



City Council Staff Report

DATE: October 20, 2021

AGENDA ITEM NO: Public Hearing
Agenda Item 4A

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Vincent D. Chang, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding redrawing council district boundaries pursuant to Elections Code § 21601.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

1. Conducting a Public Hearing to receive testimony on redrawing council district boundaries pursuant to Elections Code § 21601;
2. Providing direction regarding whether to choose Option A – to accept the existing council district map **OR** Option B - redrawing of council district boundaries pursuant to Elections Code § 21601; and
3. Receiving and filing the mayoral rotation schedule or provide direction regarding the mayoral schedule; and
4. Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In 2019, the City transitioned to district-based elections. In accordance with the Fair and Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities and Political Subdivisions (FAIR MAPS) Act (Elections Code § 21601-21609), following the federal decennial census every ten years, districts boundaries must be redrawn so that each district is substantially equal in population. It is important in ensuring that each City Councilmember represents about the same number of constituents. The maps must meet certain requirements and has a total deviation of less than 10% difference.

The U.S. Census Bureau released the 2020 Census data on August 12, 2021, and the Statewide Database adjusted its dataset and released its Adjusted Census data on September 22, 2021. Demographer, National Demographics Corporation (NDC) performed the “Still Balance Analysis” and finds that the existing district map meet the FAIR MAPS Act criteria with a deviation of 2.84%.

The City Council may choose to adopt the existing district map after having the statutory hearings and that will conclude the redistricting process or choose to redraw the election areas or districts if it desires to do so. The City Council held the first public hearing on

July 21, 2021. This is the second public hearing. The City Council will need to schedule two additional public hearings to meet the statutory requirement of four public hearings.

BACKGROUND:

Following each decennial federal census, the City Council must adopt boundaries for all council districts so that the districts will be substantially equal in population. According to the FAIR MAPS Act, districts must meet the following requirements:

District Map Criteria

- Comply with federal requirements of equal population and the Voting Rights Act
- Areas that are geographically contiguous (connected).
- Keeping the geographic integrity by minimizing division of community interest of social and economic interests.
- Areas easily identifiable bonded by natural and artificial barriers, streets, and boundaries.
- Encourages geographical compactness where nearby areas of population are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations.
- Do not favor or discriminate against a political party.

Public Hearings

- Hold a minimum of four public hearings, one pre-draft maps hearing, two post-draft maps hearings, and one additional pre/post-draft maps hearing.
- Post-draft maps hearings must be held after a 21-day (waiting period) following the release of the State-Adjusted census data.
- Hearings must start at a fixed time or after completion of previous agenda item.
- At least one hearing must be held after 6:00 p.m. or on the weekend.

Notices

- Dedicated webpage (www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/Redistricting2021) with explanation of redistricting and public comment process, calendar of hearings, notices and agendas, recordings or written summaries, draft maps considered by the City Council, and adopted map.
- Notices contain date, time and location of hearings and must be posted online five days in advance.
- All materials related to the redistricting must be kept online until 2031.

Outreach

- Encourage public participation including a good faith effort to provide information to local media, provide information through “good government, civil rights, civic engagement, and community groups or organizations.”
- Interested persons may subscribe to receive notices about public meetings.

- Post information on redistricting and comment process online including applicable non-English languages in accordance with the Secretary of State’s determination of Chinese and Spanish as the required languages.

Translation

- Provide information on redistricting and comment process in applicable non-English languages in accordance with the Secretary of State’s determination.
- Requires providing live translation, if the request was made 72 hours in advance or 48 hours if the notice was posted five days before the hearings.

Timeline for Submittal of Adopted Map

- 205 days before the next regular election. Los Angeles County’s deadline for submittal of final map for November 8, 2022, election is May 12, 2022.

Next Steps and Tentative Timelines

- NDC performed the analysis using the 2020 census data and the State of California’s adjusted data. The findings conclude that the existing map remains population balanced and is in compliance with the FAIR MAPS requirements. The City Council has the option to accept the existing map (Option A) or proceed to redraw the election areas (Option B).

