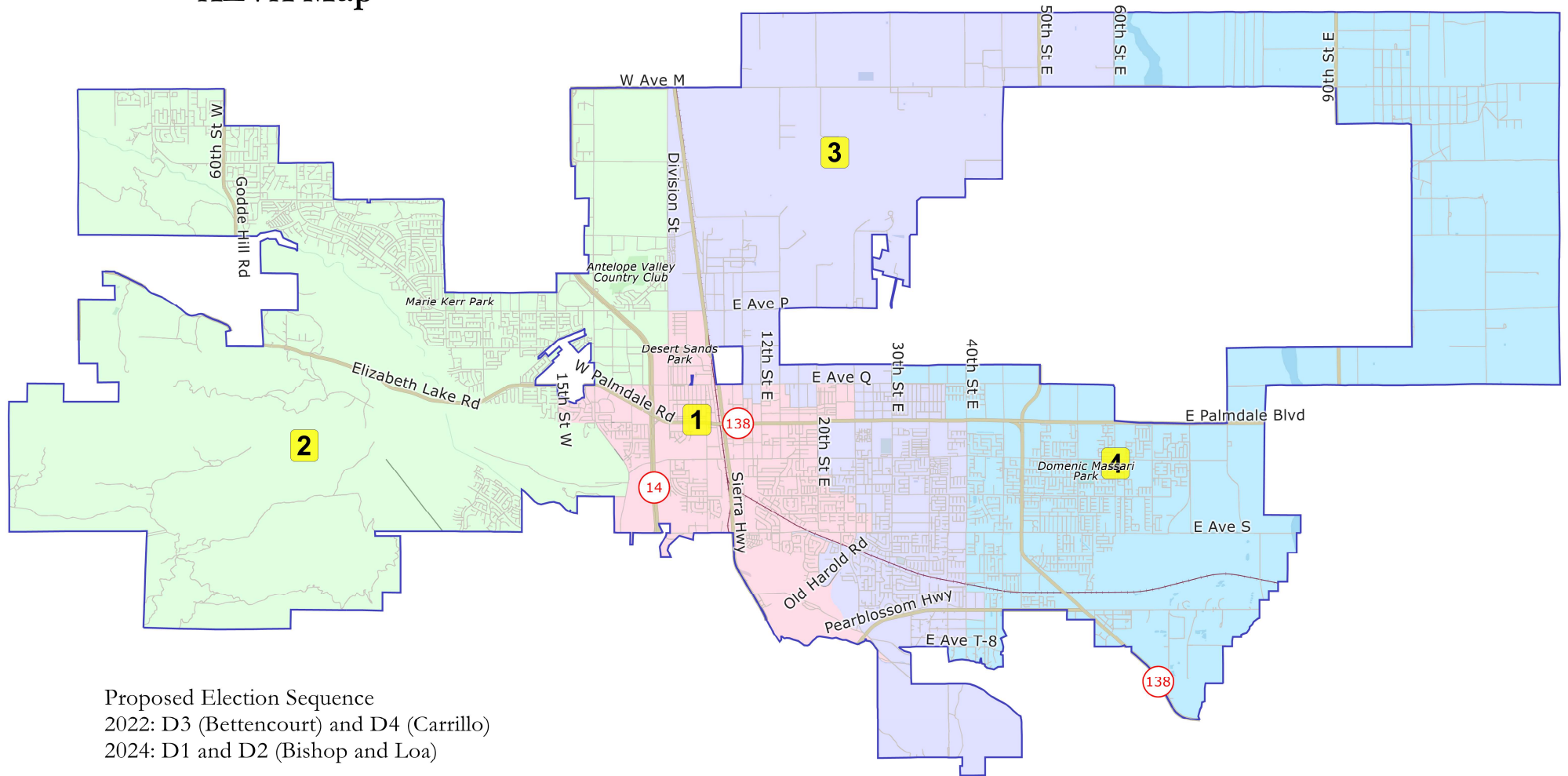
Palmdale Redistricting 2021

NDC Purple Map



Palmdale Redistricting 2022

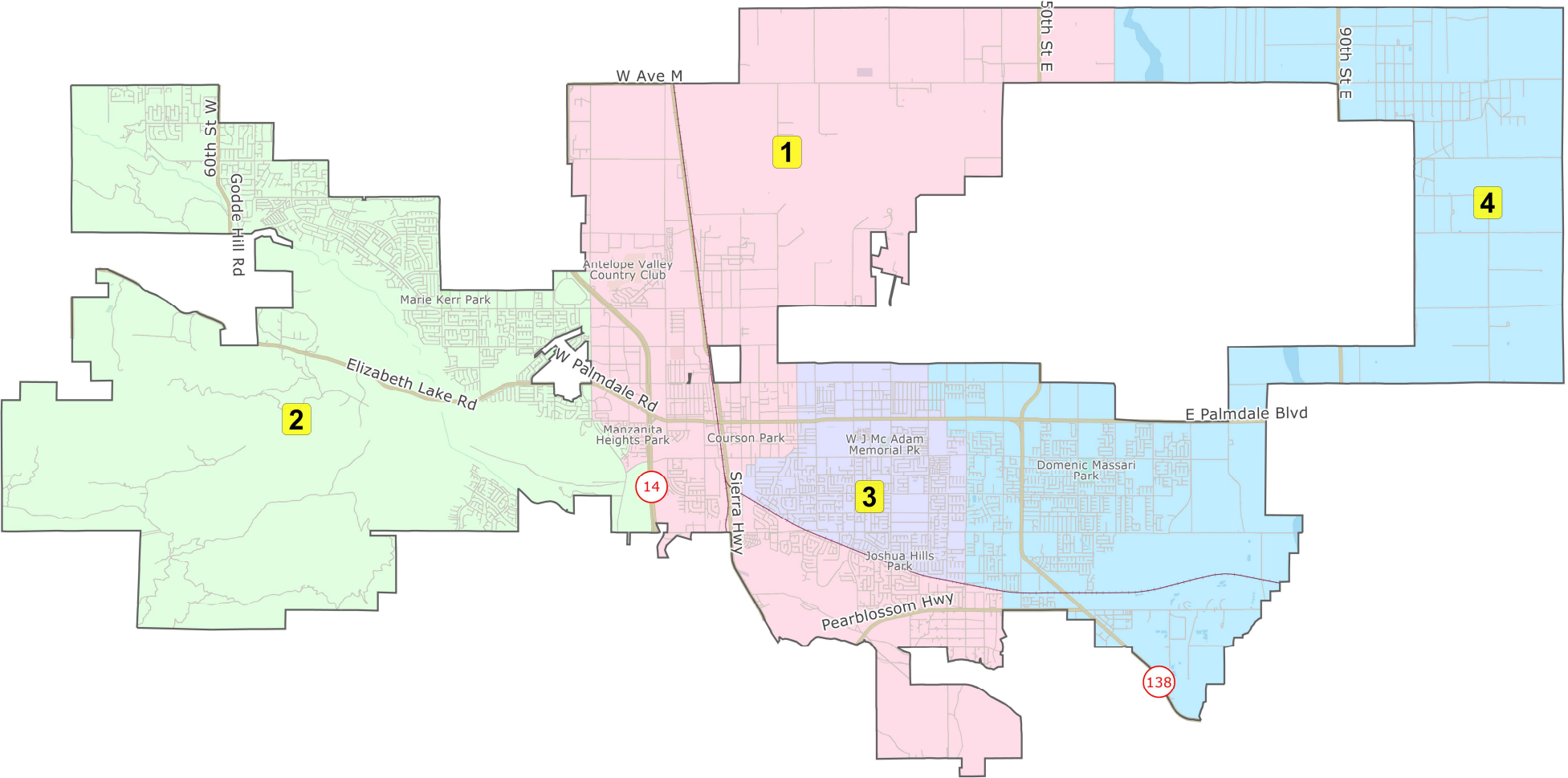
ALVA Map



Proposed Election Sequence
2022: D3 (Bettencourt) and D4 (Carrillo)
2024: D1 and D2 (Bishop and Loa)

Palmdale Redistricting 2022

Public Map 208





Outreach Summary Report
February 10, 2022

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Introduction

The City of Palmdale has launched an aggressive outreach effort to reach across the entire Palmdale community to engage and educate the public about the redistricting process. This Outreach Summary Report is intended to provide a high-level overview of the outreach philosophy, process and results to date.

Key highlights from these communication efforts include:

- Repeated email or phone contact with nearly 120 people and organizations to proactively outreach to key influencers, community leaders and community-based organizations with redistricting related information, including hearing agendas and meeting information.
- Rollout of the Redistricting website, DrawPalmdale.org, where extensive resources are available for the public to learn about the redistricting process, access all the materials and meeting information, and to draw maps based upon their understanding of communities of interest and submit them for consideration in the future.
- Flyers in English and Spanish to promote upcoming community meetings
- 117 English and Spanish social media posts spread across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter from August through February.
 - Instagram – 34 posts
 - Facebook – 38 posts
 - Twitter – 45 posts
- Billboard that reads “Send Your Map”
- Radio commercials on Spanish radio talk show, including 1410 am and 1470 am
- Magazine advertisements in Palmdale Magazine in Palmdale Connections
 - Palmdale Magazine - Summer 2021, Fall 2021 and Winter/Spring 2022
 - Palmdale Connections - Jan/Feb 2022, Nov/Dec. 2021, Sept/Oct. 2021
- Press releases in English and Spanish distributed to the City’s media contacts. The redistricting process was featured 14 times by external news sources, including *The Antelope Valley Times* and *Antelope Valley Press*.

A Unique Timeline Challenge

The redistricting process that was triggered by the 2020 Census is unique as a result of the delay in release of the Census data. In normal years, the Census data would become available in April of the year after the Census (April 2021), but due primarily to the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic, the data release was delayed. The federal government released the 2020 Census data on August 12, 2021. However, the FAIR MAPS Act requires California to adjust the census data by reassigning state and county prisoners to their last known address. The official data from the State of California that cities are required to use for the redistricting process was released on September 16, 2021. After several modifications, the data was ready for the public to use in early October.



The delayed data release has compressed the redistricting process in hundreds of agencies across California. To address this challenge, the City of Palmdale launched a process to engage and inform the public early with redistricting information and prepare them to participate in the process once the official data was released and map drawing had commenced.

Building an Outreach Team

The City of Palmdale built a team of professionals to effectively execute the community outreach component of the project. This team included City of Palmdale staff, Tripepi Smith and National Demographics Corporation (NDC). These parties met jointly on regular calls to discuss the project and coordinate efforts. The integration of the demographer (NDC) into the outreach plan was designed to ensure that communications properly contributed to the broader goals of public information and drawing maps. This team approach helped eliminate silos of knowledge in this critical project, made more important by the challenging compressed timeline.



Tripepi Smith was engaged as an outreach expert on the redistricting process. The firm has a long history of collaboration with NDC and has worked with other cities to assist with their migration to district elections. During this redistricting cycle, the firm is working with over 20 other cities and counties on their redistricting outreach.

These outreach efforts were ably assisted by the City Clerk's team and the Communications team for the City of Palmdale.

Spanning Channels of Outreach

The City of Palmdale leveraged a full array of outreach platforms to connect with the public. These included:

- The City's website
- City social media channels
- Flyers distributed to the public
- Direct calls and emails to nearly 120 community leaders and organizations throughout Palmdale and the surrounding area (see list included in report)
- In-person Community Meetings throughout the City and virtual via Zoom



Redistricting Website

In the past six months (August 1, 2021 – February 9, 2022), there have been 4,464 Sessions on the City's Redistricting website. A Session is the period of time a user is actively engaged with the website. The website's Sessions in the past six months came from 3,139 Users who viewed 9,484 pages.

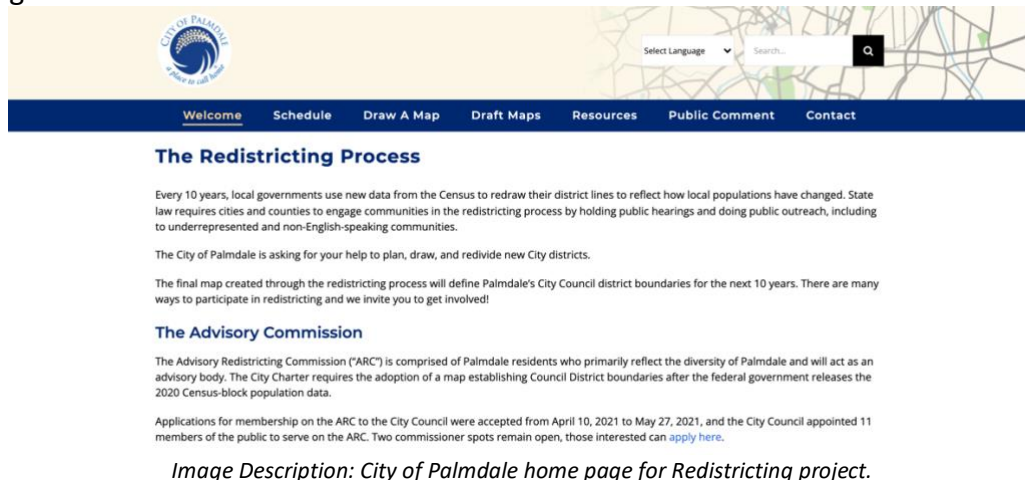


Image Description: City of Palmdale home page for Redistricting project.


From August 1, 2021 – February 9, 2022, the most popular page on the City's website was the homepage with 5,327 Pageviews. The Draw A Map page is the next most popular page with 1,257 pageviews.

Page Title	Pageviews	Unique Pageviews	Avg. Time on Page	Entrances	Bounce Rate	% Exit
	9,484 % of Total: 100.00% (9,484)	6,528 % of Total: 100.00% (6,528)	00:01:37 Avg for View: 00:01:37 (0.00%)	4,464 % of Total: 100.00% (4,464)	64.58% Avg for View: 64.58% (0.00%)	47.07% Avg for View: 47.07% (0.00%)
1. Draw Palmdale	5,327 (56.17%)	3,507 (53.72%)	00:01:00	3,387 (75.87%)	61.23%	46.31%
2. Draw A Map Draw Palmdale	1,257 (13.25%)	995 (15.24%)	00:02:31	483 (10.82%)	80.54%	58.87%
3. Schedule Draw Palmdale	1,096 (11.56%)	817 (12.52%)	00:03:33	229 (5.13%)	74.24%	53.19%
4. Draft Maps Draw Palmdale	1,091 (11.50%)	720 (11.03%)	00:02:00	267 (5.98%)	68.16%	43.90%
5. Resources Draw Palmdale	303 (3.19%)	171 (2.62%)	00:01:09	22 (0.49%)	54.55%	21.45%
6. FAQ Draw Palmdale	94 (0.99%)	85 (1.30%)	00:01:13	8 (0.18%)	62.50%	39.36%
7. Public Comment Draw Palmdale	88 (0.93%)	58 (0.89%)	00:03:45	8 (0.18%)	75.00%	23.86%
8. Contact Draw Palmdale	80 (0.84%)	59 (0.90%)	00:02:13	10 (0.22%)	50.00%	23.75%
9. Advisory Commission Draw Palmdale	36 (0.38%)	28 (0.43%)	00:00:59	8 (0.18%)	75.00%	33.33%
10. Palmdale Is Redrawing Its City Council Districts: Residents Encouraged to Make Their Voice Heard at Palmdale's First Redistricting Public Hearing Draw Palmdale	27 (0.28%)	14 (0.21%)	00:02:51	1 (0.02%)	100.00%	11.11%

Image Description: Top pages on the City's Redistricting website from August 1, 2021 – February 9, 2022

Collateral Materials

First Public Hearing Flyer (English and Spanish)



Help shape the future of the City of Palmdale!

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 • 5:30 p.m.

Get involved in the redistricting process. The City of Palmdale must redraw City Council voting district lines based on the new 2020 Census data, and you are invited to participate!

Palmdale's Advisory Redistricting Commission is hosting Palmdale's first public hearing for the 2021 redistricting process on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Palmdale Council Chamber.

Join us to learn more about how you can make your voice heard in Palmdale's redistricting process!

Palmdale Council Chamber
38300 5th Street West, Palmdale, CA 93551

Spanish translation will be provided in-person at the hearing if requested 72 hours in advance.

For more information, visit www.DrawPalmdale.org.





¡Ayude a dar Forma al Futuro de la Ciudad de Palmdale!

Martes 14 de septiembre de 2021 a las 5:30 p.m.

Participe en el proceso de redistribución de distritos. La Ciudad de Palmdale debe volver a trazar las líneas de los distritos de votación del Concejo Municipal basándose en los nuevos datos del Censo de 2020, ¡y estás invitado a participar!

La Comisión Asesora de Redistribución de Distritos de Palmdale celebrará la primera audiencia pública de Palmdale para el proceso de redistribución de distritos de 2021 el martes 14 de septiembre de 2021 a las 5:30 p.m. en la Cámara del Consejo de Palmdale.

Únase a nosotros para obtener más información sobre cómo puede participar en el proceso de redistribución de distritos de Palmdale!

Cámara del Consejo de Palmdale
38300 5th Street West, Palmdale, CA 93551

Se proporcionará traducción al español en persona en la audiencia si se solicita con 72 horas de anticipación.

Para obtener más información, visite www.DrawPalmdale.



Community Workshop Schedule Flyer (English and Spanish)

The City of Palmdale Needs Your Help Redrawing City Council Districts!

Redistricting Community Workshop Schedule



Residents of Palmdale have a unique opportunity to help shape the future of the City by drawing new district lines based on the 2020 Census data.

The City of Palmdale is holding a series of community workshops to seek public input on where district boundaries should be drawn for the purposes of electing a City Council member. Your feedback and draft maps will be used by the City Council to adopt the final voting district map.

Each workshop will cover:

- Overview of the redistricting process
- Communities of interest

Join us to learn more about redistricting and draw your own map for Council consideration!

October 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM
District 1, Holiday Inn 38630 5th Street West

October 16, 2021 at 1:00 PM
District 4, Knight High School, 37423 70th Street East

October 16, 2021 at 5:00 PM
District 3, Palmdale Oasis Park Recreation Center
3850 East Avenue S

October 25, 2021 at 6:00 PM
District 2, Marie Kerr Park Recreation Center
2723-A West Rancho Vista Blvd.



To learn more about the redistricting process and future public meetings, visit DrawPalmdale.org.



¡La Ciudad de Palmdale Necesita Su Ayuda para Rediseñar los Distritos del Concejo Municipal!

Calendario de Talleres Comunitarios de Redistribución de Distritos



Los residentes de Palmdale tienen una oportunidad única de ayudar a dar forma al futuro de la Ciudad trazando nuevas líneas de distrito basadas en los datos del Censo de 2020.

La Ciudad de Palmdale está llevando a cabo una serie de talleres comunitarios para buscar la opinión del público sobre dónde se deben trazar los límites del distrito con el propósito de elegir a un miembro del Concejo Municipal. El Concejo Municipal utilizará sus comentarios y borradores de mapas para adoptar el mapa final del distrito de votación.

