

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-_____

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISTRICTING
COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDED DISTRICTING PLAN AS
THE CITY'S FINAL DISTRICTING PLAN

WHEREAS, the Chula Vista Districting Commission (the "Commission") was established pursuant to Chula Vista Charter Section 300.5; and

WHEREAS, Charter section 300.5.A.2. tasks the Commission with recommending for City Council approval a Recommended Districting Plan to establish four Council electoral districts to be used in the City's municipal elections, beginning in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Charter section 300.5.F. sets forth the criteria which the Commission and the City Council are required to adhere to in considering and approving a Districting Plan, specifically that the boundaries shall:

1. Result in districts that have reasonably equal populations;
2. Be geographically compact and contiguous; and
3. Follow visible natural and man-made features, street lines and/or City boundary lines whenever possible; and
4. Respect communities of interest to the extent practicable; and
5. Be drawn without regard for advantage or disadvantage to incumbents or challengers; and
6. Be drawn without regard for advantage or disadvantage to any political party.

WHEREAS, the Commission solicited public input, including five public outreach meetings held in various areas of the City, considered the Charter-mandated criteria, and in all other respects complied with the applicable Charter requirements in preparing a Draft Districting Plan, which the Commission approved on April 25, 2015, by six affirmative votes of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Commission made the Draft Districting Plan publicly available for more than thirty days and held five public outreach meetings in various areas of the City, commencing more than seven days after the Draft Districting Plan was released, in accordance with Charter section 300.5.G.3.; and

WHEREAS, the Commission met on June 8, 2015, heard additional public comment and, after considering the legally required criteria and all public comment received, the Commission approved the district boundaries for the Recommended Districting Plan, by five affirmative votes of its members; and

WHEREAS, Charter sections 300.D. and 300.5.K. require that the districts be numbered one through four, with districts three and four transitioning to by-district elections in 2016 and districts one and two transitioning in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Commission met on June 11, 2015, heard public comment, determined the process by which the districts should be numbered and assigned numbers to the districts, in accordance with the Charter requirements, and approved that Recommended Districting Plan by six affirmative votes; and

WHEREAS, the Commission prepared and submitted to the City Council a report describing the process, criteria, and evidence used by the Commission to prepare the Recommended Districting Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Recommended Districting Plan has been publicly available for more than fourteen days, and the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing on the Recommended Districting Plan, in accordance with Charter section 300.5.H.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, that it:

1. Finds that the Districting Commission's Recommended Districting Plan was developed in compliance with, and meets the requirements of, the applicable provisions of the Chula Vista City Charter, and state and federal law; and
2. Approves the Districting Commission's Recommended Districting Plan as the City's Final Districting Plan, attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution.

Presented by

Approved as to form by

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