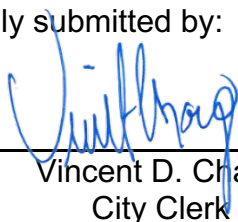
Option A Adoption of the Existing Map	Option B Redraw Council District Map
Open the public hearing and seek public input.	Open the public hearing and seek public input.
Discuss the benefits of adopting the existing map.	Discussion the benefits of drawing new maps.
Provide direction to amend the existing map with minor changes or no changes.	Provide direction with guidelines and make available the “Public Participation Kit” (blank maps for drawing new boundaries) for an additional cost of \$3,000.
3 rd public hearing scheduled for November 17, 2021, to seek public input and to make additional amendments, if needed.	3 rd public hearing scheduled for December 1, 2021, to seek public input and review proposed maps.
4 th public hearing scheduled for December 1, 2021, to introduce first reading of an ordinance for adoption of the final map. Final map posted on the City’s website seven days prior to adoption.	4 th public hearing scheduled for January 19, 2022, to introduce the first reading for adoption of the ordinance and the final map. Final map posted on the City’s website seven days prior to adoption.
December 22, 2021, adoption of the ordinance and the final map.	February 2, 2022, meeting for adoption of the ordinance and the final map.

The above options are an overview of the process and tentative timeline. The City Council has the option to schedule additional public hearings, if needed. However, the final adopted map must be submitted to the Los Angeles County by May 12, 2022, for the November 8, 2022, election.

FISCAL IMPACT:

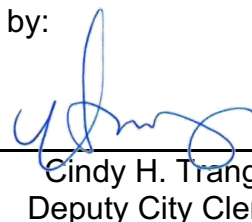
The costs of redistricting process of \$55,000 have been appropriated in the FY 21-22 budget. If Option B is selected, there is a \$3,000 cost for the Public Participation Kit that has been appropriated in the FY 21-22 budget.

Respectfully submitted by:



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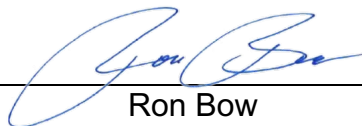
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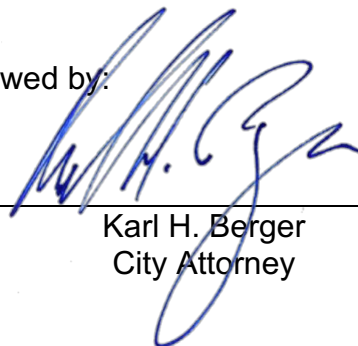
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2020 Adjusted Census Data
2. Summary Public Comments from the July 21, 2021, Council Meeting
3. July 7, 2021 City Council Staff Report (without attachments)
4. Mayoral Rotation Schedule

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ATTACHMENT 1
2020 Adjusted Census Data

Monterey Park - Current Districts (2020 Adjusted)							
District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
2020	2020 Census (Raw)	12,412	12,116	12,084	12,432	12,211	61,255
	Deviation from ideal	161	-135	-167	181	-40	348
	% Deviation	1.31%	-1.10%	-1.36%	1.48%	-0.33%	2.84%
2020 Total Pop	% Hisp	18%	24%	56%	16%	24%	28%
	% NH White	3%	6%	3%	3%	4%	4%
	% NH Black	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% Asian-American	77%	68%	39%	79%	71%	67%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	7,846	8,287	8,647	6,562	7,508	38,850
	% Hisp	17%	22%	53%	28%	23%	29%
	% NH White	5%	8%	4%	4%	6%	5%
	% NH Black	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	78%	69%	43%	67%	70%	65%
Voter Registration (Nov 2020)	Total	6,511	7,206	7,023	5,211	6,330	32,281
	% Latino est.	21%	24%	59%	22%	27%	31%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	19%	22%	54%	20%	25%	29%
	% Asian-Surnamed	59%	54%	26%	57%	52%	49%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
	% NH White est.	17%	19%	12%	16%	16%	16%
	% NH Black	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	2%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2018)	Total	2,765	3,414	3,358	2,006	2,991	14,534
	% Latino est.	23%	25%	63%	29%	32%	35%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	22%	24%	58%	27%	30%	33%
	% Asian-Surnamed	52%	51%	23%	47%	46%	43%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
	% NH White est.	21%	20%	11%	19%	17%	17%
	% NH Black	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	Total	4,523	5,379	5,184	3,516	4,649	23,251
	% Latino est.	22%	24%	60%	24%	28%	32%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	20%	22%	55%	22%	26%	30%
	% Asian-Surnamed	56%	53%	26%	54%	50%	47%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
	% NH White est.	19%	19%	12%	17%	17%	17%
	% NH Black est.	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%
ACS Pop. Est.	Total	12,582	11,760	12,693	12,118	11,329	60,482
Age	age0-19	18%	18%	21%	20%	18%	19%
	age20-60	51%	54%	52%	54%	50%	52%
	age60plus	31%	29%	27%	27%	32%	29%
Immigration	immigrants	61%	48%	41%	63%	55%	53%
	naturalized	63%	68%	74%	57%	62%	64%
Language spoken at home	english	23%	31%	28%	21%	22%	25%
	spanish	11%	17%	39%	13%	17%	19%
	asian-lang	65%	51%	32%	64%	60%	54%
	other lang	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	45%	34%	27%	51%	42%	40%
Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	34%	39%	45%	43%	36%	39%
	bachelor	24%	27%	20%	18%	22%	22%
	graduatedegree	12%	11%	8%	7%	9%	9%
Child in Household	child-under18	26%	26%	31%	32%	27%	29%
Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	54%	60%	58%	55%	58%	57%
Household Income	income 0-25k	24%	19%	17%	25%	18%	21%
	income 25-50k	18%	18%	21%	23%	25%	21%
	income 50-75k	16%	18%	17%	16%	16%	17%
	income 75-200k	34%	34%	38%	29%	28%	33%
	income 200k-plus	8%	11%	7%	6%	13%	9%
Housing Stats	single family	62%	69%	75%	54%	73%	67%
	multi-family	38%	31%	25%	46%	27%	33%
	rented	52%	40%	40%	63%	45%	48%
	owned	48%	60%	60%	37%	55%	52%