Cada taller cubrirá:

- Descripción general del proceso de redistribución de distritos
- Comunidades de interés
- Herramientas de mapeo público

¡Únase a nosotros para obtener más información sobre la redistribución de distritos y dibujar su propio mapa para que el Consejo lo considere!

12 de octubre de 2021 a las 5:30 PM

Distrito 1, Holiday Inn 38630 5th Street West

16 de octubre de 2021 a las 1:00 PM

Distrito 4, Knight High School, 37423 70th Street East

16 de octubre de 2021 a las 5:00 PM

Distrito 3, Centro Recreativo de Palmdale Oasis Park
3850 East Avenue S

25 de octubre de 2021 a las 6:00 PM

Distrito 2, Centro Recreativo de Marie Kerr Park
2723-A West Rancho Vista Blvd.



Para obtener más información sobre el proceso de redistribución de distritos y las futuras reuniones públicas, visite DrawPalmdale.org.



Second Public Hearing Flyer (English and Spanish)

City of Palmdale Redistricting Public Hearing

The City Council is hosting the second public hearing for the 2021 redistricting process on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Palmdale Council Chamber and via Zoom.

The City of Palmdale encourages residents to get involved and share their input on where they think the district lines should be redrawn based on population changes.

Spanish translation will be provided in-person at the hearing if requested 72 hours in advance.

Join us to learn more about how you can make your voice heard in Palmdale's redistricting process!

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Palmdale Council Chamber
38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B, Palmdale, CA 93550

Join via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86962278280?pwd=VEYwOVErRGRaOFFXU2ZOOGdGcWZ1Zz09>

Call: +1 669 900 9128 | ID: 869 6227 8280 | Password: 958787



For more information, visit
www.DrawPalmdale.org.



Audiencia Pública de Redistribución de Distritos de la Ciudad de Palmdale

El Concejo Municipal celebrará la segunda audiencia pública para el proceso de redistribución de distritos de 2021 el miércoles 3 de noviembre de 2021 a las 7:30 p.m. en la Cámara del Consejo de Palmdale y a través de Zoom.

La ciudad de Palmdale alienta a los residentes a participar y compartir sus opiniones sobre donde creen que se deberían volver a trazar las líneas de cada distrito en función de los cambios de población.

Únase a nosotros para obtener más información sobre cómo puede dibujar y enviar un mapa usted mismo para que el Concejo Municipal lo considere.

Se proporcionará traducción al español en persona en la audiencia si se solicita con 72 horas de anticipación.

Miércoles 3 de noviembre de 2021 a las 7:30 p.m.

Cámara del Consejo de Palmdale
38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B, Palmdale, CA 93550

Participe a través de Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86962278280?pwd=VEYwOVERGRaOFFXU2ZObGdGcWZ1Zz09>

Llama a: +1 669 900 9128 | ID: 869 6227 8280 | Contraseña: 958787



Para obtener más información,
visite www.DrawPalmdale.org.

December 14 Advisory Redistricting Commission Meeting



Submit your Proposed District Maps for Review by the Advisory Redistricting Commission

The City of Palmdale Advisory Redistricting Commission is holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Palmdale City Hall. The commission will review draft maps and public input received by 5:00 p.m. on December 10, 2021.

Paper and online mapping tools are available at **[DrawPalmdale.org/Draw-A-Map](https://drawpalmdale.org/draw-a-map)** for Palmdale community members to create their own maps. All submissions will be reviewed and posted to the redistricting website.

Join us to review all draft maps that have been submitted by the public thus far.

**Extended deadline to
submit maps for the December 14, 2021
Advisory Redistricting Commission Meeting:**

Friday, December 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Palmdale City Hall
38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B
Palmdale, CA 93550



For additional meeting information,
visit **www.DrawPalmdale.org**.



Envíe Sus Mapas Distritales Propuestos para que la Comisión Asesora de Redistribución de Distritos los Revise

La Comisión Asesora de Redistribución de Distritos de la Ciudad de Palmdale celebrará su reunión mensual el martes 14 de diciembre de 2021 a las 5:30 p.m. en el Ayuntamiento de Palmdale. La comisión revisará los borradores de mapas y las aportaciones del público recibidas antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 10 de diciembre de 2021.

Las herramientas de mapas en papel y en línea están disponibles en **[DrawPalmdale.org/Draw-A-Map](https://www.DrawPalmdale.org/Draw-A-Map)** para que los miembros de la comunidad de Palmdale creen sus propios mapas. Todas las presentaciones serán revisadas y publicadas en el sitio web de redistribución de distritos.

Únase a nosotros para revisar todos los borradores de mapas que el público ha enviado hasta ahora.

Fecha límite extendido para enviar mapas para la Reunión de la Comisión Asesora de Redistribución de Distritos del 14 de diciembre de 2021:

Viernes 10 de diciembre de 2021 a las 5:00 p.m.

Ayuntamiento de Palmdale
38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B
Palmdale, CA 93550



Para obtener más información sobre las reuniones, visite **www.DrawPalmdale.org**.



Third Public Hearing Flyer (English and Spanish)

What Are Your Thoughts on the Proposed District Draft Maps?

The City of Palmdale's Advisory Redistricting Commission is holding its last meeting on **Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.** at Palmdale City Hall and via Zoom. The commission will review draft maps received by **5:00 p.m. on January 3, 2022** and provide a recommendation for the City Council to consider when selecting a map for adoption.

Following the commission meeting, the City Council will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.** at Palmdale City Hall and via Zoom where the City Council will discuss the commission's recommendations, draft maps and public input received.

Draft maps are available for review at DrawPalmdale.org/Draft-Maps.

Make your voice heard at a public meeting!

Advisory Redistricting Commission Meeting:

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Redistricting Public Hearing:

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Palmdale City Hall

38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B
Palmdale, CA 93550

For Zoom information, visit DrawPalmdale.org/Schedule



To submit a public comment, including feedback on draft maps, visit www.DrawPalmdale.org or email Redistrict2021@CityOfPalmdale.org.



¿Cuáles son sus Pensamientos sobre los Borradores de Mapas de Distritos?

La Comisión Asesora de Redistribución de Distritos de la Ciudad de Palmdale celebrará su última reunión el **martes 11 de enero de 2022 a las 5:30 p.m.** en el Ayuntamiento de Palmdale y vía Zoom. La comisión revisará los borradores de mapas recibidos antes de las **5:00 p.m. el 3 de enero de 2022** y proporcionará una recomendación para que el Concejo Municipal la considere al seleccionar un mapa para su adopción.

Tras la reunión de la comisión, el Consejo Municipal celebrará una audiencia pública el **miércoles 12 de enero de 2022 a las 7:30 p.m.** en Palmdale City Hall y vía Zoom, donde el Consejo discutirá las recomendaciones de la comisión, los borradores de mapas y los comentarios recibidos del público.

Los borradores de mapas están disponibles para su revisión en DrawPalmdale.org/Draft-Maps.

¡Haga que su voz se escuche en una reunión pública!

Reunión de la Comisión Asesora de Redistribución de Distritos:
martes 11 de enero de 2022 a las 5:30 p.m.

Audiencia pública de redistribución de distritos:
miércoles 12 de enero de 2022 a las 7:30 p.m.

Ayuntamiento de Palmdale
38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B
Palmdale, CA 93550

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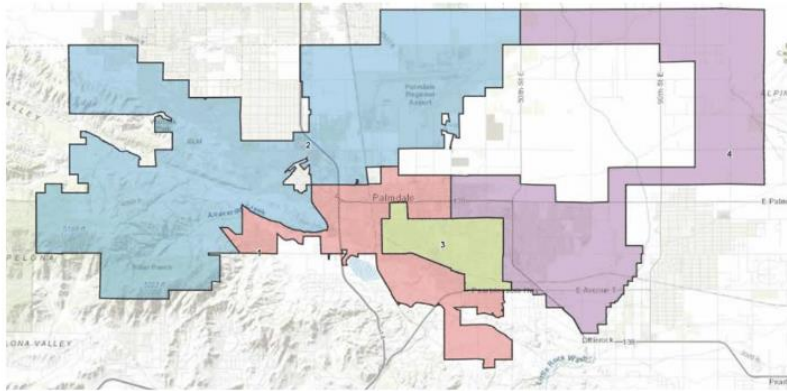
Para enviar un comentario público, incluidos los comentarios sobre los borradores de mapas, visite www.DrawPalmdale.org o envíe un correo electrónico a Redistrict2021@CityOfPalmdale.org.

Deadline to Submit Draft Maps Flyer (English and Spanish)



Last Chance to Draw District Maps for the City of Palmdale!

Monday, January 3, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.



Palmdale community members still have time to draw a City Council voting district map for the City of Palmdale! Paper and online mapping tools are available at [DrawPalmdale.org/Draw-A-Map](https://www.DrawPalmdale.org/Draw-A-Map) for the public to create their own maps. All submissions will be reviewed and posted to the redistricting website.

The deadline for the public to submit maps is Monday, January 3, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.

Residents are also encouraged to provide feedback on draft maps that are posted on [DrawPalmdale.org/Draft-Maps](https://www.DrawPalmdale.org/Draft-Maps).

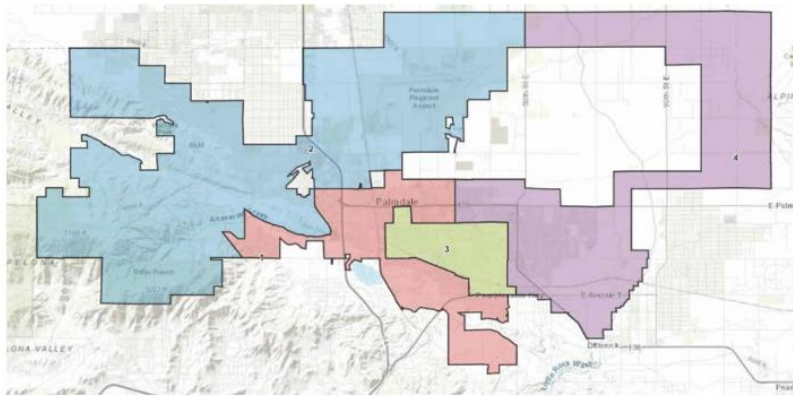


For more information, visit
www.DrawPalmdale.org.



¡Última Oportunidad para Dibujar Mapas Distritales para la Ciudad de Palmdale!

Lunes, 3 de enero de 2022 antes de las 5:00 p.m.



Los miembros de la comunidad de Palmdale todavía tienen tiempo para dibujar un mapa de distritos de votación del Concejo Municipal para la Ciudad de Palmdale. Las herramientas de mapas en papel y en línea están disponibles en **[DrawPalmdale.org/Draw-A-Map](https://www.DrawPalmdale.org/Draw-A-Map)** para que el público cree sus propios mapas. Todas las presentaciones serán revisadas y publicadas en el sitio web de redistribución de distritos.

La fecha límite para que el público envíe mapas es el lunes 3 de enero de 2022 a las 5:00 p.m.

También se anima a los residentes a proporcionar comentarios sobre los borradores de mapas que se publican en **[DrawPalmdale.org/Draft-Maps](https://www.DrawPalmdale.org/Draft-Maps)**.



Para obtener más información,
visite **www.DrawPalmdale.org**.



Additional Redistricting Meetings Flyer (English and Spanish)

Additional Redistricting Meetings: Attend and Provide Feedback

The City of Palmdale's Advisory Redistricting Commission is holding a special meeting on Wednesday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m. to review City Council's feedback and provide further recommendations to the City Council for its consideration.

Following the commission meeting, the City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., where the City Council will discuss the commission's recommendations, draft maps and public input received. After its review, the City Council is scheduled to select a new district map for adoption.

Share your thoughts on draft district maps!

Advisory Redistricting Commission Meeting:
Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

City Council Redistricting Public Hearing:
Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Palmdale City Hall
38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B
Palmdale, CA 93550

For Zoom information, visit [DrawPalmdale.org/Schedule](https://www.DrawPalmdale.org/Schedule).



To submit a public comment, including feedback on draft maps, visit www.DrawPalmdale.org or email Redistrict2021@CityOfPalmdale.org.



Reuniones Adicionales de Redistribución de Distritos: Asista y Proporcione Comentarios

La Comisión Asesora de Redistribución de Distritos de la Ciudad de Palmdale llevará a cabo una reunión especial el miércoles 9 de febrero a las 5:30 p.m. para revisar los comentarios del Concejo Municipal para su consideración.

Después de la reunión de la comisión, el Concejo Municipal llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el miércoles 16 de febrero de 2022 a las 7:30 p.m., donde el Concejo Municipal analizará las recomendaciones de la comisión, los mapas preliminares y los aportes públicos recibidos. Después de su revisión, el Concejo Municipal tiene programado seleccionar un nuevo mapa distrital para su adopción.

¡Comparta sus pensamientos sobre los borradores de mapas distritales!

Reunión de la Comisión Asesora de Redistribución de Distritos:
Miércoles 9 de febrero de 2022 a las 5:30 p.m.

Audiencia Pública de Redistribución de Distritos del Concejo Municipal: Miércoles 16 de febrero de 2022 a las 7:30 p.m.

Ayuntamiento de Palmdale
38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B
Palmdale, CA 93550

Para obtener información sobre Zoom, visite
[DrawPalmdale.org/Schedule](https://www.DrawPalmdale.org/Schedule)



Para enviar un comentario público, incluidos comentarios sobre los mapas preliminares, visite www.DrawPalmdale.org o envíe un correo electrónico a Redistrict2021@CityOfPalmdale.org.



Social Media Advertisement (English and Spanish)

The City of Palmdale scheduled 117 total posts across Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. Each social media post included a descriptive English caption with the Spanish translation underneath.

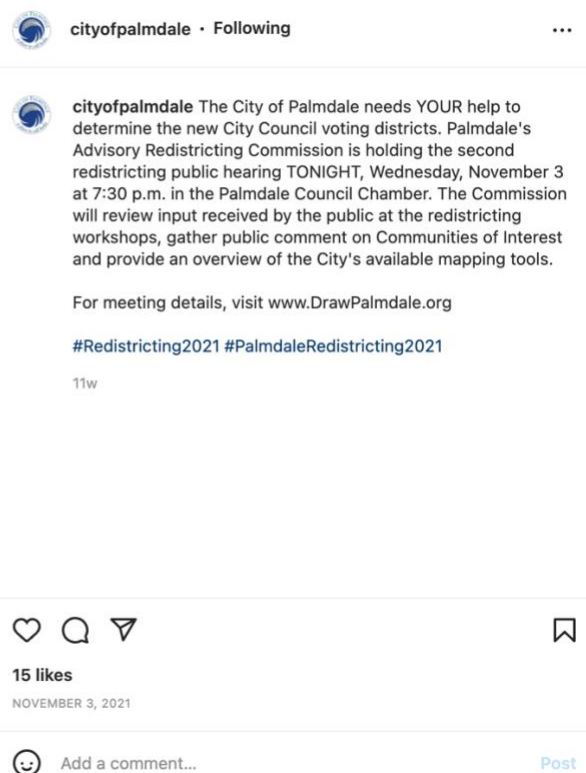
Social media content included:

- Information about the redistricting process and how to get involved
- Announcements before Community Meetings
- Information on the City's various mapping tools
- Reminders about upcoming deadlines
- A link to the City's redistricting website

Collectively, the social media posts had a total of 150,786 Impressions.

Social Media Examples







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cityofpalmdale [🇺🇸 para español 🇺🇸] #DidYouKnow you can be a part of the redistricting process by drawing and submitting a map yourself? You can draw the borders of your neighborhood, a proposed voting district or sketch an entire citywide map of all four districts! There are a variety of map drawing tools you can use to create your redistricting map:

- 📍 Paper-only maps
- 📍 Paper maps with a Microsoft Excel Supplement Kit
- 📍 Online map-drawing tool (more details to come) For more information about the mapping tools and how to submit your map, visit: www.DrawPalmdale.org

#Redistricting2021 #PalmdaleRedistricting2021

¿Sabías que puedes ser parte del proceso de redistribución de distritos dibujando y enviando un mapa tú mismo? Puedes dibujar las fronteras de tu vecindario, un distrito de votación propuesto o dibujar un mapa completo de la ciudad de los cuatro distritos.

Hay una variedad de herramientas de dibujo de mapas que puede utilizar para crear su mapa de redistribución de distritos:

- 📍 Mapas solo en papel
- 📍 Mapas en papel con un kit complementario de Microsoft Excel

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cityofpalmdale The City of Palmdale is holding its next Advisory Redistricting Commission meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Palmdale Council Chamber. There is still time to draw and submit a voting district draft map for City Council to consider for adoption! Maps may be submitted electronically, by mail or in person.

- 📍 Email: redistrict2021@cityofpalmdale.org
- 📍 Submit by Mail or Drop Off in Person: City Clerk's Office, Attn: Redistricting, 38300 Sierra Highway Suite C, Palmdale, CA 93550

For more information and to get downloadable maps, visit: <https://drawpalmdale.org/>

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cityofpalmdale The FINAL deadline to submit district draft maps for consideration by City Council is January 3, 2022 by 5:00 p.m. All public submissions will be posted to the City's redistricting website at DrawPalmdale.org/Draft-Maps. Residents are encouraged to review submitted draft maps and provide feedback on map elements they agree or disagree with. The City of Palmdale will host the final Advisory Redistricting Commission meeting on January 11, 2022 where the commission will determine map recommendations for City Council's final adoption. To draw and submit your own map for consideration, visit DrawPalmdale.org and select the Draw A Map tab.

"La fecha límite FINAL para enviar los borradores de mapas del distrito para su consideración por el Concejo Municipal es el 3 de enero de 2022 a las 5:00 p.m.

Todas las presentaciones públicas se publicarán en el sitio web de redistribución de distritos de la Ciudad en DrawPalmdale.org/Draft-Maps. Se anima a los residentes a que revisen los borradores de mapas presentados y brinden comentarios sobre los elementos del mapa con los que estén de acuerdo o en desacuerdo.



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cityofpalmdale The City of Palmdale is holding a special Advisory Redistricting Commission meeting TONIGHT, Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Palmdale Council Chamber. The commission will discuss proposed district draft maps to prepare a recommendation for City Council to consider at the next public hearing. Attend the meeting to share your input on the proposed district draft maps. Find additional meeting information at DrawPalmdale.org/Schedule

La ciudad de Palmdale llevará a cabo una reunión especial de la Comisión Asesora de Redistribución de Distritos ESTA NOCHE, jueves 20 de enero de 2022 a las 5:30 p. m. en la Cámara del Consejo de Palmdale. La comisión discutirá los borradores de mapas distritales propuestos para preparar una recomendación para que el Concejo Municipal la considere en la próxima audiencia pública. Asista a la reunión para compartir su opinión sobre los mapas preliminares propuestos. Encuentre información adicional sobre reuniones en DrawPalmdale.org/Schedule

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Email Blasts

Email blasts were sent to contacts listed on page 48.

