CITY OF TEMECULA AGENDA REPORT

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Randi Johl, Director of Legislative Affairs/City Clerk

DATE: September 23, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider Adoption of Resolution Opposing Proposition 50 - "The Election

Rigging Response Act" (At the Request of Mayor Pro Tempore Alexander)

PREPARED BY: Randi Johl, Director of Legislative Affairs/City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA OPPOSING PROPOSITION 50 "THE ELECTION RIGGING RESPONSE ACT"

BACKGROUND: Proposition 50 is a constitutional amendment on the special election ballot for November 4, 2025. The amendment was referred by the Legislature as Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 8 (ACA 8) in response to mid-decade redistricting in other states. Proposition 50 generally does the following: (1) authorizes California to adopt new legislature-drawn congressional district maps for use in the 2026, 2028, and 2030 U.S. House elections, and (2) suspends the California Citizens Redistricting Commission for congressional maps until 2031. The Department of Finance estimates that the special election will cost approximately \$250 million. Proponents of the measure argue it counters partisan gerrymandering in other states. Opponents of the measure argue it undermines the voter-approved independent redistricting model. Litigation regarding mid-cycle redistricting is pending in multiple states and may find its way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

If Proposition 50 passes, Temecula may be placed in new congressional boundaries as early as 2026, changing existing representation. Temecula has benefited from many years of existing representation. Representatives Calvert and Issa have done a great job helping Temecula obtain federal funding for many projects, including \$50 million for the French Valley Interchange. Temecula has intentionally and carefully built a great relationship with existing representatives. It is therefore recommended that the Council discuss the item and provide direction as desired.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Legislative Packet

2. Resolution