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 are 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 2015-2019 American Community Survey and Special Tabulation 5-year data.

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ATTACHMENT 2

Summary Public Comments from the July 21, 2021, Council Meeting

July 21, 2021 Public Hearing #1

Bill Lam, resident, encouraged the City Council to consider hosting workshops, including some weekend workshops, for those unable to attend the council meetings. He expressed concerns about the boundary lines in the northern section of the city and recommended changing from 3 districts to 2 districts citing that the Sierra Vista neighborhood is a key area which is divided with the current map.

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ATTACHMENT 3

July 7, 2021 City Council Staff Report (without attachments)



City Council Staff Report

DATE: July 7, 2021

AGENDA ITEM NO: New Business
Agenda Item 5A

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Vincent D. Chang, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Senate Bill 970 – Elections Date Change

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

1. Introducing and waiving first reading of an ordinance amending Monterey Park Municipal Code (“MPMC”) § 2.04.050 to change the election date of general municipal elections and requesting consolidation with Los Angeles County pursuant to Elections Code § 1301;
2. Appropriating \$12,000 to account no. 1051301-5206 from the General Fund balance for satisfying the noticing requirement for changing the election date;
3. Receiving and filing the mayoral rotation schedule or provide direction to be brought back at a future council meeting for consideration; and
4. Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Senate Bill (SB) 970 changes the date of the statewide direct primary to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June in even-numbered years in which there is no presidential primary to take effect January 1, 2021. The change will affect the terms of office for all elected officials and the City Council mayoral rotation schedule. The effect of the election date and the release of the 2020 Census data will determine the deadline for submittal of the redistrict map to the Los Angeles County.

BACKGROUND:

At the November 18, 2020, City Council meeting, staff presented a report regarding Senate Bill 970 which mandates changing the date for City’s general municipal election to June or November of even years. Whether the City Council chooses June or November, the terms of all elected officials will be extended by Elections Code § 10403.5. For officials elected in 2017 (Councilmembers Hans Liang, and Peter Chan; City Clerk Vincent Chang; and City Treasurer Joseph Leon), terms would be extended either three months (to June 2022) or eight months (to November 2022). For officials elected in 2020 (Mayor Yvonne Yiu; Mayor Pro Tem Henry Lo; and Councilmember Fred Sornoso), terms

would be extended the same length of time in 2024, i.e., from either three months (June 2024) or eight months (November 2024).¹

At the April 7, 2021 City Council meeting, staff presented a report providing an overview of redistricting process for City Council districts and the 2020 Census data update. Both the November 8, 2020 and the April 7, 2021, staff reports are attached as reference.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the 2020 Census redistricting data will be released by September 30, 2021. The statewide database will require an additional 30 days to adjust the datasets for redistricting. In accordance with Elections Code § 21602, the boundaries of City Council districts must be adopted not later than 174 days before the City's next regular municipal election. The Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's office's deadline for submitting a new district map is December 9, 2021 for the June 7, 2022 election, and May 12, 2022 for the November 8, 2022 election.

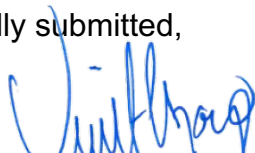
The City's voting records show that November elections typically have greater voter turnout and participation. For example, the November 3, 2020 election recorded a 74.56% voter turnout in comparison to the March 3, 2020 election, at just 36.32%. As the Elections Official, City Clerk Chang recommends that the City Council change the municipal election date from March to November of even years.