Redistricting Meeting Schedule - Sent 9/1

Good afternoon,

The City of Palmdale is in the midst of its redistricting process and the City Council needs your help to draw new district lines for the purposes of electing a City Council Member.

Redistricting is the process where district lines for Congress, State Legislatures, County Board of Supervisors, City Councils, School Boards and other elected officials are redrawn every 10 years based on Census data. New district maps must be drawn to ensure districts have an equal number of constituents and fair representation among all residents.

On behalf of the City of Palmdale, we are asking organizations and community members to spread the word about redistricting to their friends, neighbors and colleagues and get involved in the process by attending public meetings and submitting draft maps or public comments.

Upcoming Public Meetings:

October 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. - District 1 Community Workshop

October 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. - District 4 Community Workshop

October 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. - District 3 Community Workshop

October 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. - District 2 Community Workshop

**Please note that dates and times are subject to change.*

For more information on Palmdale's redistricting process and how you can participate, visit www.DrawPalmdale.org.

Should you have any questions about redistricting, please feel free to contact me. Have a great weekend!

Community Workshop Schedule – Sent 10/14

Good afternoon,

The City of Palmdale needs your help to draw new voting district lines for the purpose of electing City Council Members!

The City is holding two **Community Redistricting Workshops** this **Saturday, October 16, 2021**:

1:00 p.m. - Knight High School, 37423 70th St. East, Palmdale

5:00 p.m. - Palmdale Oasis Park Recreation Center, 3850 East Ave S., Palmdale

At these workshops, the City's demographer will go over the redistricting process, communities of interest and the mapping tools that will be available for residents to use to draw their own maps. Attendees will also learn how to use the official California-adjusted Census data to balance the population in each district.

Palmdale's Advisory Redistricting Commission will be present to discuss what constitutes your neighborhoods and communities of interest. Palmdale community members are encouraged to participate and share their preferred district boundaries. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information on Palmdale's redistricting process and how you can participate, visit www.DrawPalmdale.org.

Should you have any questions about redistricting, please feel free to contact me. Have a great week.



Final Community Workshop Reminder – Sent 10/22

Good afternoon,

Palmdale City Council will hold the second redistricting public hearing this **Wednesday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Palmdale Council Chamber. Residents may join in-person or watch via Zoom.

[Zoom Webinar Attendee Link](#)

US: +1 669 900 9128

Webinar ID: 869 6227 8280 Passcode: 958787

At this hearing, you will have an opportunity to share your community of interest to help the City Council choose a map that ensures your neighborhood and community is represented. The City Council will also review public input received at the redistricting workshops.

Interested in submitting a district map for City Council consideration? Residents can use the [interactive review map](#) to review current demographics and draw draft maps using the [printable paper maps](#). Both tools are loaded with the official 2020 Census data.

For more information on Palmdale's redistricting process and how you can participate, visit www.DrawPalmdale.org.

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Second Redistricting Public Hearing – Sent 11/2

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Should you have any questions about redistricting, please feel free to contact me. Have a great week.

December 14 Advisory Redistricting Commission Meeting – Sent 12/13

Community Members of Palmdale,

The City of Palmdale's Advisory Redistricting Commission will review proposed City Council district maps during its meeting tomorrow, **Dec. 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.** at Palmdale City Hall, 38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B and via Zoom.

The draft maps that were submitted by Dec. 10, 2021 are available on the City's redistricting website: DrawPalmdale.org/Draft-Maps. The City encourages you to share your feedback on these maps during the commission meeting on Dec. 14 or via email to Redistrict2021@CityOfPalmdale.org.

Click on the link to review the original version of each proposed map. The most detailed way to view each draft map is using the [interactive review map](#), which includes the demographic summary of each district for each map.

Didn't have a chance to submit a map yet? You still have time! **The final deadline to submit a map for consideration is Jan. 3, 2021.** Paper and online mapping tools are available at DrawPalmdale.org/Draw-A-Map.

For more information on Palmdale's redistricting process and how you can participate, visit www.DrawPalmdale.org.



January 20 Special Advisory Redistricting Commission Meeting – Sent 1/19

Residents of Palmdale,

The City of Palmdale is holding a **special** Advisory Redistricting Commission meeting **tomorrow, Jan. 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.** at Palmdale City Hall, 38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B and via Zoom. The commission will be discussing proposed district draft maps to prepare a recommendation for City Council to consider at the next public hearing on February 2, 2022.

Webinar attendee link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83564570727?pwd=V1c0SzVBTGhlcG5bnNnSkYyTG1GQT09>

Zoom Number: +1 253 215 8782 **Webinar ID:** 835 6457 0727 **Passcode:** 107294

The City encourages you to share your feedback on proposed district draft maps during the commission meeting or by emailing redistrict2021@CityOfPalmdale.org. The draft maps being considered are available on the City's redistricting website: DrawPalmdale.org/Draft-Maps.

The most detailed way to view each draft map is using the [interactive review map](#), which includes the demographic summary of each district for each map.

For more information on Palmdale's redistricting process and how you can participate, visit www.DrawPalmdale.org.

February 9 Special Advisory Redistricting Commission Meeting – Sent 2/9

Community members of Palmdale,

The City of Palmdale is holding a special Advisory Redistricting Commission meeting **today, Feb. 9, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.** at Palmdale City Hall, 38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B and via Zoom. The commission will review City Council's feedback and provide further recommendations to the City Council for its consideration.

Webinar attendee link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85114814129?pwd=ZkhpeERPem1ydVNNUDhsU0owYmZBdz09>

Zoom Number: US: +1 346 248 7799

Webinar ID: 851 1481 4129

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For more information on Palmdale's redistricting process, visit www.DrawPalmdale.org.



Community Workshops

The City of Palmdale held a series of four Redistricting Community Workshops to engage the public and seek input on communities of interest.

October 12, 2021 – District 1, Holiday Inn

October 16, 2021 – District 4, Knight High School

October 16, 2021 – District 3, Palmdale Oasis Park Recreation Center

October 25, 2021 – District 2, Marie Kerr Park Recreation Center

To ensure most residents had the opportunity to participate, each community workshop gave residents the option to attend in person at the listed locations or virtually via Zoom. National Demographics Corporation was present at each meeting to educate residents on the redistricting process and answer questions. Tripepi Smith facilitated each of the workshops and encouraged residents to engage in dialogue related to neighborhoods and communities of interest.

Public Input Received on Communities of Interest

October 12 Community Workshop – District 1, Holiday Inn

- Hispanic Communities
 - Should be given consideration, equal representation
- Area around Plant 42 (Aerospace Companies)
- Schools, law enforcement, construction oversight, culture, equal rights, housing, available services
 - District 1 – Division St, Palmdale Blvd.
- Apartments being built in the E. side v. W. side
- District 4 - 47th E, Ave S. – Parks: Domenic Massari
 - Neighborhoods are tight, parking is bad, lack of stop signs
- Apartment Residents - Public transportation is difficult, Access for senior citizens
 - 25th St. E. , Palmdale Blvd. – Traffic Light
- No movie theaters, no theaters on East side of Palmdale
- HOA communities, non-HOA communities
- Technical school needed in the Antelope Valley
- People who live on acres have similar interest
- Rancho Vista area – its own community within Palmdale
 - “I live in Rancho Vista” v. “I live in Palmdale”
- Commuter City – people leave to work in Los Angeles, etc.
- Black families, Latino families

October 16 Community Workshop – District 4, Knight High School

- Latino Community
- Current median income of male household, COI around household income / lower income
 - Male average
 - Eastside, average male (district 3 or 4), creating jobs for these communities
 - Eastside: East of Sierra Highway (2)
- African American Community
- Asian Community
- Native American Community
- Seniors
- Homeless
- High school seniors
- Disabled
- District 2 – population that surrounds Palmdale city hall, mainly black and latino
- Dividing lines:
 - Highway 138
 - 14 Freeway
 - 15th Street E., Avenue S.
 - 10th Street W.
 - Rancho Vista Blvd.
 - Elizabeth Lake Rd.
 - 30th St. West
 - Avenue R, S, Palmdale Blvd. (Hwy 138)
 - Avenue M (where Palmdale and Lancaster meet)
- Transportation Center / Metrolink
- Plant 42 – air park

October 16 Community Workshop – District 3, Palmdale Oasis Park Recreation Center \

- Immigrants

October 25, Community Workshop – District 2, Marie Kerr Park Recreation Center

- Latino
- African Americans
- Native Americans
- Asians
- Immigrants
- High School seniors
- Senior Citizens
- Amphitheater – District 2, Rancho Vista Blvd.



- Disabled
- Veterans
 - Female veterans, unique areas of concern
- School
- Law enforcement
- Palmdale Oasis – stay in District 3
- District 4 – boundaries to be increased, maintain parks on East side of Palmdale
 - Domenic Massari
- Area around City Hall – 10th St. E, Palmdale Blvd., Avenue R – busy area for people who live in the apartments
 - Senior Citizens area



Written Public Comments Submitted



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SPEAKER'S FORM

Please fill out this form and give to Deputized Clerk prior to start of meeting.

NOTE: For record keeping purposes, and in the event that City staff may need to contact you, we recommend that this form be completed. Once it has been deposited with the Deputized Clerk, the information becomes a public record. A **three minute time limit** will be imposed on all speakers other than City Staff members. If you are speaking on behalf of a homeowner's group, business firm, etc., please also include that organization's name.

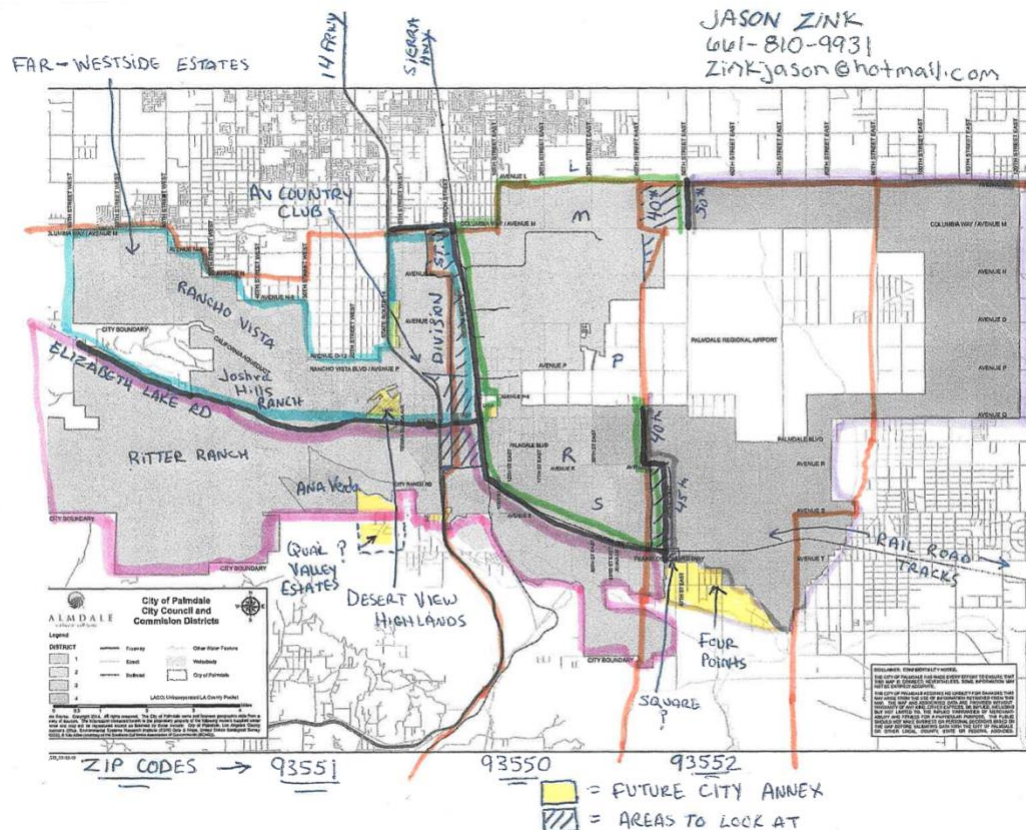
Agenda Item No: 4 In Favor _____ Opposed _____

Date of Meeting: 9-14-21

Name (include title and Company if applicable): JASON ZINK

Address: _____

Phone: 661-810-9931



17:43:15 From Dave Bowman : how many are watching??
18:12:52 From Troy Gabbard To All Panelists : The area around Plant
42. (Aerospace Companies)

13:14:22 From Dave Bowman : uuuhhhhhhhh no sound?
13:14:46 From Dave Bowman : anyone there?
13:15:26 From Faith Chung To All Panelists : Hello, once the meeting
officially starts you will hear directly from the mic.
13:15:47 From Faith Chung : Hello, once the meeting officially starts
you will hear directly from the mic.
13:19:38 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Greetings Everyone
13:20:24 From Dave Bowman : still no sound
13:20:28 From Alenna Schofield : Greetings Everyone
13:20:42 From Alenna Schofield : The lighting is very dim
13:20:46 From Dave Bowman : bad
13:22:06 From Dave Bowman : still cant hear
13:22:30 From Dave Bowman : more volume?????
13:22:52 From Alenna Schofield : How does the City of Palmdale
facilitate a meeting so dark? Do you not have the right technology.
13:24:24 From Alenna Schofield : What if you want to speak on Zoom.
Please post the number for the comment in the chat. Thank you.
13:24:59 From Alenna Schofield : Who's involved drawing the map? Are
all groups/population represented.
13:25:14 From Alenna Schofield : I have a comment
13:26:04 From Kristen Parks : Alenna please raise your hand to speak
13:26:33 From Alenna Schofield : Thank you so much
13:29:44 From Alenna Schofield : Sure
13:29:59 From Alenna Schofield : But everyone needs to be included
Thank you
13:30:44 From Alenna Schofield : Where is the equal representation
13:31:39 From Alenna Schofield : Thank you Sir? Yessir
13:32:10 From Alenna Schofield : It's a crying aloud shame
13:32:19 From Alenna Schofield : It's not fair or right
13:32:31 From Dave Bowman : funny how the city atty is here now
discussing the predominantly Latino districts but not at the first
meeting.
13:33:03 From Alenna Schofield : Palmdale is 60 percent Latino
13:33:30 From Dave Bowman : the issue of districting mapping must
include City Council meetings w US involved
13:33:32 From Alenna Schofield : We have had a lot of grace and
patience for a long time standing. I'm praying 🙏
13:34:05 From Alenna Schofield : I give you permission to record every
word that I say.
13:36:07 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : You have me muted
to speak to everyone.
13:36:35 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : I'm going to
expose you. I'm doing screenshots now
13:37:14 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : It's not a
Democracy. It's a bunch of racists who want to control this city.
13:37:38 From Kylie Benzing To Alenna Schofield and All Panelists :
Hi Alenna, you can speak during public comment.
13:37:42 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : You are trying to
kill my influence.
13:38:25 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : It's so sad that



you don't even acknowledge the systemic racism that runs this city.

13:38:40 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Thank you Kylie

13:40:17 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : How do we trust leaders who have only acknowledged Black History Month this year February 2021 when I remember it being instituted when I was in the 6th grade over 45 years ago. Do you even care about people of color? I'm so concerned

13:40:41 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Of course A lawsuit. Isn't that a shame

13:41:09 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Y'all need some light

13:41:13 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : we been in the dark for decades

13:41:36 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : That's the problem we need some LIGHT 💡

13:43:39 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : We need to redistrict to give different populations the ability to run and win an election because there is no representation for specific populations to be a part of the decision making process.

13:44:35 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Thank you It should be that way. Federal Voting Rights Act

13:45:22 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : CVRA

13:57:26 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : What they are banking on is public ignorance.

13:58:52 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : So individuals who are experienced have money draw up maps for them to benefit and then the rhetoric will be "We gave everyone the opportunity to participate"

14:00:01 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : You already have experts galvanizing together to strategize to create maps to benefit those who don't want to lose control of leadership

14:00:11 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : It's a game but I'm PRAYING

14:00:38 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : God is going to rearrange some things in this city. You betcha bottom dollar

14:01:41 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : I have questions on how to use the tools. I need the website

14:02:23 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : You better know that I have a voice and don't you ever forget it. Born and bred in Wash DC

14:02:41 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : I don't do RACISM well

14:02:53 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : I come from Chocolate City

14:03:08 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : It's a Regime

14:03:29 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Power Control. Y'all play too much

14:03:54 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Michelle Obama showed up to the AV

14:04:14 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : I have a right to be a part of the decision making process.

14:05:32 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : There are enough people to draw a fifth district

14:05:43 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Then you need to extend the timeline

14:06:25 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : follow up Q

14:06:39 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Fannie Lou Hamer said she was tired of being sick and tired... I'm tired of y'all racist foolishness

14:07:39 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : For those who are truly genuinely interested in equal representation God bless you.

14:08:31 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Sam Cooke said A Change is Going to Come

14:09:20 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : I know y'all see my hand raised

14:09:39 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : WHAT ABOUT THE PROCESS WHERE WE THE PEOPLE DECIDE TO INCREASE THE # OF DISTRICTS???

14:10:09 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Who critiques the maps to determine if there is fair representation?

14:11:13 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Then you need to have a designated person read the questions

14:11:19 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : My hand is raised

14:13:22 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : AND THE PROCESS TO GET THE ISSUE IN THE PUBLIC FORUM AT CITY COUNCIL

14:15:05 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Apology accepted

14:15:29 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Hey Christian or Kristen

14:15:45 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Yes Ma'am I understand

14:15:56 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Yes I gotcha

14:16:17 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Yes Ma'am

14:16:21 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : I'm running

14:16:33 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : I ran and I'm running again

14:17:15 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : 🤔 I hear ya !

14:17:35 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Mine will be detailed and professional

14:18:11 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : A Commission of residents. What does that Commission look like ?

14:19:16 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Palmdale needs a true overhaul

14:19:17 From Kylie Benzing : drawpalmdale.org

14:19:22 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Thank you

14:19:51 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : No you're doing fine

14:19:59 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : I like your presentation

14:20:46 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Top shelf demographer

14:20:54 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Who will that be?

14:21:19 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Will he/she be a



part of the current regime?

14:21:48 From Kristen Parks : I'm the demographer (Kristen) and I'm a consultant with the independent firm NDC (National Demographics Corporation)

14:22:23 From Kristen Parks : Nice to meet you 🙌

14:22:41 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Kristen can I get your contact information? Thank you

14:23:00 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Nice to meet you as well young lady

14:23:55 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : THATS THE CITY

14:24:18 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : THEY DONT WANT TO ADDRESS HOW WE CAN ADD A DIST

14:24:33 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : I was selected to participate in the training facilitated by the LACDP Tap Cohort to run for a political office. I'm ready. We need CHANGE

14:24:44 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : AND DONT THINK HE DONT KNOW

14:25:16 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : SO ARE WE AND WE WILL FOLLOW UP

14:25:32 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : THATS WHY THE CITY ATTY WAS ASKED

14:27:39 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : It's been some racist Bullcrap for too long. That's what's been going on. Straight facts.

