

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Council

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

DATE: September 28, 2021

SUBJECT: Conduct a Public Hearing for the Purposes of Redistricting in the City of Temecula

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council conduct the second of four public hearings for the purposes of redistricting in the City of Temecula.

BACKGROUND: Every ten years, local governments use new census data to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. Assembly Bill 849 (2019) and Assembly Bill 1276 (2020) require cities and counties to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and doing public outreach. In Temecula, the City Council is responsible for drawing council districts and the redistricting process must be completed by April 17, 2022.

District lines are adopted using the following state and federal criteria:

Federal Laws:

Equal Population (based on total population of residents as determined by the most recent federal decennial census and adjusted by the State to reassign incarcerated persons to the last known place of residence)

Federal Voting Rights Act

No Racial Gerrymandering

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

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

In addition, boundaries shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

The City Council will be holding hearings to receive public input on redistricting on the following dates:

August 24, 2021 (1st Pre-Draft Public Hearing) - Completed

September 28, 2021 (2nd Pre-Draft Public Hearing)

January 25, 2022 (1st Post-Draft Public Hearing)

March 8, 2022 (2nd Post-Draft Public Hearing)

Redistricting information, including dates and times of hearings, and how to participate in the process, can be found online on the City's website at www.temeculaca.gov.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ATTACHMENTS: None