The attached mayoral schedules reflect the mayoral rotation corresponding to the June and November election dates. When the City Council chooses an election date, the schedule relative to that election date will be implemented. The City Council may choose to provide additional direction adjusting the schedule to be brought back at a future council meeting for consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:


\$12,000 from the General Fund balance will be required to satisfy the noticing requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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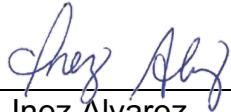
¹ The City Council could consider having different municipal election dates every two years, e.g., June or November beginning in 2022 and every four years afterward; and March in 2024 and every four years afterward. That, however, seems impractical and confusing for voters.

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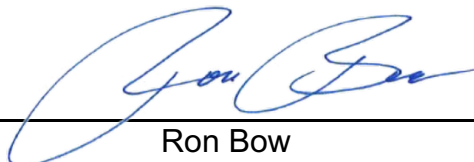
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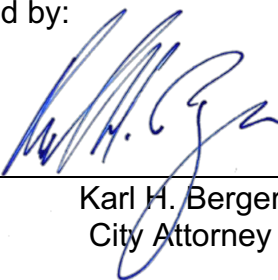
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Attachments:

1. Draft Ordinance
2. Mayoral Rotation Schedules
3. November 18, 2020, City Council Staff Report
4. April 7, 2021, City Council Staff Report

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ATTACHMENT 4
Mayoral Rotation Schedule

**Mayoral Rotation
November Elections**

Previous mayor term ended 5/4/2020

Mayoral Duration	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Order Mayor	Mayor Pro Tem	Council Member	Council Member	Council Member
15.0 wks	5/5/2020	8/17/2020	Hans Liang	Peter Chan	District 3	District 4	District 2
15.0 wks	8/18/2020	11/30/2020	Peter Chan	Yvonne Yiu (D2)	Henry Lo (D4)	Fred Sornoso (D3)	Hans Liang
56.0 wks	12/1/2020	12/27/2021	Yvonne Yiu (D2)	Henry Lo (D4)	Fred Sornoso (D3)	Hans Liang	Peter Chan
Election	11/8/2022		Henry Lo (D4)	Fred Sornoso (D3)	District 1/5	District 1/5	Yvonne Yiu (D2)
56.0 wks	12/28/2021	1/23/2023	Henry Lo (D4)	Fred Sornoso (D3)	District 1/5	District 1/5	Yvonne Yiu (D2)
56.0 wks	1/24/2023	2/19/2024	Fred Sornoso (D3)	District 1/5	District 1/5	Yvonne Yiu (D2)	Henry Lo (D4)
Election	11/5/2024		District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	2/20/2024	12/2/2024	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	12/3/2024	9/15/2025	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5
41.0 wks	9/16/2025	6/29/2026	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5
Election	11/3/2026		District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	6/30/2026	4/12/2027	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	4/13/2027	1/24/2028	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	1/25/2028	11/6/2028	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4
Election	11/7/2028		District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5
41.0 wks	11/7/2028	8/20/2029	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5
41.0 wks	8/21/2029	6/3/2030	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5
Election	11/5/2030		District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	6/4/2030	3/17/2031	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	3/18/2031	12/29/2031	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	12/30/2031	10/11/2032	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4
Election	11/2/2032		District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5
41.0 wks	10/12/2032	7/25/2033	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5
41.0 wks	7/26/2033	5/8/2034	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5
Election	11/7/2034		District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	5/9/2034	2/19/2035	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	2/20/2035	12/3/2035	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	12/4/2035	9/15/2036	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4
Election	11/4/2036		District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5
41.0 wks	9/16/2036	6/29/2037	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5
41.0 wks	6/30/2037	4/12/2038	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5
Election	11/2/2038		District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	4/13/2038	1/24/2039	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	1/25/2039	11/7/2039	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	11/8/2039	8/20/2040	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4
Election	11/6/2040		District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5
41.0 wks	8/21/2040	6/3/2041	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5
41.0 wks	6/4/2041	3/17/2042	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5
Election	11/4/2042		District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	3/18/2042	12/29/2042	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	12/30/2042	10/12/2043	District 2/3/4	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4
41.0 wks	10/13/2043	7/25/2044	District 1/5	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4
Election	11/8/2044		District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5
41.0 wks	7/26/2044	5/8/2045	District 1/5	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 2/3/4	District 1/5