14:27:54 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists :

████████████████████ for activism on the issue of how WE dist OUR city

14:28:47 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Thank you

14:28:56 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : WE CANT LEAVE THIS TO LOCAL GOVT ... THEY HAVE PROVEN TO DISCRIMINATE AND SUPRESS OUR VOTE

14:29:32 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : IN A 5 DISTRICT WE CAN ELIMINATE THE MAYORS OFFICE

14:29:54 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Fine. I've gone through a graduate program MS in Project Management with a 4.0 Gpa

14:29:56 From Kylie Benzing : redistrict2021@cityofpalmdale.org

14:30:36 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Who gets the information?

14:31:05 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : We need to send out flyers, radio announcements. Yes!

14:33:00 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : No worries. I totally understand objectivity. Let's just hope that transcends all populations and individuals. God bless

14:34:43 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Palmdale is an extremely large geographical area

14:37:19 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : what does the fed say???

14:38:44 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : My hand is raised

14:38:53 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : they only way we can have a black rep is by having a dist of blacks and browns

14:39:18 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Mortgage paying

jobs

14:40:41 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : I have my hand raised. Thank you

14:46:17 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Absolutely Sierra Highway is a demarcation

14:46:44 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Yes

14:46:54 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : they dont know

14:47:28 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : 10th Street West is a line of demarcation

14:51:13 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Dave Bowman is absolutely correct on his statement.

14:51:47 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : The same people get voted into office over and over again. There has to be a CHANGE

14:53:00 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : There are qualified individuals of color to take the helm of leadership for this community. I am one of those individuals

14:53:44 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : <http://firstannualpalmdaleprayermarch2021.com/>

14:53:53 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Please join us

14:54:30 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : I have one final comment

14:55:54 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Have a blessed weekend

17:03:21 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : low volume?
 17:08:25 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : It's a Democracy
 which is inclusive of all
 17:09:48 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Expose them Dave
 Bowman
 17:10:33 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Wow The Lighting
 is so much better
 17:12:14 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : This should have
 been done ...Inclusion
 17:13:27 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : why are the districts
 NOT numbered and outlined???
 17:14:01 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Thank you for
 recording. So necessary
 17:14:26 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : I mean every word
 that I said.
 17:14:58 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : the "city"
 17:15:12 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : That's what you
 say. So we have to take your word.
 17:16:10 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : This is deeper
 than what people can even fathom
 17:21:08 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Needs updating
 17:21:14 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Thank you
 17:22:03 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Just Wow
 17:22:30 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Advisory
 Redistricting Committee
 17:22:55 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : https://www.scribd.com/doc/188793222/Palmdale-ruling?fbclid=IwAR0FVU0dSFc9IIZ1CUXt0IgA-q1JDMXoc_Mss4rQIYWdUmBPjetiCIewGm8THIS COURT DECISION WAS IN
 2013 AFTER THE CITY WAS FOUND GUILTY VIOLATING THE CS Voters Rights
 Act
 17:23:05 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : April 17, 2022
 17:23:08 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : *CA
 17:23:55 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists :
www.drawpalmdale.org
 17:25:00 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : WHY ARE THE LINKS TO
 THESE LAWS NOT CITED?
 17:25:21 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : There is some
 serious redistricting necessary
 17:25:59 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : who are those "protect
 classes"?
 17:26:10 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Fair Maps Act
 17:30:00 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : And to ensure the
 city of Palmdale is compliant Absolutely
 17:30:23 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : State and Federal
 Law
 17:30:53 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Ideal Fair World.
 Interesting
 17:31:11 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : 42,598 people
 17:31:26 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Four Districts
 17:32:31 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : There is a running



record of who votes in the city of Palmdale. How is that factored in.
 17:32:48 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Yes, a balance
 17:33:48 From Dr. Victoria Ruffin, Trustee To All Panelists :
 Amazing information!
 17:33:54 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Also there are
 residents who VOTE versus those who do not ...how do we create balance
 abc equity for this fact?
 17:34:56 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : District 1 -
 largest, District 2 - smallest
 17:35:38 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Neighborhoods and
 Communities of Interest.
 17:37:05 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Representation for
 all populations across the Four Districts should be equitable
 17:38:42 From Dr. Victoria Ruffin, Trustee To All Panelists : Are we
 able to pick up this packet?
 17:39:30 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Use color codes
 when constructing your map
 17:42:22 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Are demographics
 and data available to us in regards to who votes, populations, gender,
 income, etcetera?
 17:43:38 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : This is good
 17:44:39 From Dr. Victoria Ruffin, Trustee To All Panelists : Epic
 tool!
 17:44:49 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : What's the
 selection process? How does that look like?
 17:47:06 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Thank you
 17:48:24 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Yes that is the
 community of interest that I inadvertently forgot to include and that
 is Immigrants.
 17:48:39 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Thank you Kristen
 for explaining this.
 17:50:17 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Understand and
 Define my specific Community
 17:51:00 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Yes
 17:53:18 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Is there a place
 where the criteria is written?
 17:57:18 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Unincorporated
 areas in Palmdale are part of Los Angeles County District
 17:58:02 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : [https://
 leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?
 sectionNum=21601.&lawCode=ELEC](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=21601.&lawCode=ELEC)
 17:58:13 From Dr. Victoria Ruffin, Trustee To All Panelists :
 Church's??
 17:58:15 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : How does someone
 outside of Palmdale able to submit a map for our community? That's
 scary.
 17:58:18 From Kristen Parks : Criteria is also summarized on the FAQ
 page here <https://drawpalmdale.org/faq/>
 17:58:50 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Faith based is
 important



17:59:51 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : On the Schedule page
 18:00:40 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Thank you Kristen
 18:01:36 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : State Law
 18:04:18 From Dr. Victoria Ruffin, Trustee To All Panelists : what is the ethnic representation of the city advisory commission?
 18:05:32 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Just Wow
 18:06:11 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : The same people being voted into office
 18:07:48 From Kristen Parks : <https://drawpalmdale.org/welcome/advisory-commission/>
 18:08:01 From Kristen Parks : ^List of the Commission members
 18:08:43 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Thank you I understand
 18:09:53 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : I agree Let Dave Bowman speak
 18:10:25 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : Have a great weekend
 18:10:53 From Alenna Schofield To All Panelists : <http://firstannualpalmdaleprayermarch2021.com/>
 18:10:54 From Dave Bowman To All Panelists : note how the city atty is interfering

18:16:40 From Eliana Honeycutt To All Panelists : the federal law only requires the first two bullet points in your slide, fyi
 18:39:56 From Mercedes-Reliable Translations Inc To All Panelists : I can't hear the Interpreter Gabriella
 18:42:42 From Mercedes-Reliable Translations Inc To All Panelists : I hear Gabriella now. Thank you.
 19:14:54 From Roxanne To All Panelists : Upgrading the parks in District 4
 19:15:26 From City of Palmdale : If you have any questions or comments, please raise your hand



January 3, 2022

Palmdale Redistricting Commission
38300 Sierra Highway
Palmdale CA 93550



Dear Palmdale Redistricting Commissioners,

The Alianza Latina del Valle del Antilope, a Coalition of Latino organizations and community leaders including the Antelope Valley League of United Latin American Citizens-AV-LULAC, SALVA, Coalition for Humane Immigration Rights-Antelope Valley Chapter-CHIRLA-AV, The Dolores Huerta Foundation- Antelope Valley Chapter-DHF-AV, Café con Leche, Inc., Pueblo y Salud, Inc.-PyS, the American Civil Liberties Union-Antelope Valley Chapter-ACLU-AV, the Tavera Foundation, Latinx Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse-LCPCA, Helping Hands AV, Latino business and union representatives write to state their support for Palmdale Redistricting 2021 Public Maps 205 and 203.¹

They comply with Federal Law ensuring minimal population deviation limiting it to 2.90% in Map 205 and 3.81% in Map 203.

We also believe these plans comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act (VRA). Both of these maps create three Latino majority citizen voting age population (CVAP) districts, which may be required by the Federal Voting Rights Act (VRA). This is justified by the increase in Latino population during the past decade which currently comprises 62% of the City's total population. Please also note recent findings by Court of racially polarized voting (RPV) in Palmdale, which recently resulted in violations of voting rights of protected classes; in this case, Black voters and Latinos.²

Maps 205 and 203 take into consideration geographic contiguity while keeping communities of interest intact. They preserve the core of existing districts and anticipate future growth. When the City was last divided into districts, today's District 1 did not have Latinos as the majority of citizen voting age population. Today, that District has 53% Latino CVAP and it is anticipated that growth will continue in and around that district. Please note that Maps 205 and 203 have inverted district 1 and 2.

We thank you for the time and effort you have volunteered in order to ensure a fair and open redistricting process to date in the city of Palmdale.

Sincerely,

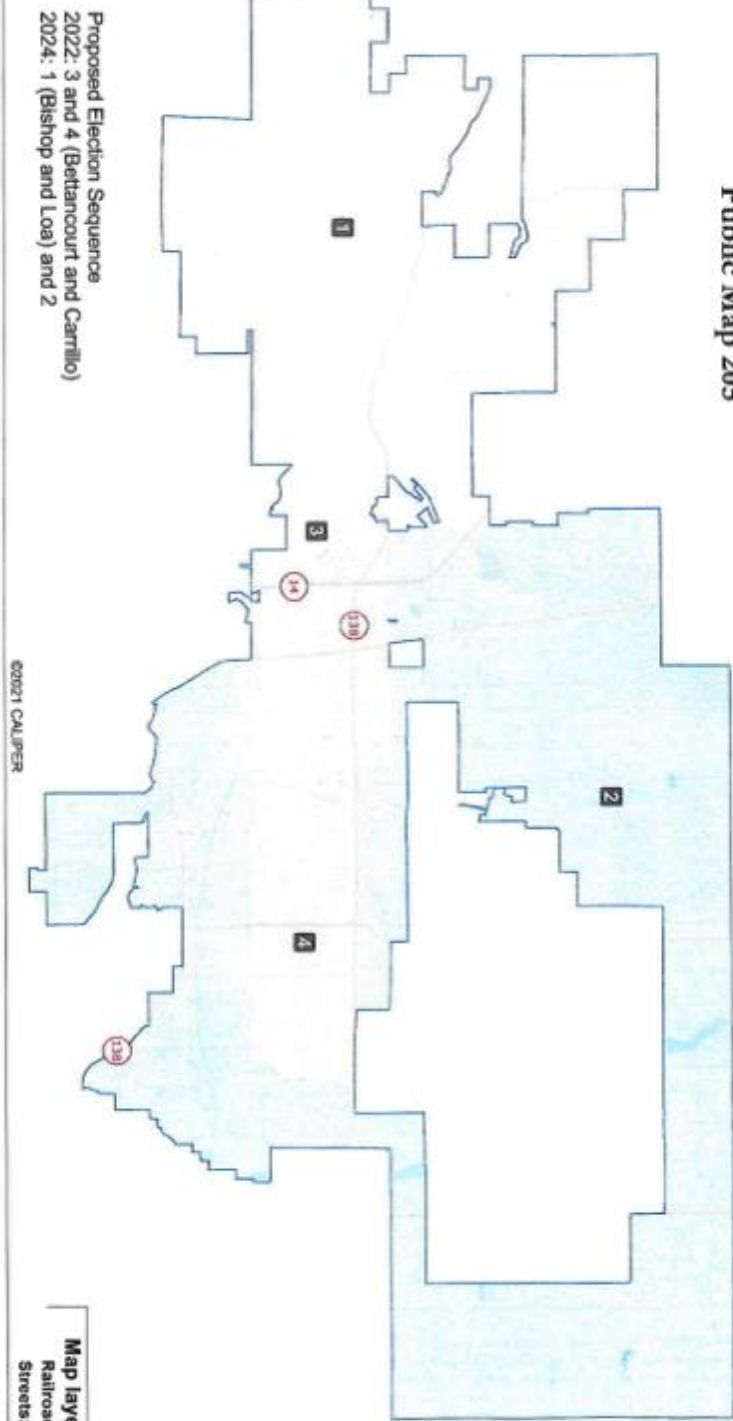
Xavier Flores AV-LULAC	Felix Menendez SALVA	Patricia Salazar CHIRLA-AV	Ruth Sanchez DHF-AV and ACLU-AV	Lilia Galindo Café Con Leche, Inc
Sam Roman Tavera Fdn.	Rosie Mainella PyS and LCPCA	Vladimir Gomez Helping Hands AV	Sandy Corrales Realtor	Marcos Alvarez Community Organizer

¹ Alianza Latina del Valle del Antilope also received technical assistance from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF).

² *Jouregui v. City of Palmdale*, No. B253713, 2015 WL 3615765 (Cal. Ct. App. June 10, 2015).



Palmdale Redistricting 2021 Public Map 205



Proposed Election Sequence
2022: 3 and 4 (Beltcourt and Carrillo)
2024: 1 (Bishop and Loa) and 2

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Map layers
Railroad
Streets: 1

City of Palmdale - Public 205 - 2020 Census Adjusted						
District		1	2	3	4	Total
2020	2020 Census (Adjusted)	42,946	43,092	41,856	42,500	170,394
	Deviation from ideal	348	494	-743	-99	1,236
	% Deviation	0.82%	1.16%	-1.74%	-0.23%	2.90%
2020 Total Pop	% Hisp	40%	68%	67%	72%	62%
	% NH White	33%	14%	11%	10%	17%
	% NH Black	13%	13%	16%	13%	14%
	% Asian-American	10%	3%	3%	3%	5%
	Total	25,638	23,708	21,235	22,847	93,428
Citizen Voting Age Pop	% Hisp	32%	57%	58%	62%	52%
	% NH White	43%	22%	21%	18%	27%
	% NH Black	13%	16%	15%	15%	15%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	10%	3%	4%	5%	6%
	Total	25,638	23,708	21,235	22,847	93,428
Voter Registration (Nov 2020)	% Latino est.	32%	56%	55%	62%	50%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	29%	51%	50%	56%	45%
	% Asian-Surnamed	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
	% NH White est.	51%	27%	28%	22%	33%
	% NH Black	14%	18%	18%	17%	17%
	Total	26,783	21,377	18,093	20,786	87,039
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	% Latino est.	31%	55%	54%	61%	48%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	28%	50%	50%	55%	44%
	% Asian-Surnamed	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
	% NH White est.	51%	28%	29%	22%	35%
	% NH Black est.	14%	18%	17%	17%	16%
	Total	21,168	14,696	11,322	14,166	61,352
ACS Pop. Est.	Total	37,529	39,938	38,922	39,505	155,894
Age	age0-19	29%	33%	35%	34%	33%
	age20-60	54%	53%	51%	53%	53%
	age60plus	17%	14%	14%	13%	14%
Immigration	immigrants	19%	25%	27%	27%	25%
	naturalized	72%	54%	45%	57%	56%
Language spoken at home	english	71%	53%	52%	47%	56%
	spanish	20%	44%	45%	48%	39%
	asian-lang	6%	2%	2%	3%	3%
	other lang	4%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	10%	22%	22%	23%	19%
Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	49%	54%	51%	53%	52%
	bachelor	19%	7%	7%	9%	11%
	graduatedegree	10%	3%	2%	2%	4%
Child in Household	child-under18	42%	48%	48%	52%	47%
Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	64%	58%	56%	59%	60%
Household Income	income 0-25k	8%	17%	31%	16%	18%
	income 25-50k	14%	25%	26%	25%	23%
	income 50-75k	13%	20%	18%	21%	18%
	income 75-200k	53%	35%	24%	36%	37%
	income 200k-plus	11%	2%	1%	2%	4%
Housing Stats	single family	97%	89%	60%	95%	85%
	multi-family	3%	11%	40%	5%	15%
	rented	21%	32%	59%	27%	35%
	owned	79%	68%	41%	73%	65%

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 use 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 2013-2019 American Community Survey and Special Tabulation 5-year data.



Palmdale Redistricting 2021 Public Map 203

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Water Area
Railroad
Streets



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District		1	2	3	4	Total
2020	2020 Census (Adjusted)	42,082	42,333	42,275	43,704	170,394
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Citizen Voting Age Pop	% Hisp	32%	56%	62%	58%	52%
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	% NH Black	13%	15%	17%	14%	15%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	10%	5%	4%	4%	6%
	Total	26,378	18,269	20,745	21,647	87,039
Voter Registration (Nov 2020)	% Latino est.	32%	52%	63%	57%	50%
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	% Asian-Surnamed	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
	% NH White est.	51%	31%	20%	28%	33%
	% NH Black	14%	18%	19%	17%	17%
	Total	20,859	11,545	14,057	14,891	61,352
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	% Latino est.	31%	51%	62%	56%	48%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	28%	47%	56%	51%	44%
	% Asian-Surnamed	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
	% NH White est.	51%	33%	19%	28%	35%
	% NH Black est.	14%	16%	19%	17%	16%
	Total	37,106	39,398	39,816	39,574	155,894
ACS Pop. Est.	age0-19	29%	35%	35%	33%	33%
	age20-60	54%	51%	53%	53%	53%
	age60plus	17%	14%	13%	15%	14%
Immigration	immigrants	19%	26%	27%	27%	25%
	naturalized	73%	46%	53%	57%	56%
Language spoken at home	english	71%	53%	46%	53%	56%
	spanish	20%	43%	50%	44%	39%
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	income 50-75k	13%	16%	21%	22%	18%
	income 75-200k	53%	25%	37%	33%	37%
	income 200k-plus	12%	2%	2%	2%	4%
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1/19/22, 9:19 AM

Tripepi Smith & Associates Mail - FW: ALVA Map # 4



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2 messages

From: Shanae Smith
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 1:23 PM
To: Christopher Beck [REDACTED]
Cc: Shant Taslakian [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: ALVA Map # 4

From: Juan Carrillo [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 12:28 PM
To: Redistrict 2021 <redistrict2021@cityofpalmdale.org>; Austin Bishop <[REDACTED]>; Laura Bettencourt <[REDACTED]>; Richard Loa <[REDACTED]>; Steve Hofbauer <[REDACTED]>; Xavier Flores <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: ALVA Map # 4

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Thank you Xavier.

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[REDACTED] [Dave's Redistricting here](#) [REDACTED]

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1/6/22, 9:42 AM

Tripepi Smith & Associates Mail - Fwd: submittal deadline for district maps

Submit by Mail or Drop Off in Person:

City Clerk's Office
Attn: Redistricting
[38300 Sierra Highway Suite C](#)
Palmdale, CA 93550

All submissions are part of the public record and will be posted in their entirety to the [Draft Maps](#) page.

