

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT
OF THREE DISTRICTING COMMISSION MEMBERS,
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, Charter Section 300.5 mandates the establishment of a Districting Commission to recommend for City Council approval a Districting Plan establishing four Council districts; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to have the Council districts determined sufficiently in advance of the 2016 elections, City staff has begun the process of establishing the Districting Commission; and

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

WHEREAS, the City received 25 applications which 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, 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, it then invited 17 applicants to attend a CRC meeting and provide oral statements; and

WHEREAS, from those, the CRC selected the final pool of ten candidates, at the CRC meeting on July 30, 2014; 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: Rita Buencamino-Andrews, Dr. John Korey, Reymond Monzon and William Richter; and

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

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

WHEREAS, after selection by the Districting 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 Districting Commission met on August 6, 2014, 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, gender and geographic information of the candidates, and considered public comment; and

WHEREAS, they then selected the following three candidates: Patricia Chavez, Cheryl Goddard and Jerome Torres; and

WHEREAS, the Districting 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 boundaries 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 Patricia Chavez, Cheryl Goddard and Jerome Torres to the Districting Commission.

Presented by:

Approved as to form by:

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