

RESOLUTION NO. 039-22 IRC

A RESOLUTION BY THE INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, ADOPTING A CITY COUNCIL ELECTION DISTRICT MAP UNDER ELECTIONS CODE SECTIONS 21600 - 21609

WHEREAS, the City of Martinez transitioned from at-large to by-district elections in February 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to adopt new district boundaries after each federal decennial census pursuant to a process called “redistricting” under Elections Code sections 21600–21609; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code sections 21607.1, subdivision (f), and Elections Code section 23002 et. seq. authorizes the City Council to establish an independent redistricting commission; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2021 by Resolution 052-21, the City Council formed the City of Martinez Independent Redistricting Commission (“Commission”) to oversee the redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners were appointed in August 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21607.1, subdivisions (a)–(b), and section 23003, subdivision (j), before the election district maps were drawn, the Commission held six public hearings at 6:00 p.m. on September 20, 2021, October 4, 2021, October 18, 2021, November 1, 2021, November 15, 2021, and December 6, 2021 to solicit feedback regarding communities of interest; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21607.1, subdivisions (a)–(b), and section 23003, subdivision (j), after the election district maps were drawn, the Commission held five public hearings at 6:00 p.m. on January 10, 2022, January 24, 2022, February 14, 2022, February 28, 2022, and March 14, 2022 to evaluate the draft maps; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21608, subdivision (a), the City took steps to encourage residents to participate in the redistricting public review process by making redistricting data and computer software accessible to members of the public for the purposes of drawing draft maps and providing training on that software; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21608, subdivision (a), the City took additional steps to encourage residents to participate in the redistricting public review

process by mailing a flyer to every residence in the city, posting and passing out flyers at City Hall, the library, and other public places; posting flyers on the City's social media platforms, publishing public notices in the Martinez News Gazette, and sending e-mails to individuals who subscribed to the agenda notification service; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21608, subdivision (a), the City took steps to encourage under-represented communities and non-English speaking communities to participate in the redistricting public review process by translating the web page material into Spanish and making a live translator available upon request; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21608, subdivision (d)(2), the City contracted with Redistricting Partners for demographic consulting services which produced 3 draft maps that included information regarding total population, citizen voting age population, and racial and ethnic characteristics of the citizen voting age population of each proposed council district; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21608, subdivision (e), the public was able to submit testimony and draft maps in writing and electronically, and submitted a total of 30 draft maps; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21608, subdivisions (f)–(g), the City created a web page for the redistricting process located at <https://RedefineMartinez.org/>, which includes or links to the following information:

- 1) a general explanation of the redistricting process for the City in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean;
- 2) the procedure for a member of the public to testify during a public hearing or to submit written testimony;
- 3) a calendar of all public hearings and workshop dates;
- 4) the notice and agenda for each public hearing and workshop;
- 5) the recording or written summary of each public hearing and workshop;
- 6) each draft map considered by the Commission at the public hearing; and
- 7) the adopted final map of council district boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Martinez Independent Redistricting Commission hereby resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

SECTION 2. REDISTRICTING MAP. Commencing with the City's next regular election in November 2022, the map included as Attachment A shall serve as the new City Council election district map.

SECTION 3. DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. The Commission Clerk is directed to request the demographer provide a list of the census tracts and/or blocks for each district and to attach that list to the Ordinance as Attachment B.

SECTION 4. CONTROLLING AUTHORITY. If there is a discrepancy between the adopted map in Attachment A and the list in Attachment B, the adopted map in Attachment A shall control.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Resolution shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect. The Commission hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Resolution, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions of this Resolution be declared invalid or unenforceable.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Independent Redistricting Commission of the City of Martinez at a Regular Meeting of said Commission held on the 14th day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Robert Perry, Julian Frazer, Rhonda Cavin, Diana Solero, Gretchen Egen; Vice Chair Ed McCarthy; Chair Christina Reich

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



EDGAR VILLANUEVA JR., DEPUTY CITY CLERK
CITY OF MARTINEZ