From: Xavier Flores <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:54 PM
To: redistrict2021@cityofpalmdale.org; Redistrict 2021 <redistrict2021@cityofpalmdale.org>
Subject: Re: submittal deadline for district maps

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Please see the letter in this thread, above: Request for time extension and for acceptance of our map proposal.

Sincerely,

Xavier Flores

Program Director

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On Mon, Jan 3, 2022 at 5:34 PM Xavier Flores <[REDACTED]> wrote:

to Palmdale Redistricting Commission,

As I write this email, members of the Alianza Latina del Valle del Antilope are outside City Hall waiting for the doors to open so that they may attend the Palmdale Redistricting Commission meeting and submit their proposal.

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1/6/22, 9:42 AM

Tripepi Smith & Associates Mail - Fwd: submittal deadline for district maps

We believed that the Commission would meet on the deadline date to receive the last of the proposed maps but did not factor in the possibility that city offices would be closed, that staff would not be working and that the Redistricting Commission would not be meeting on the day that maps were due.

We believe that Palmdale residents should be afforded another 24 hours to submit proposals and that our proposal being submitted with this email be accepted even though it is a few minutes past the 5 pm deadline on this day, January 3rd. We were present at City Hall 15 minutes prior to 5 pm and were ready to submit. We believe we demonstrated good faith and that this should warrant the time extension.

Please see the letter that expresses our position related to Palmdale redistricting maps and we ask that you accept the letter as valid and timely submission

Sincerely,

Xavier Flores

Program Director

RE: LMPI: FW: EXTERNAL: Participate in the City of Palmdale's Redistricting Process - Lockheed Martin Proprietary Information

Gabbard, Troy B <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Oct 13, 2021 at 8:14 AM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Cc: "Dalton, Melissa" <[REDACTED]>, Mike Behen <[REDACTED]>

Kylie,

Here is my input for the redistricting process. Thank you for including Lockheed Martin in this process. My question for you (I forgot to ask last night) isn't the City of Palmdale line for District 4 the center line of Avenue M?

v/r,

Troy Gabbard

Facilities Engineering Sr. Manager

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics - Palmdale, CA

Advanced Development Programs (Skunk Works)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



“Together, Skunks Deliver”



From: Kylie Benzing <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 08, 2021 11:52 AM
To: Kylie Benzing <[REDACTED]>
Subject: EXTERNAL: Participate in the City of Palmdale's Redistricting Process

Good afternoon,

The City of Palmdale is in the midst of its redistricting process and the City Council needs your help to draw new district lines for the purposes of electing a City Council Member.

Redistricting is the process where district lines for Congress, State Legislatures, County Board of Supervisors, City Councils, School Boards and other elected officials are redrawn every 10 years based on Census data. New district maps must be drawn to ensure districts have an equal number of constituents and fair representation among all residents.

On behalf of the City of Palmdale, we are asking organizations and community members to spread the word about redistricting to their friends, neighbors and colleagues and get involved in the process by attending public meetings and submitting draft maps or public comments.

Upcoming Public Meetings:

October 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. - District 1 Community Workshop
October 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. - District 4 Community Workshop
October 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. - District 3 Community Workshop
October 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. - District 2 Community Workshop

**Please note that dates and times are subject to change.*

For more information on Palmdale's redistricting process and how you can participate, visit www.DrawPalmdale.org.

Should you have any questions about redistricting, please feel free to contact me. Have a great weekend!

Thank you,
Kylie

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Kylie Benzing
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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Kylie Benzing <[REDACTED]>

RE: LMPI: FW: EXTERNAL: Participate in the City of Palmdale's Redistricting Process - Lockheed Martin Proprietary Information

Kristen Parks <[REDACTED]>
 To: Shanae Smith <[REDACTED]>
 Cc: Kylie Benzing <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Oct 13, 2021 at 3:41 PM

Hello Troy,

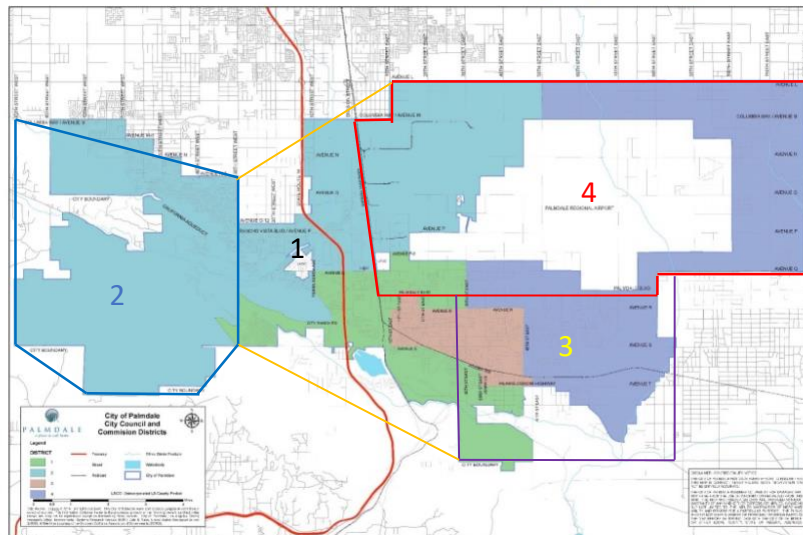
Thank you for the question. You are correct. The current district 4 boundary runs through the center of Avenue M.

Best,
 Kristen

Kristen Parks
 National Demographics Corporation
 [REDACTED]

[Quoted text hidden]

Current District Map (2014)



- Reline District 4 to include the Plant 42 Perimeter – area has direct impact on Plant 42 operations
- Realign District 2 along 30th Street West to develop Rancho Vista/Quartz Hill district
- Realign divisional lines for Districts 1 and 3 to be more defined by streets



August 23, 2021

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Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 12:28 PM
To: Redistrict 2021 <redistrict2021@cityofpalmdale.org>; Austin Bishop <[REDACTED]>; Laura Bettencourt <[REDACTED]>; Richard Loa <[REDACTED]>; Steve Hofbauer <[REDACTED]>; Xavier Flores <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: ALVA Map # 4

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Thank you Xavier.

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[REDACTED]

We understand that the deadline for map submittal was January 3, 2022. However, it is our firm belief that the technical difficulties encountered by demographers providing technical assistance to us from two distinct Latino organizations, the Dolores Huerta Foundation (DHF) and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), as well as other residents of Palmdale including members of ALVA, warrant this action on your part.

Demographers from both organizations struggled desperately to access and utilize the mapping tools provided to the public by DNC in your redistricting website. Technical problems with these tools were acknowledged by city staff, the submittal time frame was extended and efforts were made to correct these problems. However, these problems still diminished the time we had to adequately and sufficiently develop the prime maps that we wanted. As a result, and in order to comply with the submittal deadline, we supported two maps, # 203 and 206, that were not our primary choice and were not developed by us but sufficed in that they created three strong Latino districts.

In addition, the last two meetings of the Palmdale Redistricting Commission had an NDC representative as their key presenter. During both of these presentations, the latest just yesterday, maps were reviewed with no corresponding demographic information. This was extraordinarily shoddy in our view but more concerning was the acceptance of these presentations without question. Only two commissioners asked for demographics but never-the-less accepted the report at the end. Our inability to access the demographics of all maps as a result of NDC's shortcomings remains to this day a hindrance to an open and transparent process and impeded our ability to adequately discern other maps and compare them to our own, thus hindering our own map development process.

Given these facts and in keeping with NDC's encouraging words indicating that the more maps the better for the city and its redistricting process, we urge you to accept this and all other maps that have been submitted after the January 3rd deadline and up to the date and time of this Council meeting, January 12, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

Please know that we submitted map #3 with corresponding demographics yesterday during the Palmdale Advisory Redistricting Meeting. Map #4 is being submitted today. These two maps reflect ALVA's primary choices.

Sincerely,

Xavier Flores
Program Director



**COMMENTS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS TO THE
PALMDALE ADVISORY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION DURING THE MEETING OF FEBRAURY 9, 2022**

First, thank you for your voluntary work to ensure a fair and open redistricting process for Palmdale. We would like to go on record stating our support of your efforts and outcome to date.

We are disheartened, but not at all surprised, that the City Council would thwart your initial recommendation and firmly believe that any decision you formulate will not be accepted unless it fully protects the incumbency of those currently in office. This is their one primary concern as was made evident during the Council meeting of February 2, 2022.

We do not know if you are interested in sending maps to the Council that have as their primary objective the protection of incumbency but we would argue and recommend that you do not. You are under no obligation to derive of maps that protect incumbency. The City and you by extension, are under legal obligation to support maps that protect the voting rights of protected classes. In this circumstance, protected classes mean Latinos and African Americans.

A council member accused the creators of both map 208 and the ALVA map of politicizing the maps pitting Democrats against the Republican incumbents. He also accused the Commission of thwarting a "good faith effort to bring to the council four maps." Both of the accusations are preposterous, in our view.

We agree with the statements made by Councilman Carrillo during the Council meeting that the actions of the council were completely disrespectful of the Commission, the process they followed, and the community they represent with special emphasis on those community members who participated in the process.

Given what we see as an opportunistic and not so veiled attempt to corrupt the process, AV-LULAC urges you to resubmit the original maps. We urge you to allow the City Council to be responsible for their own actions. Do not allow yourselves and this Body to be used as a buffer. Place the onus back on them allow them to decide what maps they want instead of using you as a shield to guard them from the consequences of their actions.

Sincerely,

Xavier Flores
President
AV-LULAC



Direct Call and Email Outreach List

Organization	Organization
493 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration	Hilton Garden Inn
Air Force Plant 42	Holiday Inn
Allen Company	Home2Suites by Hilton
American Islamic Institute of Antelope Valley	Hunt Realty
AMTRAK	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Antelope Valley African American Chamber of Commerce	Kaiser Permanente
Antelope Valley Board of Trade	Kinkisharyo International, LLC
Antelope Valley College	La Voz de Nuestra Comunidad Spanish Radio Talk Show
Antelope Valley College Foundation Board	LAMAR
Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency	LAX-Community Noise Roundtable
Antelope Valley High School District	League of Women Voters
Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Lockheed Martin Aeronautics
Antelope Valley Mall	Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors 5th District
Antelope Valley Press	Los Angeles County Department of Health
Antelope Valley Transportation Authority (AVTA)	Los Angeles County Fire Department
Antelope Valley Union High School District	Los Angeles County Waterworks c/o Los Angeles County Public Works
AV Career Prep Council	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)
AV Partners for Health	Los Angeles World Airports
Best Western	Lucky Luke Brewery
Boeing	McDonald's Minc., Inc.
Building & Construction Trades Council	Mental Health America Los Angeles
CA High Speed Rail	MerloneGeier Partners
CA State Assembly member Tom Lackey, Thirty-Sixth District	Metrolink
Cal Choice Investments	NASA
California Department of Transportation	National Railroad Passenger Corporation
California Highway Patrol	Northrop Grumman



California Public Utilities Commission	Orangelne Development Authority
California State Senator Scott Wilk, Twenty-First District	Palmdale Chamber of Commerce
Californians for High Speed Rail	Palmdale Community Church
CalTrans	Palmdale Regional Medical Center
Cbreeze Corp	Palmdale School District
Century 21 Amigo	Palmdale United Methodist Church
Century 21 Doug Anderson	Palmdale Vineyard
Charles Hoey Commercial Industrial	Palmdale Water District
Clinica Medica Mi Familia De Palmdale	Providence Commercial Development & Brokerage
Congregation Beth Knesset Bamidbar	Pueblo Y Salud, Inc.
Congresswoman Katie Hill	Quartz Hill Water
County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department	R.Y. Properties
Courtyard Marriott	Ramada Inn
Crosswind Community Church	Rancho Deluxe
Delta Scientific	Residence Inn by Marriott
Department of Animal Care & Control	Seventh-Day Adventist Church
Department of Children & Family Services	Southern California Associations of Governments (SCAG)
Department of Public Social Services	Southern California Edison (SCE)
Department of Public Works	Southern California Gas Company
Department of Regional Planning	St. Mary's Catholic Church
Department of Transportation	State Building and Construction Trades Council of California
Desert Highlands Baptist	Staybridge
Desertwinds Community Church	The Boeing Company
Element Hotel	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Embassy Suites	The Highlands Christian Fellowship
Faith Community Church	The Palmdale Aerospace Academy
Fight Test Museum	Transplants Brewing Company
Financial Independence Mortgage	True Vine Gospel Church
First 5 LA Communities Department	United States Air Force

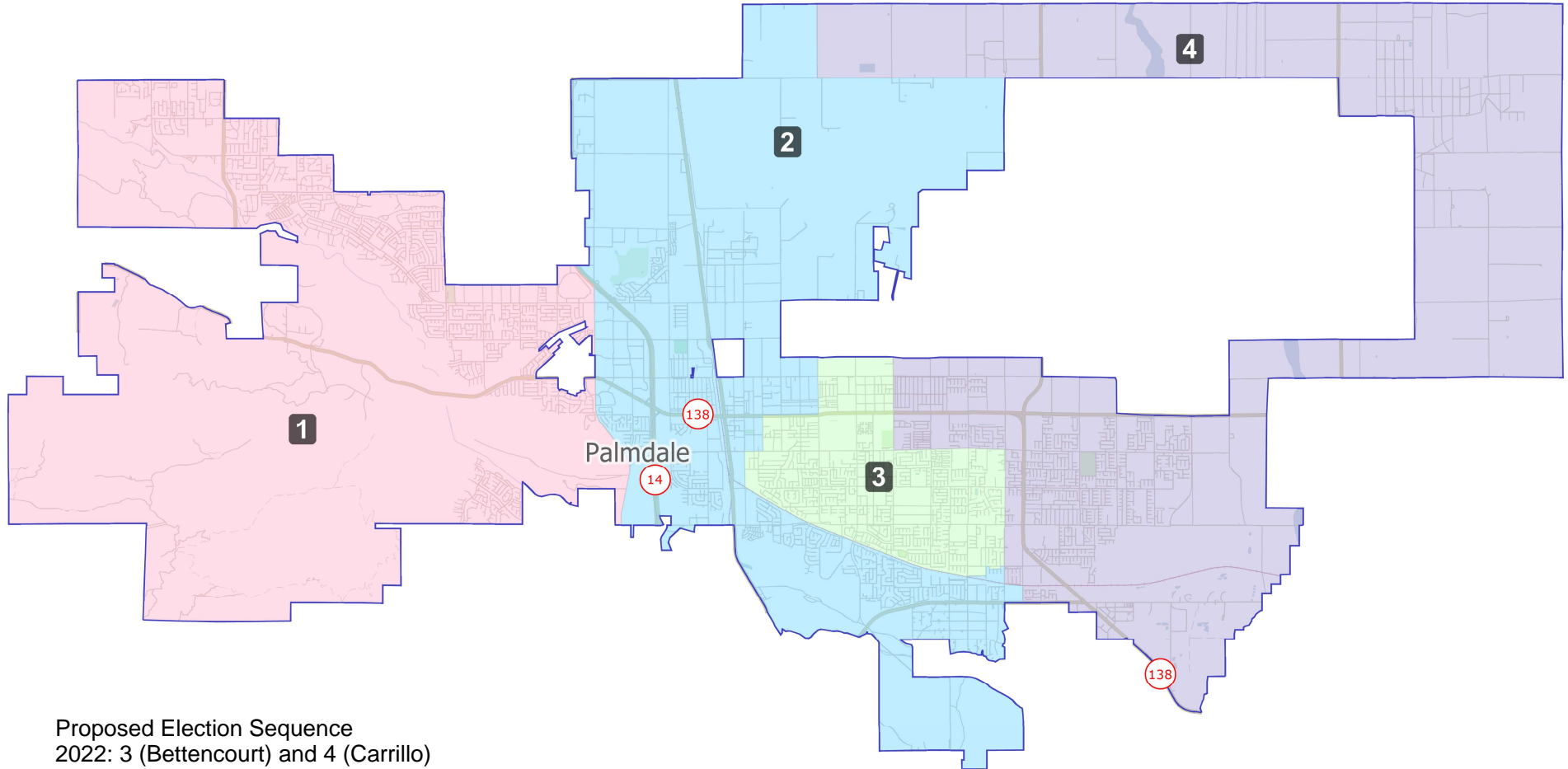


Granite Construction	US Pole
Greater Antelope Valley Association of Realtors	Vision Engineering
Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance	W.E.C.A.R.E. Education & Employment Services
Guidance Charter School	Waste Management
Hampton	Westside Union School District



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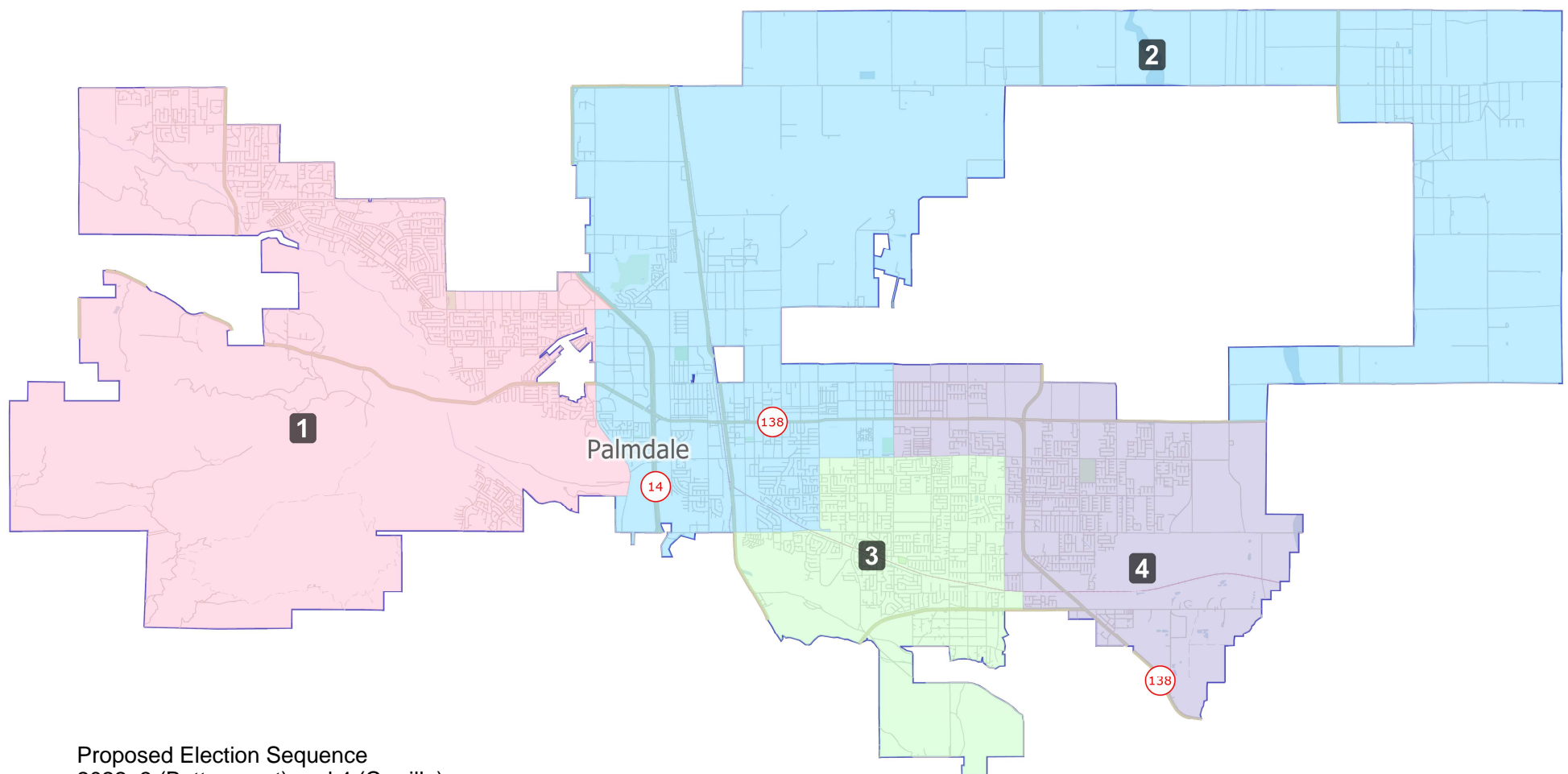
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Proposed Election Sequence
2022: 3 (Bettencourt) and 4 (Carrillo)
2024: 1 (Bishop and Loa) and 2

