

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT
OF JOHN CRESSLER, CANEISHA FORTNER, AND
MICHAEL JUAN TO THE 2020 REDISTRICTING
COMMISSION, PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION
300.5.D

WHEREAS, the City Charter was amended in 2012 to provide that the City Council members would be elected by-district, rather than at-large, beginning with the 2016 election cycle; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Districting Commission was selected in accordance with Charter Section 300.5 to recommend for City Council approval of a Districting Plan establishing four Council districts; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Districting Plan was approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 300.5 mandates future Redistricting Commissions recommend a Districting Plan for adjusting the boundaries of the four Council Districts within one year of receipt by the City of the final Federal Decennial Census information; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to have the Council district boundaries adjusted sufficiently in advance of the 2022 elections, City staff has begun the process of establishing the 2020 Redistricting Commission; and

WHEREAS, the selection process for the Redistricting Commission members began with the solicitation of applications; and

WHEREAS, the City received 45 applications that met the minimum qualifications; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter, the Charter Review Commission ("CRC") then undertook the task of selecting the ten most qualified applicants; and

WHEREAS, to select the ten most qualified candidates, the CRC reviewed the applications, considered input from City Human Resources staff on the City's most recent census data regarding the City's ethnic, racial and gender diversity, received information from GIS staff regarding the applicants' geographic area of residence and received public comment; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in the interest of public health and safety, pursuant to the Governor of the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20, the meetings of the CRC were held virtually via teleconference and in-person interviews were not feasible; and

WHEREAS, the CRC invited 16 applicants to submit a three-minute video candidate statement in lieu of holding in-person interviews; and

WHEREAS, from those, the CRC selected the final pool of ten candidates, at the CRC meeting on October 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 300.5 and Chula Vista Municipal Code section 2.51, the City Clerk then randomly selected four of the candidates: Stelle Andrade, Elidia Dostal, Gloria Hurtado, and Robert Moreno; and

WHEREAS, those four candidates were sworn-in as the first 2020 Redistricting Commission members; and

WHEREAS, the initial Redistricting Commission of four members was tasked with selecting the final three members from among the six remaining candidates in the pool of ten; and

WHEREAS, after selection by the Redistricting Commission, those final three members shall then be approved by the City Council, unless the City Council finds by at least four (4) affirmative votes that the approval of one or more of the nominees would be inconsistent with the goals enumerated in the Charter; and

WHEREAS, appointment of the recommended candidates will be accomplished by a majority vote of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, if, for some reason, four members of the City Council determine that appointment of any one of the nominees would be inconsistent with the Charter's enumerated goals, the Council must approve one of the remaining candidates at its next meeting, after reviewing the applications of the remaining three candidates; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Charter and the Municipal Code, the Redistricting Commission met on October 21, 2020, at a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, they reviewed the applications of the remaining six candidates, received input from the City staff regarding the City's census data, and the ethnic, racial, gender and geographic information of the candidates, and considered public comment; and

WHEREAS, they then selected the following three candidates: John Cressler, Caneisha Fortner, and Michael Juan; and

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Commission has submitted the three selected candidates to the City Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, once the three candidates are approved for appointment, the full Commission can begin its task of identifying proposed district boundary adjustments for recommendation to the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, that it does hereby approve the appointment of John Cressler, Caneisha Fortner, and Michael Juan to the 2020 Redistricting Commission.

Presented by:

Approved as to form by:

Kerry K. Bigelow, MMC
City Clerk

Glen R. Googins
City Attorney