

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-487**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

August 23, 2011

### **RECOGNIZING THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER (LGBT) COMMUNITY IN SACRAMENTO AS A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST IN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO'S REDISTRICTING PROCESS**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. Every 10 years following the U.S. Census, the City of Sacramento is required to undertake a redistricting process to redraw Council District boundaries to balance the population among eight Council Districts.
- B. The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community in Sacramento formed a LGBT Redistricting Coalition made up of representatives from the Rainbow Chamber, the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Center, Stonewall Democrats, and other LGBT community leaders.
- C. The LGBT Redistricting Coalition has actively participated in the City's redistricting process, working cooperatively with Equality California, an LGBT state-wide advocacy organization, to provide the City specific data on where the LGBT community and its supporters live, using information from California's domestic partner database, census data, donors to LGBT friendly groups, and voting patterns on initiatives related to LGBT issues.
- D. During California's state legislative redistricting process in 1973 and in 1992, the Special Masters (appointed by the Supreme Court) defined communities of interest as "the social and economic interests common to the population of an area which are probable subjects of legislative action."
- E. In November 2010, the voters of California passed Proposition 20, which defined a community of interest as "a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation."

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Community is formally recognized as a community of interest in the City of Sacramento's redistricting process.

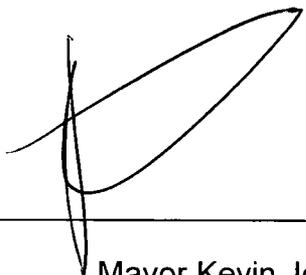
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on August 23, 2011 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Ashby, Cohn, D Fong, R Fong, McCarty, Pannell, Schenirer, Sheedy, and Mayor Johnson.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

  
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Mayor Kevin Johnson

Attest:



Shirley Concolino, City Clerk