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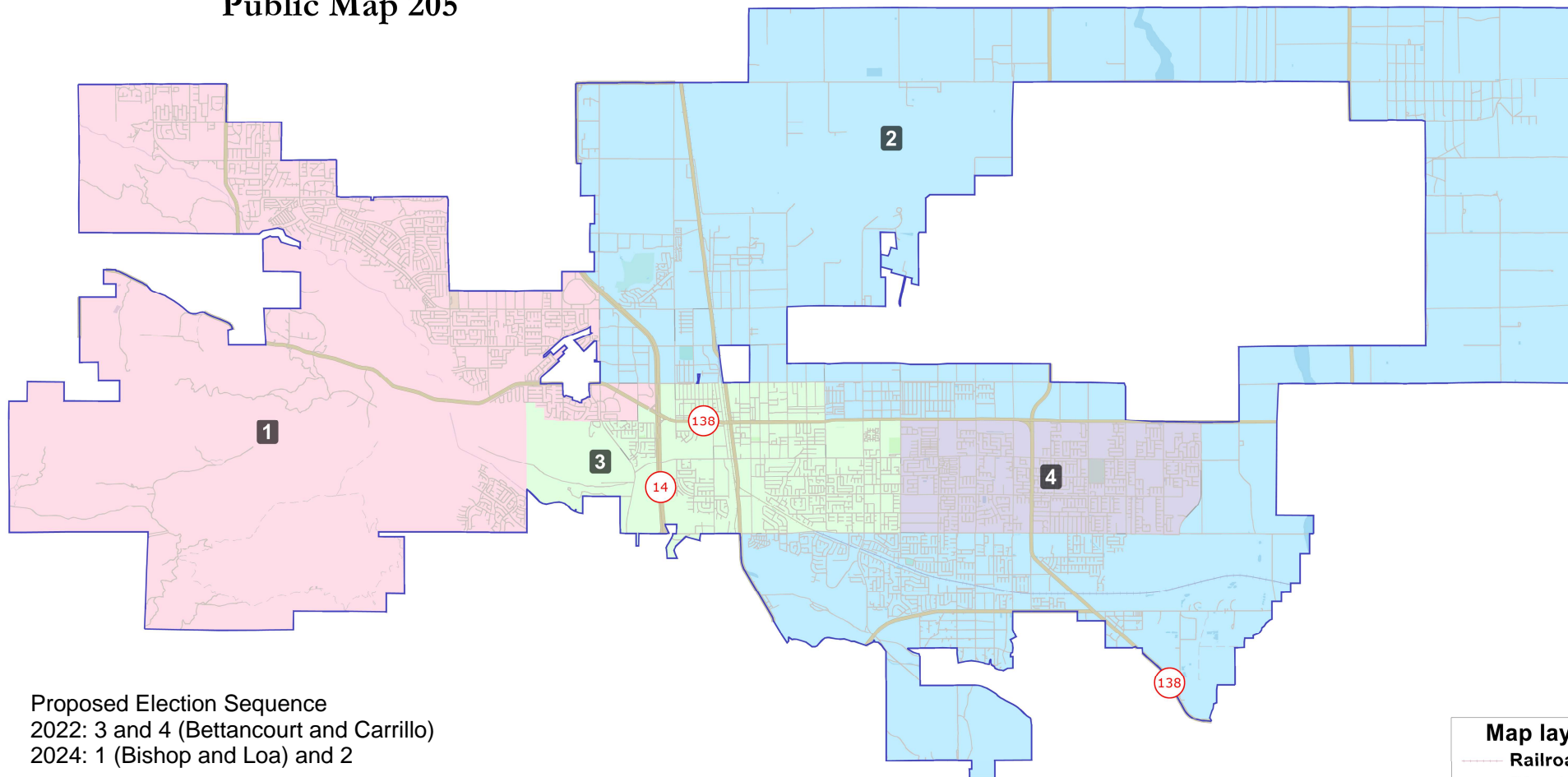
Public Map 203



Proposed Election Sequence
2022: 3 (Bettencourt) and 4 (Carrillo)
2024: 1 (Bishop and Loa) and 2

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Public Map 205



Proposed Election Sequence
2022: 3 and 4 (Bettancourt and Carrillo)
2024: 1 (Bishop and Loa) and 2

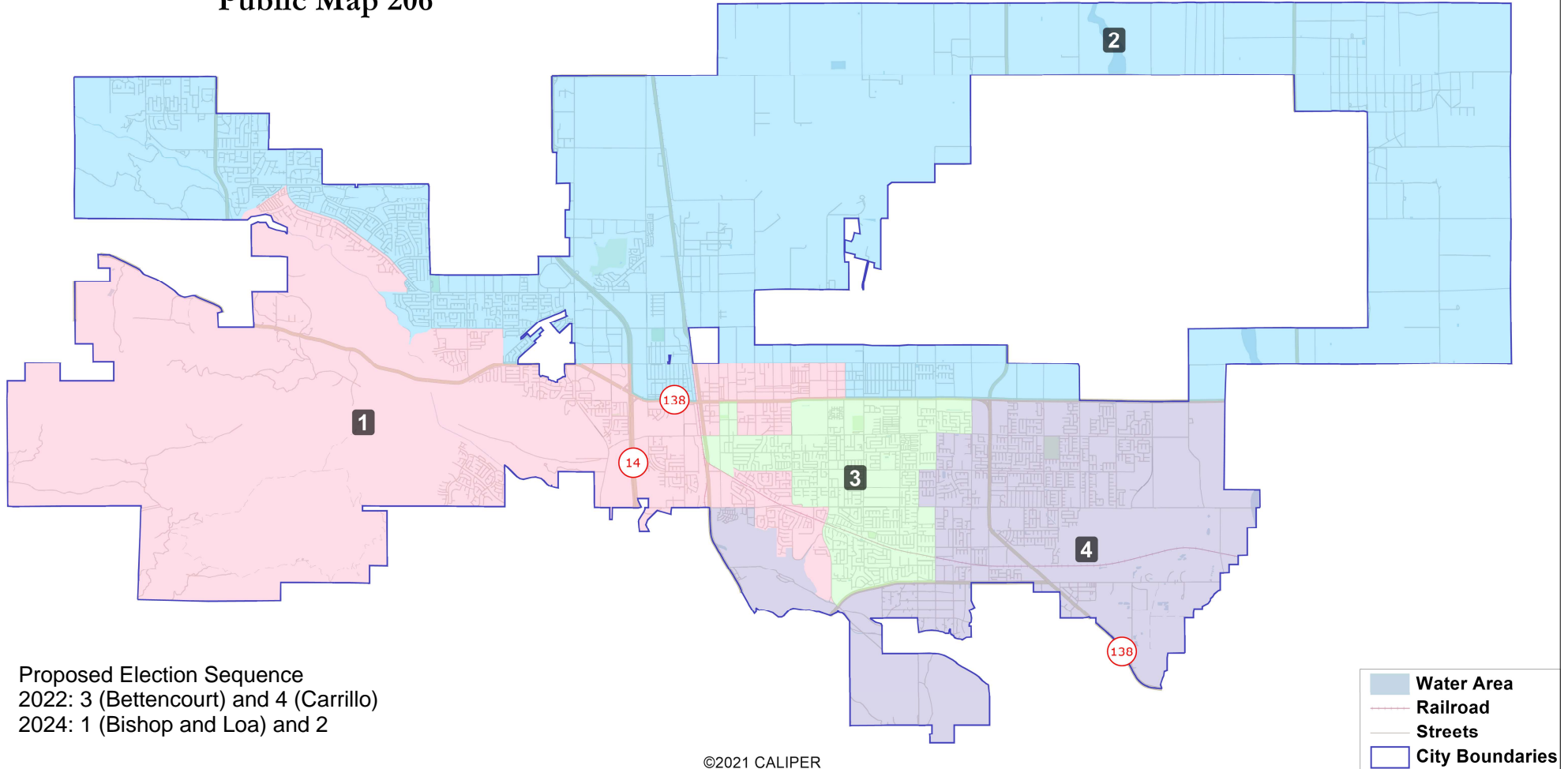
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Map layers

Railroad
Streets:1

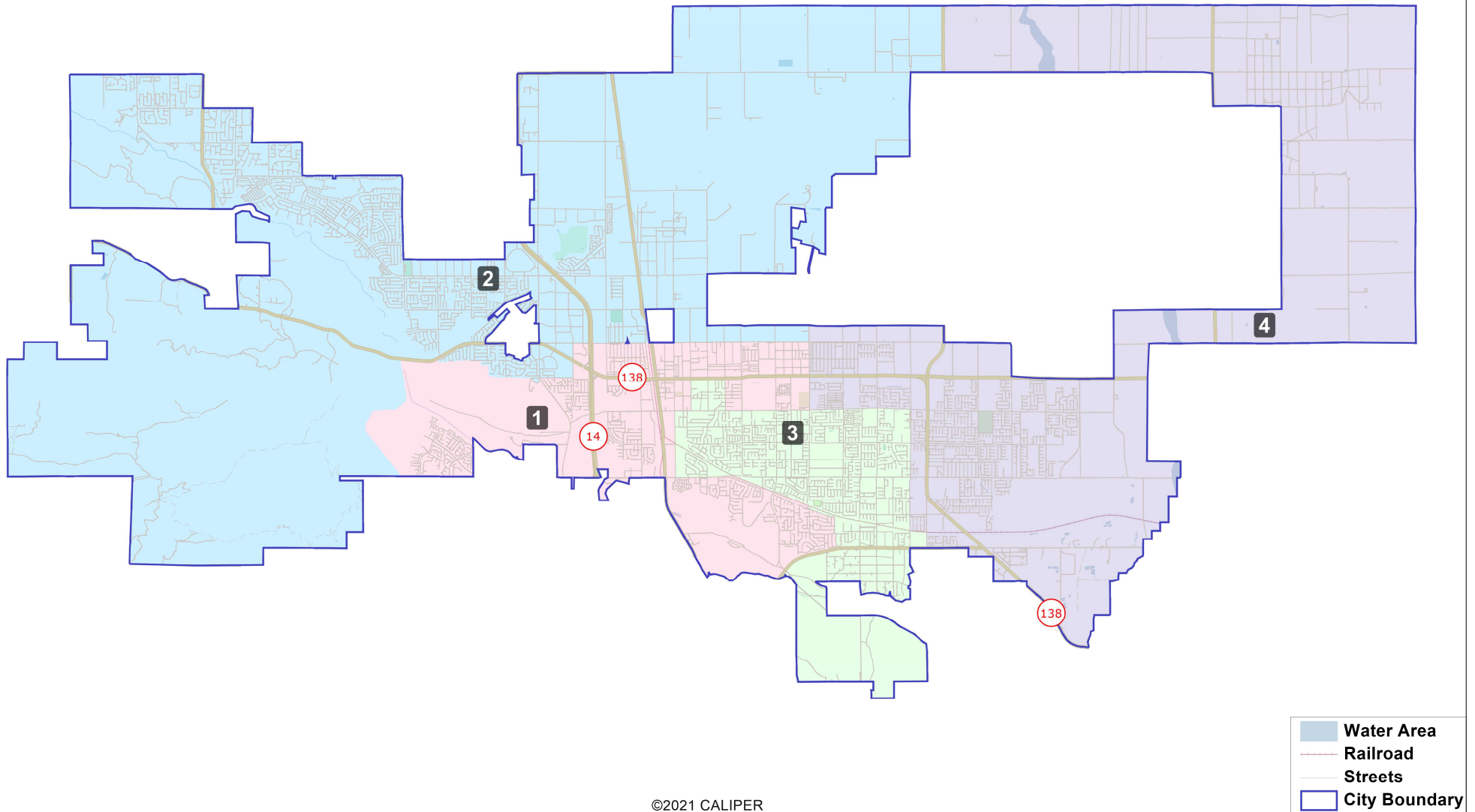
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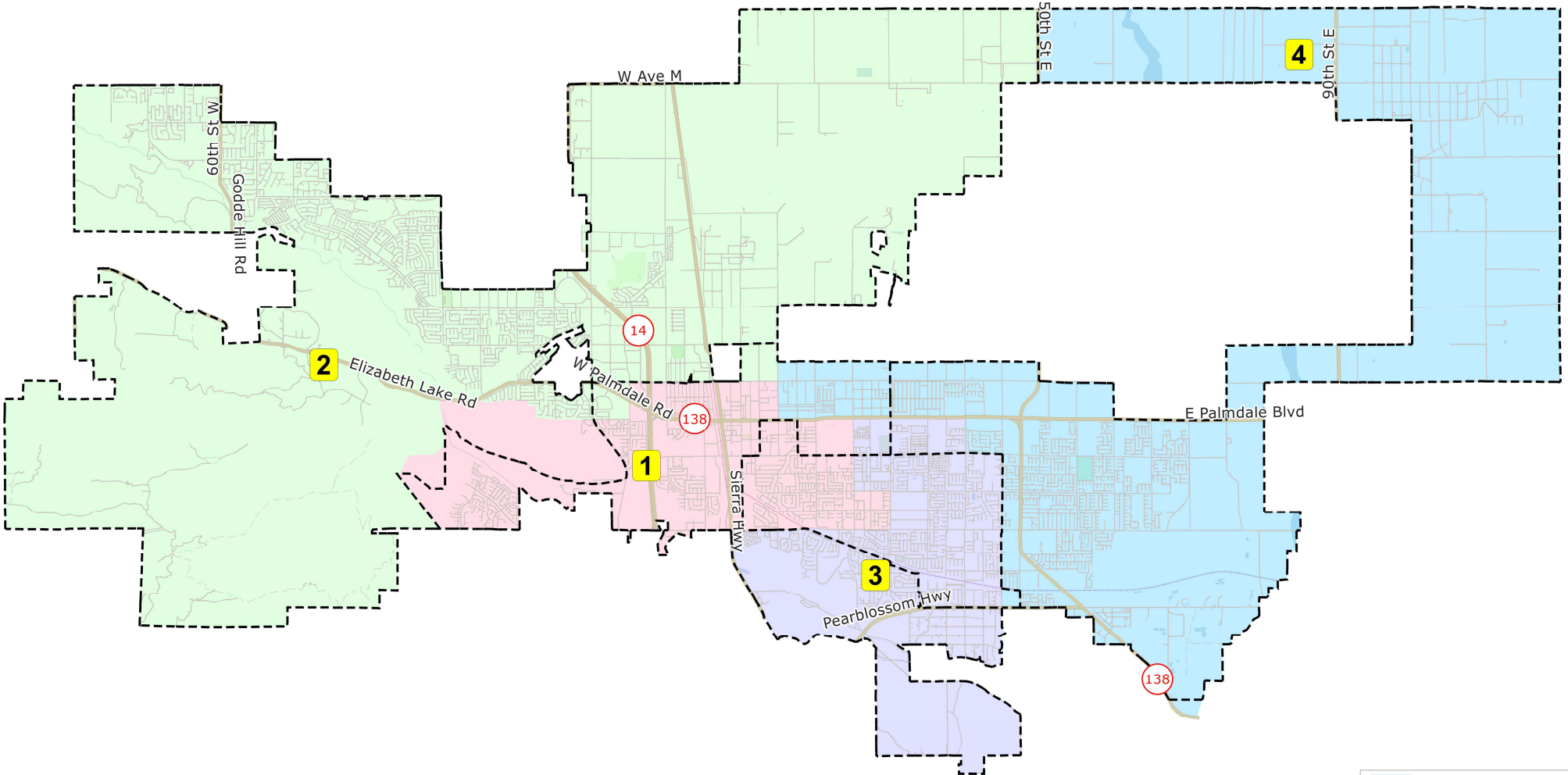
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NDC Minimal Change



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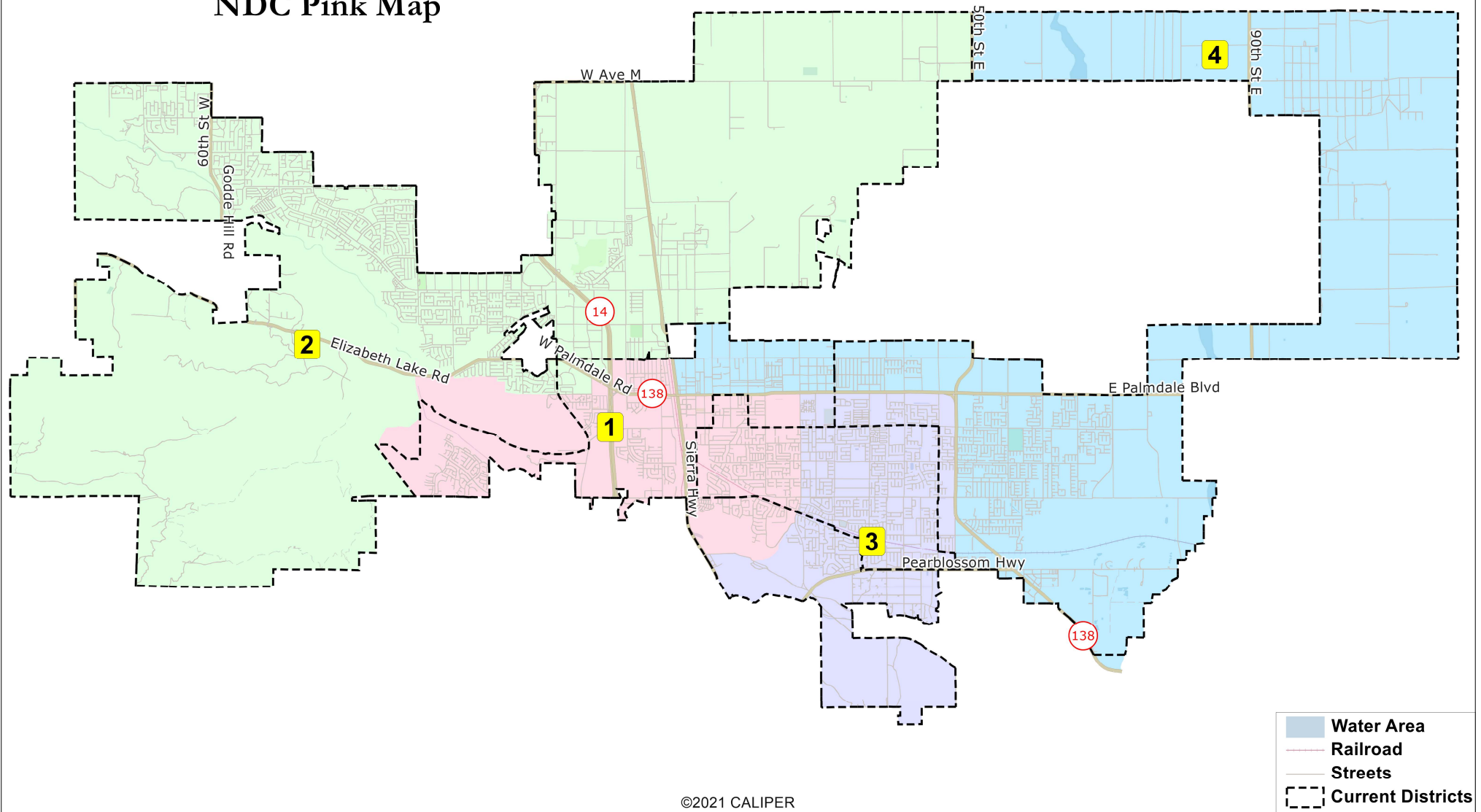
NDC Orange Map



-  Water Area
-  Railroad
-  Streets
-  Current Districts

Palmdale Redistricting 2021

NDC Pink Map





City Council Staff Report

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2022
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
DISTRICT: ALL
SUBJECT: ORDINANCE NO. 1580 CONTINUING A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SECTION 5.04.670.H.4 OF THE PALMDALE MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FLAVORED ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE PRODUCTS

ISSUE

Approve Ordinance No. 1580 continuing a temporary suspension of Section 5.04.670(H)(4) of the Palmdale Municipal Code prohibiting the sale of flavored cigarette products.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Receive public testimony regarding Proposed Ordinance No. 1580; and
2. Approve Ordinance No. 1580 continuing a temporary suspension of Section 5.04.670(H)(4) of the Palmdale Municipal Code prohibiting the sale of flavored electronic cigarette products.

