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Title: Redistricting Progress Report

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and provide direction to the Sacramento Redistricting Citizens Advisory Committee.

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Description/Analysis

Issue: A total of 37 Council district map proposals were submitted by the public on or before May 16, 2011. In accordance with the schedule adopted by the City Council, the Sacramento Redistricting Citizens Advisory Committee is presenting an oral progress report. The Committee is scheduled to provide its final recommendations to the City Council on July 12.

Policy Considerations: The Committee recommendations will reflect the redistricting criteria in the City Charter, as well as applicable State and Federal law.

Environmental Considerations: Redistricting does not constitute a project which requires compliance with the CEQA, inasmuch as it does not involve an activity which may cause a direct or indirect change in the environment (Public Resources Code Section 21065).

Sustainability: None

Commission/Committee Action: The Committee has been meeting each Monday since beginning April 25, 2011. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee will orally present the progress to date.

Rationale for Recommendation: The Committee process reflects broad civic engagement consistent with the City's culture of open and transparent government.

Financial Considerations: On January 18, 2011, the City Council approved Resolution 2011-033 which established a multi-year CIP (I07000700) for redistricting activities and allocated \$160,000 to the effort. No additional funding is requested.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not Applicable

Background

At its January 18, 2011, meeting, the City Council approved a community participation process for redistricting. Staff was then directed to report back with additional information regarding the possible formation of a citizens advisory committee. Staff returned to Council on February 1, 2011, when Council approved the concept of forming the Sacramento Redistricting Citizens Advisory Committee.

On April 12, 2011, the City Council approved Resolution 2011-203, which established the Sacramento Redistricting Citizens Advisory Committee (SRCAC). The Resolution defines the purpose, composition, selection, and timeframe of the SRCAC.

On March 8, 2011, the U.S. Census Bureau released local-level 2010 Census population counts for Sacramento. The data provides population, race, and Hispanic origin by Census Block. 2010 US Census data shows the total population for the City of Sacramento at 466,488. The target population to create balanced population totals for each of the 8 Council districts is 58,311. There is a wide variance in population between the existing Council district boundaries and the target population.

To assist the community in developing and submitting redistricting plans staff, in partnership with a software vendor, has developed, free to the public, online tools and resources. The online tools allow users to interactively redraw boundaries, share plans with others, create reports, and submit plans.

May 16th was the deadline for submittal of redistricting plans from the community. The City of Sacramento received 37 plans from the community and interested parties. The plans are available at the City of Sacramento's 2011 Redistricting Website www.CityofSacramento.org/redistricting.

At the May 23, 2011 SRCAC meeting, one plan (SR033) was removed because it was corrected and resubmitted as SR034, and seven of the 37 plans were removed from further consideration by the committee due to very high deviations (substantively over 10%) from the target mean population:

1. SR005 [74.29% deviation]
2. SR010 [292.85% deviation]
3. SR020 [Latino Communities of Interest only; 101.67% deviation]
4. SR023 [Latino Communities of Interest; 65.16% deviation]
5. SR026 [77.09% deviation]
6. SR036 [54.58% deviation]
7. SR037 [114.58% deviation]

During the June 6 committee meeting, the committee continued to review, organize, analyze, and refine the remaining 29 redistricting proposals submitted to the City. The committee will also meet once (June 13) between the time this report was drafted and the Council's next meeting. The results of the committee's progress will be orally

presented to the City Council on June 14.

The City Charter provides that the Council shall commence and complete the redistricting process within six months of the release of the Census redistricting data. The key scheduled dates are:

- March 8: Census Data released
- April 25 – July 6: Citizens Advisory Committee meets
- May 16: Close of public submittal of maps (37 proposals received)
- June 14: Progress Report from the SRCAC to City Council
- July 12: Final Recommendations from SRCAC to City Council
- July – August: Council considers redistricting recommendations, comments, and proposals
- September 6: -- Council's last regular meeting to adopt ordinance for new boundaries