



City of Emeryville

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 4, 2021
TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager
FROM: Sheri Hartz, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville In Support Of An Inclusive Redistricting Process for Alameda County in 2021

RECOMMENDATION

This report offers the City Council the opportunity to consider adoption of a Resolution supporting an inclusive redistricting process for Alameda County in 2021.

BACKGROUND

At the April 6, 2021 regular City Council meeting, Council Member Patz requested and received majority support that an item be added to an upcoming City Council meeting agenda for the City Council to consider adopting a Resolution of support for an inclusive redistricting process for Alameda County in 2021.

DISCUSSION

The boundaries of the five Alameda County Supervisorial Districts must be redrawn in 2021 to determine how communities are represented on the Board of Supervisors and the final maps approved in 2021 will be in place for the next 10 years. Meaningful and inclusive community engagement to develop proposed district maps requires time and resources to ensure digital access, diverse schedules, translation services, meeting schedule notice, and other requirements that have been identified as best practices in AB 849 (Bonta) and AB 1276 (Bonta).

The cities of Berkeley and Oakland, as well as several counties in California, have established Independent Redistricting Commissions to ensure a fair and transparent redistricting process and the City of Emeryville urges the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to allocate adequate resources to ensure an equitable, inclusive and transparent redistricting process consistent with AB 849 and AB 1276 and the best practice guide of the Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Asian Law Caucus¹ in Alameda County.

¹ Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus. "Guide to Best Practices in Districting." Available at: <https://www.advancingjustice-alc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Guide-to-Districting-Best-Practices-AAAJ-ALC.pdf>

Specifically, the City of Emeryville is recommending that the 2021 Alameda County redistricting process be directed toward the following goals:

- Protects and maintains communities of interest
- Includes at least one public hearing regarding the proposed consultant who will develop the proposed map(s)
- Includes at least one public hearing regarding the proposed outreach plan for the redistricting process
- Ensures that the consulting firm and the redistricting process as a whole offer accessible online and in person opportunities to provide input regarding communities of interest, impact of proposed lines, and other comments, questions, concerns, and ideas related to the proposed maps
- Includes accessibility approaches that remove physical, technological, language, and other barriers to public participation including work schedules and family commitments
- Leverages the trusted messengers and communities of interest infrastructure put in place to ensure a complete census count, including engaging community volunteers²
- Includes meetings before and after the maps are created as well as at least two other methods/opportunities for engagement accessible for each of the five districts
- Leverages the Municipal Advisory Councils, Interfaith Networks, and other existing network and neighborhood infrastructure to communicate the importance of and opportunity to participate in the redistricting process
- Provides adequate funding and personnel to accomplish these goals in partnership with community volunteers
- Provides meeting notices at least two weeks in advance, including notices of Board of Supervisors' meetings whenever possible

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no direct fiscal impacts to the City from the adoption of this Resolution.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

This item was requested by Council Member Patz at the April 6, 2021 meeting

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Not applicable

CONCLUSION

Whether to adopt the Resolution is at the Council's discretion.

* ² The Alameda County Coalition for Fair Redistricting is eager to work with organizations to help provide community volunteers.

PREPARED BY: Sheri Hartz, City Clerk

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- * Draft Resolution
- * Fact Sheet
- * AB 849 Full Text
- * AB 1276 Full Text