BACKGROUND

The United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") has banned, through the authority granted to it by the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, the sale of certain flavored tobacco products. However, despite the 2018 declaration of youth e-cigarette use epidemic by the FDA Commissioner and the United States Surgeon General, the federal ban on flavored tobacco products does not apply to electronic cigarette products.

On December 3, 2019, to protect young people from the harms of nicotine and abate their introduction to tobacco products, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1535, prohibiting the sale of flavored electronic cigarette products in the City of Palmdale. However, to accommodate the sale of a tobacco retailer's existing stock of flavored electronic cigarette products, to adjust inventories and accommodate the tobacco retailer's substitution of alternative products for sale, the City Council delayed implementation of this ordinance for six (6) months from its adoption.

Then, because of the government-mandated closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, tobacco retailers did not receive the time initially contemplated by the City Council to sell their existing stock of flavored electronic cigarette products and to adjust inventories to comply with Ordinance No. 1535.

On July 14, 2020, the City Council, in an effort to provide tobacco retailers with the time frame initially contemplated by the City Council to sell current stock of flavored electronic cigarette products and to adjust inventories to comply with state and local tobacco retail laws, adopted Ordinance NO. 1548 suspending enforcement of the City's prohibition on the sale of Flavored Electronic Cigarette Products until February 1, 2021.

In August 2020, Senate Bill 793 passed which prohibited the sale of flavored tobacco in the State of California. However, shortly after the passage of SB 793, a group of tobacco manufacturers filed lawsuits seeking to prevent SB 793 from going into effect. In addition, a referendum, the California Flavored Tobacco Products Ban, qualified for the ballot as a veto referendum which suspended SB 793 until after the November 8, 2022 statewide general election.

On March 2, 2021, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1560 continuing a temporary suspension of PMC Section 5.04.670(H)(4) of the Palmdale Municipal Code, prohibiting the sale of flavored electronic cigarette products, until February 1, 2022.

DISCUSSION

Proposed Ordinance No. 1580 would continue the temporary suspension of Section 5.04.670(H)(4) of the Palmdale Municipal Code, prohibiting the sale of flavored electronic cigarette products, until February 1, 2023. The extended suspension would provide tobacco retailers additional time to adjust to the changing legal landscape regarding flavored tobacco products and allow the California Flavored Tobacco Products Ban Referendum to be voted on by California voters on November 8, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT

Proposed Ordinance No. 1580 does not have any direct financial impact.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal I: Maintain effective public safety and protection for life, property, and the environment.

- A. Provide comprehensive and innovative safety services to protect crime and promote a safe community.

Prepared by:

Certified as to availability of Funds:

Approved by:

Andrew S. Pletcher, Deputy City Attorney

Keith Kang, Finance Manager

Ronda Perez, Acting City Manager

Report to Mayor and City Council
Re: Approval of Ordinance No. 1580
February 16, 2022
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Approved as to form:

Christopher Beck, City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance No. 1580

CITY OF PALMDALE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
ORDINANCE NO. 1580

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE CONTINUING
A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SECTION 5.04.670(H)(4) OF THE PALMDALE
MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FLAVORED ELECTRONIC
CIGARETTE PRODUCTS**

WHEREAS, Section 5.04.670 of the Palmdale Municipal Code regulates the sale of tobacco products, including electronic cigarette products.

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2019, to protect young people from the harms of nicotine and abate their introduction to tobacco products, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1535, prohibiting the sale of flavored electronic cigarette products in the city of Palmdale.

WHEREAS, in order to accommodate the sale of a tobacco retailer's current stock of flavored electronic cigarette products, to adjust inventories and accommodate the tobacco retailer's substitution of alternative products for sale, the City Council delayed implementation of Ordinance No. 1535 for six (6) months from its adoption.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the State of California and County of Los Angeles declared a State of Emergency in an effort to aid the prevention and mitigation of the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak throughout the State of California and the County of Los Angeles.

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-33-20, directing the public to stay home and ordering the closure of all non-essential businesses, including tobacco retailers.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 793 was adopted and enrolled in August 2020, prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco in the state of California.

WHEREAS, shortly after the passage of SB 793, a group of tobacco manufacturers filed lawsuits seeking to prevent SB 793 from going into effect.

WHEREAS, a referendum on SB 793 qualified for the ballot and SB 793 is suspended until the referendum vote in November 2022.

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020, the City Council, in an effort to provide tobacco retailers with the time initially contemplated by the City Council to sell current stock of flavored electronic cigarette products and to adjust inventories to comply with state and

local tobacco retail laws, adopted Ordinance No. 1548 suspending enforcement of the City's prohibition on the sale of Flavored Electronic Cigarette Products until February 1, 2021.

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2021, the City Council, in an effort to provide tobacco retailers additional time to adjust to the changing legal landscape regarding flavored tobacco products, adopted Ordinance No. 1560 suspending enforcement of the City's prohibition of the sale of Flavored Electronic Cigarette Products until February 1, 2022.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to provide tobacco retailers additional time to adjust to the impacts of COVID-19 and the changing legal landscape regarding flavored tobacco products as the California Flavored Tobacco Products Ban Referendum qualified for the ballot as a veto referendum and is scheduled for a vote which is to occur on November 8, 2022.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Temporary Suspension of Section 5.04.670(H)(4). The prohibition on the sale of Flavored Electronic Cigarette Products, as detailed in Section 5.04.670(H)(4) of the Palmdale Municipal Code, is temporarily suspended until February 1, 2023.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this Ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one (1) or more subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional, or invalid, or ineffective, provided the basic purposes of this Ordinance and the benefits to the City and the public are not substantially impaired.

SECTION 3. The City Council finds the approval of this ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly. Alternatively, the City Council finds the approval of this ordinance is not a project under CEQA Regulation Section 15061 (b)(3) because it has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause this ordinance to be published or posted as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this 16th day of February, 2022.

Approved as to form:

Steven D. Hofbauer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christopher Beck
City Attorney

Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk

I, Shanae s. Smith, City Clerk of Palmdale, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly introduced, passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmdale at a regular meeting of said Council held on the _____ day of _____, 20____ effective on the ____ day of _____, 20____ by the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

Date: _____

Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk



City Council Staff Report

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2022
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
DISTRICT: ALL
SUBJECT: ORDINANCE NO. 1571, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.34 ET. SEQ.: REGULATION OF SMOKING AT PUBLIC PLACES AND PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT

ISSUE

Adopt Ordinance No. 1571 amending Palmdale Municipal Code Section 8.34 et. seq.: Regulation of Smoking at Public Places of Employment.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council:

- 1) Receive Public Testimony;
- 2) Approve the introduction of proposed Ordinance No. 1571; and,
- 3) Adopt Ordinance No. 1571 amending Palmdale Municipal Code Section 8.34 et. seq.: Regulation of Smoking at Public Places and Places of Employment.

BACKGROUND

In 1993, by City of Palmdale Ordinance No. 1024, the City of Palmdale established smoking regulations in the City. The Palmdale Municipal Code general smoking regulations were last updated in 2014. At the City Council meeting on January 12, 2022, Council was presented with proposed amendments to the smoking Ordinance and directed staff to return in February 2022 with updates to the City of Palmdale smoking Ordinance.

DISCUSSION

Proposals have been submitted to City Staff and Councilmembers by local advocacy groups seeking amendments to the Palmdale Municipal Code and the regulation of smoking in the City. Council has directed these items be incorporated into an Ordinance. Attached to this Staff Report is an Ordinance that amends the Palmdale Municipal Code as follows:

8.34.030 Definitions. [Highlighted in red with additions and amendments]

For the purpose of this chapter certain words and phrases shall be defined as follows:

“Bar” means an establishment which is devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by patrons on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of such beverages. Although a restaurant may contain a bar, the term “bar” shall not include any restaurant dining area.

“City” means the City of Palmdale.

“Employee” means any person engaged in the operation or conduct of any business in the City, whether as an owner, a member of the family, or as a partner, agent, manager, solicitor, apprentice, trainee or any other category of person employed or working in such business.

“Employer” means any person, partnership, corporation, including a municipal corporation or nonprofit entity, who engages the services of one or more individuals.

“Enclosed area” means all space between a floor and ceiling which is enclosed on all sides by solid walls or windows (exclusive of door or passage ways) which extend from the floor to the ceiling, including all space therein screened by partitions which do not extend to the ceiling or are not solid.

“Golf Courses” means driving ranges, dining areas and service areas at golf courses; and within 35 (thirty-five) feet of any building doorway or window of any dining or service areas.

“Nonprofit entity” means any corporation, unincorporated association or other entity created for charitable, philanthropic, educational or other similar purposes, the net proceeds from the operation of which are committed to the promotion of the objectives or purposes of the organization and not for private financial gain.

“Non-enclosed” means a predominantly outdoor area that does not meet the definition of “enclosed,” including but not limited to patios, outdoor dining areas, and outdoor service areas.

“Outdoor public service area” means any non-enclosed area where one or more persons wait for or receive goods or services of any kind, including but not limited to: lines or waiting areas for ATM machines, information kiosks, outdoor restaurants and other food services, outdoor waiting areas for tickets and admission to a theater or event; waiting areas at car washes and vehicle service establishments; and streets and

sidewalks that are designed to be used or are regularly used by one or more persons to receive a service or wait to receive a service.

“Outdoor Dining Area” means any publicly or privately owned outdoor area, including streets and sidewalks, that is available to or customarily used by the general public or an employee, and that is designed, established, or regularly used for consuming food or drink.

“Outdoor Worksites” means any outdoor area under the legal or de facto control of an employer that an employee or the general public may enter in the normal course of operations, but regardless of the hours of operation.

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“Restaurant” means any coffee shop, cafeteria, sandwich stand, private and public school cafeteria, including any associated outdoor eating area, and any other eating establishment which gives or offers for sale food to the public, guests or employees, as well as kitchens in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere, including catering facilities, except that the term “restaurant” shall not include a cocktail lounge or bar as defined in this section.

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“Smoking” means the inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying of any lighted, heated, or ignited cigar, cigarette, cigarillo, pipe, cannabis, hookah, electronic smoking device, or any other combustible substance in any manner or in any form. Smoking includes the use of an electronic cigarette or any other electronic and/or battery-operated device used to deliver an inhaled dose of nicotine or other substance.

“Tobacco store” means a retail establishment, the primary use of which is the sale of tobacco products and accessories and in which the sale of other items is merely incidental.

“Waiting lines or areas” means any indoor line or area in which one or more persons are waiting for or receiving service of any kind, whether or not such service involves the exchange of money or other consideration. (Ord. 1456 § 2, 2014; Ord. 1024 § 1, 1993)

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(C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (B) of this section, smoking shall be prohibited, except in those areas designated as smoking areas, at the following facilities:

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- (3) Larry Chimbole Cultural Center.
- (4) DryTown Water Park
- (5) Palmdale Playhouse
- (6) Palmdale City Libraries

(D) The City Manager, or his or her designee, is authorized to establish, and change, the designated smoking area(s) for each facility identified in subsection (C) of this section. The City Manager, or his or her designee, shall conspicuously post, or cause to be posted, at every designated smoking area, signs identifying that area as a location where smoking is permitted. (Ord. 1433 § 1, 2012; Ord. 1291 § 2, 2006; Ord. 1024 § 1, 1993)

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(a) The establishment of two separate waiting areas for smokers and nonsmokers; or

(b) The establishment of a maximum of 25 percent of a single waiting area as a smoking area;

(2) Public restrooms;

(3) Service or waiting line areas;

(4) Retail stores, except areas not open or accessible to the general public;

(5) All areas available to and customarily used by the general public in all businesses and nonprofit entities, including, but not limited to, offices, banks, hotels and motels;

(6) Waiting rooms, hallways, wards and semi-private rooms of health facilities, including, but not limited to, hospitals, clinics, physical therapy facilities, doctor's offices and dentist's offices, except that such health facilities shall also be subject to the provisions of PMC [8.34.060](#) regulating smoking in places of employment;

(7) Any enclosed building, hall or theater used for entertainment, including theaters, auditoriums and sports arenas. This does not include any lobby or other area which is not open to the general public or when smoking is part of a theatrical stage production;

(8) Retail food marketing establishments, including grocery stores and supermarkets, except those areas not open to the general public and those areas of such establishments set aside for the serving of food and beverages which are regulated by other sections of this chapter;

(9) Public schools and other public facilities under the control of another public agency, which are available to and customarily used by the general public, to the extent that said facilities are subject to the jurisdiction of the City;

(10) Any restaurant; provided, that any owner, operator or manager of a restaurant regulated by this chapter may, by signs, designate no more than 50 percent of the total seating area capacity as a smoking area;

(11) Forty percent of hotel/motel rooms rented to guests. Each nonsmoking room shall be clearly posted with a sign designating the room as nonsmoking;

(12) Public elevators, enclosed stairwells, hallways and other common areas in apartment buildings, condominiums, retirement facilities and nursing homes;

(13) Lobbies, hallways and other common areas in multiple-unit commercial facilities;

(14) Enclosed recreational areas, such as gymnasiums, roller skating rinks, indoor swimming pools and health spas;

(15) Polling places;

(16) Private and Public Golf Courses;

(17) Sidewalks;

(18) Doorways and windows of public buildings; no smoking within 35 (thirty-five) feet;

(19) Outdoor dining areas and restaurants; and,

(20) Outdoor worksites.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any owner, operator, manager or other person who controls any establishment described in this chapter may declare the entire establishment as a nonsmoking establishment. (Ord. 1024 § 1, 1993)

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~~(3) Restaurants, hotel and motel conference or meeting rooms, and public and private assembly rooms while such rooms are being used for private functions;~~

(4) Private enclosed offices or workplaces occupied exclusively by smokers and not accessible to the public, even though such an office or workplace may be

visited by nonsmoking co-workers; provided, that nonsmokers are not required to enter these work places as a function of their employment. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to permit smoking where it is otherwise prohibited by other applicable laws.

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FISCAL IMPACT

De minimis/limited. It is anticipated that the City of Palmdale will have access to additional funding sources if they pass an Ordinance substantially similar to those proposed above. Staff has identified a nearly \$3,000 grant available to the City of Palmdale for signs regulating smoking within the City.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal III: Invest in infrastructure to improve community livability.

C. Plan and maintain safe and attractive neighborhoods, streets, facilities, and public spaces with exciting programming that promotes active fun for everyone.

Prepared by:	Christopher Beck, City Attorney
Certified as to availability of Funds:	Keith Kang, Finance Manager
Approved by:	Ronda Perez, Acting City Manager
Approved as to form:	Christopher Beck, City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Ordinance No. 1571

CITY OF PALMDALE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
ORDINANCE NO. 1571

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE AMENDING
MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.34 ET. SEQ.; REGULATION OF SMOKING AT
PUBLIC PLACES AND PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Palmdale has a commitment to public health and safety within the City; and

WHEREAS, Strategic Plan Goal III(C) sets forth a directive to, “Plan and maintain safe and attractive neighborhoods, streets, facilities and public spaces...”, and

WHEREAS, the use of tobacco, nicotine, and smoking products has been proven to have deleterious effects on the health of users; and

WHEREAS, the use of tobacco, nicotine, and smoking products has been proven to have deleterious effects on those exposed to such products, even if not the user; and

WHEREAS, proper regulation and control is necessary to ensure public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Palmdale Municipal Code is hereby amended at Chapter 8.34 et. seq. as follows:

8.34.030 Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter certain words and phrases shall be defined as follows:

“Bar” means an establishment which is devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by patrons on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of such beverages. Although a restaurant may contain a bar, the term “bar” shall not include any restaurant dining area.

“City” means the City of Palmdale.

“Employee” means any person engaged in the operation or conduct of any business in the City, whether as an owner, a member of the family, or as a partner, agent, manager, solicitor, apprentice, trainee or any other category of person employed or working in such business.

“Employer” means any person, partnership, corporation, including a municipal corporation or nonprofit entity, who engages the services of one or more individuals.

“Enclosed area” means all space between a floor and ceiling which is enclosed on all sides by solid walls or windows (exclusive of door or passageways) which extend from the floor to the ceiling, including all space therein screened by partitions which do not extend to the ceiling or are not solid.

“Golf Courses” means driving ranges, dining areas and service areas at golf courses; and within 35 (thirty-five) feet of any building doorway or window of any dining or service areas.

“Nonprofit entity” means any corporation, unincorporated association or other entity created for charitable, philanthropic, educational or other similar purposes, the net proceeds from the operation of which are committed to the promotion of the objectives or purposes of the organization and not for private financial gain.

“Non-enclosed” means a predominantly outdoor area that does not meet the definition of “enclosed,” including but not limited to patios, outdoor dining areas, and outdoor service areas.

“Outdoor public service area” means any non-enclosed area where one or more persons wait for or receive goods or services of any kind, including but not limited to: lines or waiting areas for ATM machines, information kiosks, outdoor restaurants and other food services, outdoor waiting areas for tickets and admission to a theater or event; waiting areas at car washes and vehicle service establishments; and streets and sidewalks that are designed to be used or are regularly used by one or more persons to receive a service or wait to receive a service.

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SECTION 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this Ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase

thereof irrespective of the fact that any one (1) or more subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional, or invalid, or ineffective, provided the basic purposes of this Ordinance and the benefits to the City and the public are not substantially impaired.

SECTION 3. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance to be published or posted as required by law.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 16th day of February, 2022.

Approved as to form:

Steven D. Hofbauer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christopher L. Beck
City Attorney

Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk

I, Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk of Palmdale, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly introduced, passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmdale at a regular meeting of said Council held on the _____ day of _____, 20____ effective on the ____ day of _____, 20____ by the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

Date: _____

Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk



City Council Staff Report

DATE: February 16, 2022
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
DISTRICT: ALL
SUBJECT: APPROVE NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF VISIT PALMDALE

ISSUE

Approve nominations for appointment to the Board of Directors of Visit Palmdale.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve one (1) nominee for the Visit Palmdale Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND

On October 5, 2021, the Palmdale City Council authorized the creation of the Palmdale Tourism Improvement District (PTID) with the adoption of Resolution No. CC 2021-096. A PTID is a partnership between the City and hotels in Palmdale to create additional tourism and visitor opportunities that both visitors and residents can enjoy. The benefits an improvement district provides can come in a variety of forms such as signature events, enhancing current tourism attractions, development of additional destinations and infrastructure improvements. An increase in tourism and business travel positively impacts hotels, restaurants, and local small businesses.

Visit Palmdale is the governing board of the PTID. The board will have the responsibility of managing the services and programs provided by the PTID in Palmdale.

The Board of Directors for Visit Palmdale is made up of seven (7) directors; four (4) from Palmdale businesses who represent the PTID, one (1) City Councilmember, one (1) City staff person, and one (1) person who represents tourism and the non-lodging hospitality sector in Palmdale. This mirrors the formation of Destination Lancaster's Board of Directors when the board was first established. Each member is appointed for a three (3) year term.

DISCUSSION

The City Council is responsible for the appointment of the three individuals to the Visit Palmdale Board of Directors. Per the Visit Palmdale Bylaws, the Directors shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of a majority of the City Council.

On December 23, 2021, the City posted the vacancy for an at-large board member for the Visit Palmdale Board of Directors on the City Website and through a public notice in the AV Press. At the January 19, 2022 City Council meeting, the Council voted to extend the public member vacancy until February 7, 2022 and appointed two (2) of the three (3) positions. The City Council and the City staff representatives were selected for the board. The City Council is required to appoint the public member to the board.

The following public members applied and met the minimum requirements for the public member position on the Visit Palmdale Board of Directors:

1. Dorothy Bowling
2. Jonathan Flores
3. Donald Hoperich
4. Falakika Moore
5. Samantha Schmitz
6. Seidy Sepulveda

Appointment of the nominees would allow Visit Palmdale to complete essential tasks that require approval of a full board.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal IV: Maintain a desirable community where everyone wants to live, work and play.

- D. Develop and maintain diverse programs and events that inspire growth, pride and lifelong learning.

Prepared by:

Luis Gonzalez, Economic Development
Coordinator

Certified as to availability of Funds:

Keith Kang, Finance Manager

Approved by:

Ronda Perez, Acting City Manager

Approved as to form:

Christopher Beck, City Attorney



City Council Staff Report

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2022
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER DEPARTMENT
CITY CLERK DIVISION
DISTRICT: ALL
SUBJECT: APPROVE ALTERNATE MEMBER NOMINATION FOR
APPOINTMENT TO THE MEASURE AV OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

ISSUE

Approve Alternate Member nomination for appointment to the Measure AV Oversight Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve alternate member nomination for one of the following applicants for appointment to the Measure AV Oversight Committee for the remaining balance of a two-year term set to expire April 2023:

1. Glenn Anthony Flood	2. Engel Thedford
3. Aaron M. Stickel	4. Marmissi Masters
5. Alenna Schofield	6. Jonathan Flores
7. Colby Estes	8. Michael Wong
9. Leslie Vickers	

BACKGROUND

At the General Municipal Election held on November 3, 2020, voters approved the enactment of a local $\frac{3}{4}$ cent transaction and use tax in the City of Palmdale. The measure allows for local control of sales tax dollars, ensures long-term fiscal sustainability, and allows the City to continue to fund reliable essential services for the community. The revenues and expenditures from the tax are to be regularly reviewed by a citizens advisory committee to ensure the funds collected are expended for the purposes specified in the Measure AV Ballot language and to provide enhanced transparency and public participation. The City Council shall appoint a seven-member committee and by resolution, adopt guidelines for the duties of a citizens oversight committee, later named Measure AV Oversight Committee (Committee”).

DISCUSSION

On April 6, 2021, seven (7) Committee members and seven (7) alternate members were appointed to the Committee. The Committee has an opportunity to review, comment and make recommendations on proposed expenditures which may include, but not be limited to, receiving semi-annual reports from City staff each fiscal year on revenues and expenditures from the tax imposed by Ordinance No. 1549.

On December 15, 2021, Eric Ohlsen was appointed as the Regular Member to District 4, replacing Maribel Briseno, who had accepted full-time employment with the City. The Office of the City Clerk received subsequent notice from District 4 Alternate Member Roger Villasenor, indicating his resignation from the alternate position due to personal reasons.

On January 19, 2022, the City Council directed the City Clerk to extend the recruitment period to afford additional members of the community the opportunity to apply to fill the vacancy. A Notice of Vacancy was advertised in the Antelope Valley Press on January 20, 2022. The Classified Ad and the application were made available on the City's website as well as in the Office of the City Clerk. Staff received four (4) applications by the February 8, 2021, in addition to the five (5) applicants presented to Council on January 19th for a total of nine (9) candidates to choose from.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item, as the alternate member position does not receive compensation for service.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal II: Ensure long-term fiscal health of the City and maintain funding for services.

C. Involve and expand engagement to enhance public oversight and transparency.

Prepared by:	Shanae Smith, City Clerk
Certified as to availability of Funds:	Keith Kang, Finance Manager
Approved by:	Ronda Perez, Acting City Manager
Approved as to form:	Christopher Beck, City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance No. 1561
2. Measure AV By-laws

CITY OF PALMDALE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
ORDINANCE NO. 1561

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE AMENDING
THE PALMDALE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.08.030 REGARDING
APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS BY THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, On July 2, 2008, the City Council passed and adopted Ordinance No. 1357 that amended Section 2.08 of the Palmdale Municipal Code (PMC).

WHEREAS, PMC Section 2.08.030 governs the manner in which appointments are made to boards and commissions of the City Council.

WHEREAS, The method and manner of appointments pursuant to the amended PMC 2.08.030 is such that the mayor is responsible for all appointments to said boards and commissions, with ratification by the City Council.

WHEREAS, Under the PMC 2.08.030, the mayor is to nominate all persons to boards and commissions, and there is no 'second' required for such nomination.

WHEREAS, Under the PMC 2.08.030, city council members do not have the ability to nominate persons to boards and commissions.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amend Palmdale Municipal Code Section 2.08.030 Repeal and replace Palmdale Municipal Code Section 2.08.030 to read as follows:

PMC 2.08.030: Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Unless otherwise specifically provided in this code or by State Law, the City Council shall make all appointments to boards, commissions and committees of the City as follows unless otherwise formed by Resolution:

- A. City Council boards, commissions and committees shall consist of a minimum of five members, of whom shall be nominated by each City Councilmember and the Mayor, subject to approval by the City Council for appointment. All members shall be voting members of the board, commission, or committee. No member shall be a member of the City Council. It is preferable that City Councilmember's appointee reside within the Councilmember's district, however, is not required when subject matter expertise is desirable. The Mayor may nominate an individual that represents the City at large whom may reside in any district. Members serve at the pleasure of the City Council and may be removed prior to the expiration of their term by a vote of a majority of the members of the City Council.
- B. All board and commission vacancies shall be advertised, seeking volunteers willing and desiring to be appointed to fill such vacancies. Any person seeking to be so appointed must complete and submit the city volunteer application, together with any other information requested by the City Council as appropriate for a specific board or commission.
- C. All such applications shall be provided to the Mayor and City Council for review, who shall, at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting, nominate, from among such applicants, the persons whom the Mayor and a City Councilmember desires to appoint by making a motion ~~which need not be seconded,~~ for each such appointment.
- D. If the nomination by the Mayor and City Councilmember is approved by a majority vote of the City Council, the nominating City Councilmember may then proceed to appoint the person to the board or commission under consideration.
- E. If the specific nomination by the Mayor and/or City Councilmember is not approved by a majority vote of the City Council, the City Council will nominate, by motion, a different candidate until someone is approved by majority vote of the City Council for the position under consideration.
- F. All members of boards, commissions and committees serve at the pleasure of the City Council and are subject to removal by a majority vote of the City Council.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this Ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one (1) or more subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs,


sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional, or invalid, or ineffective, provided the basic purposes of this Ordinance and the benefits to the City and the public are not substantially impaired.

SECTION 3. The City Council finds the approval of this ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly. Alternatively, the City Council finds the approval of this ordinance is not a project under CEQA Regulation Section 15061 (b)(3) because it has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause this ordinance to be published or posted as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 2nd day of March 2021

Approved as to form:



Christopher Beck
City Attorney



Steven D. Hofbauer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk

I, Shanae s. Smith, City Clerk of Palmdale, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly introduced, passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmdale at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 2nd day of March, 2021 effective on the 1st day of April, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bettencourt, Carrillo, Loa, Bishop

NOES: Hobauer

ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Date: 3/18/2021 Shanae S. Smith
Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk

CITY OF PALMDALE
MEASURE AV OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE

- A. Name.** Official name of the committee shall be Measure AV Oversight Committee (the “Committee”)
- B. Compensation.** No compensation shall be provided for attendance to Committee meetings. Reimbursement shall only be given for expenses actually incurred in connection to serving on the Committee.
- C. Establishment.** Measure AV, approved in November 2020, calls for the establishment of a committee to ensure that all funds from the measure are appropriately used.
- D. Purpose.** The purpose of this Committee is set forth in Measure AV. (Protecting Palmdale's long-term financial stability; maintaining essential city services; repairing streets/potholes; addressing homelessness; maintaining 911 emergency response; keeping public areas safe/clean for all; retaining local businesses; protecting local water sources; maintaining veterans, senior, mental health, community programs; by establishing a ¾-cent sales tax; requiring citizen oversight, public spending disclosures; all funds used locally in Palmdale). These Bylaws are specifically made subject to the applicable provisions of Measure AV as to the duties and rights of the Committee. The Committee is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Public Meetings Act of the State of California and shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the provisions thereof.

E. Administrative Support. The City shall give all necessary administrative support to the Committee, as is consistent with the Committee's purpose.

F. Duties. The duties of this Committee are:

- a.** To ensure that all funds from the three-quarters cent sales tax are spent in accordance with Measure AV.
- b.** To prepare an annual written report setting forth the purposes for which Measure AV funds were expended in the preceding year and the amount spent in each category.

ARTICLE II – POSITIONS AND TERMS

A. Committee Members. Committee Members shall consist of seven (7) members and (7) alternatives.

B. Committee Additions and Subtractions. The City Council may, by unanimous decision, vote to add or subtract the number of members on the Committee, but shall not go lower than five (5) total members. The Committee shall always remain at an odd number.

C. Term Length. Each member of the Committee shall be appointed for a two (2) year term.

D. Term Limit. Committee members are limited to a three (3) term limit for serving on the Committee.

E. Committee Vacancy. Should a vacancy arise from a member resigning or other matters the following shall happen:

- a.** Replacement will be filled by a Committee alternate member.

- b.** A Replacement for that alternate shall be picked by the City Council and voted in by majority vote.
- c.** If a vacancy is filled and there is greater than a year left on the term, it shall count as a full term for the appointed Committee Member's term limit. If less than a year remains on the term, it shall not count towards the Committee Member's term limit.

F. Forfeiture. Should any Committee member miss three (3) consecutive Committee meetings without any prior consent or notice to the Committee, they shall forfeit their membership on the Committee. All forfeited Committee positions shall be subject to Article II, Section E, for the purpose of their vacancy.

G. Chair. The Committee shall appoint one member to serve as the Chair of the Committee by a simple majority vote. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Committee. The Chair is responsible for keeping order and decorum during the Committee's meetings.

H. Vice-Chair. The Committee shall appoint one member to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Committee by simple majority vote. The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the chair in the absence or incapacity of the Chair, until such time as a new Chair is selected or appointed. Should both the Chair and Vice-Chair be absence or incapacitated, the Committee shall vote by simple majority to appoint an interim Chair and Vice-Chair for the purpose of that current meeting and any subsequent meetings until either the Chair or Vice-Chair are able to return to their duties.

- I. **Staff Secretary.** City staff shall appoint one member to serve as the Staff Secretary of the Committee. The Staff Secretary shall keep the minutes of all official meetings of the Committee, which shall be open for inspection by any member of the public. The Staff Secretary shall sign reports and correspondence for the Committee, along with setting meeting dates; providing agendas to each Committee member prior to each official meeting. The Staff Secretary shall inform Committee members of all available data gathered by City staff pertinent to each item on said agenda. The Staff Secretary shall inform Committee members of the time and place of any special meeting. The Staff Secretary shall make available to the Committee all correspondence addressed to the Committee.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

- A. **Rules.** All meetings will fall under rules set by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov't Code §54950 et seq.) ("Brown Act").
- B. **Meeting Dates.** Use of set dates and locations shall be established to meet no less than four (4) times a year. These set dates can be changed by resolution as needed.
- C. **Specials Meetings and Emergency.** Special Meetings can be called by the Chair or Vice Chair with five days prior notice. Emergency meetings can be called as needed.
- D. **Open and Public Meetings.** All meetings concerning all Committee actions and deliberations shall be open and allow for anyone in the public to attend.

E. Closed Sessions. Closed sessions are allowed during regular or special meeting as is needed by circumstance and permitted by law.

F. Public Hearings. Public hearings are to be conducted during regular or special meetings of the Committee.

G. Agenda. An agenda shall be published to the public and sent out to each Committee member no less than seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting takes place. All agendas should include time, date, and location that the meetings take place along with the type of meeting (Regular, Special, or Emergency). Any items not on the agenda will be placed in the non-agenda items portion of the meeting.

H. Minutes. Minutes of the proceedings of the Committee and all documents received and reports issued shall be a matter of public record and be made available on an Internet website maintained by the Committee.

ARTICLE IV. – CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

A. Order of Business. The regular order of business shall be:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Prior Meetings Minutes
3. Consideration and Action of Agenda Items
4. Non-Agenda Items
5. Public Comment
6. Adjournment

The order of business can be modified as needed.

B. Parliamentary Procedure. All proceedings before the Committee may be guided by the rules of parliamentary procedure set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, but failure to follow Robert's Rules of Order shall not affect the validity of any action or motion duly taken or adopted by the Committee at any lawfully held meeting.

C. Presentations to the Committee. Any person desiring to address the Committee shall be requested, when recognized by the Chair, to give his or her name and address for the record. The Chair may, in the interest of facilitating the business of Committee, set in advance of the presentation of testimony reasonable time limits for oral presentations. Persons may be required to submit written testimony in lieu of oral testimony if the Chair determines that a reasonable opportunity for oral presentations has been provided, and in such a case, the matter may be continued to a later date to allow a reasonable time for such submittals to occur.

D. Attendance. Members shall be considered present at the Committee meeting if they are there physically, on the phone, or using a video conferencing application.

ARTICLE V. – VOTING AND QUORUM

A. Roll Call Vote. A roll call vote may be required in voting upon any motion of the Committee in the discretion of the Chair.

B. Quorum. A majority of the currently appointed members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting its business and exercising its powers and for all other official purposes, except that less than a quorum may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained.

C. Number of Votes Required for Action. All actions require a motion and a second. No action or recommendation of the Committee shall be valid and binding unless a quorum is present and the motion is approved a simple majority of the members present. Each member shall have one vote. No votes may be cast by proxy. Tie votes shall be considered as denial of the motion.

D. Conflicts of Interest. The Committee shall be subject to conflict of interest in accordance with the Fair Political Practices Act. City Councilpersons shall not vote for any person who presents a conflict of interest with them.

E. Motion to Reconsider. The Committee may reconsider a matter during the meeting at which the vote was taken, provided all members who were present when the matter was discussed and voted upon are still present, all persons who addressed the Committee regarding the matter are still present, and the motion to reconsider is made by a member who voted with the prevailing side. A motion for reconsideration shall have precedence over every motion except a motion to adjourn. A final vote on any matter may also be placed on any future agenda for reconsideration by the Committee or any member of the Committee at the meeting at which the actions was taken or at any later time. Any interested person may request that an action be reconsidered, provided that such a request must be in writing and filed with the Palmdale City Clerk within ten calendar days of the action of the Committee.

ARTICLE VI. - AMENDMENTS.

Any amendment to these Bylaws shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Committee of the entire Committee.



City Council Staff Report

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2022
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
DISTRICT: ALL
SUBJECT: DISCUSS POTENTIAL MOVE TO FIVE COUNCIL DISTRICTS
AND ROTATING MAYOR

ISSUE

Should the Council direct staff to produce a comprehensive report on the process, possibility, and method of moving to five Council districts and a rotating mayor?

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss the matter and direct staff as appropriate.

BACKGROUND

The City of Palmdale presently has four Council districts and a directly elected mayor. At present, the Council and the City are in the process of completing statutorily required redistricting and should complete the process shortly.

DISCUSSION

If, on discussion of the Council, the Council agrees to direct staff to produce a comprehensive report on the process, possibility, and method of moving to five Council districts and a rotating mayor, staff will produce such report and return to Council within sixty (60) days.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal II: Ensure long-term fiscal health of the City and maintain funding for services.

C. Involve and expand engagement to enhance public oversight and transparency.

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Approved by:	Ronda Perez, Acting City Manager
Approved as to form:	Christopher Beck, City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

None.