SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Public Hearing - Riverside County 2021 Redistricting Update. All Districts [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Receive and file the Executive Office Technical Committee's (EOTC) report on the status of dissemination of U.S. Census Bureau Redistricting Data and the County's redistricting schedule; and
- 2. Conduct a public hearing of the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Elections Code Section 21507.1(a)(2).

ACTION:Set for Hearing

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:		Next Fiscal Year:		Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost	
COST	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
NET COUNTY COST	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A Budget Adjustment: N/A							
					For Fiscal	For Fiscal Year: 21/22	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Redistricting is the process by which Supervisorial District boundaries are drawn every 10 years to ensure that each district has an equal number of residents.

Under State law, the Board of Supervisors may establish, by resolution, ordinance or charter amendment, an independent redistricting commission, a hybrid redistricting commission, or an advisory redistricting commission composed of residents of the County to change the Board's district boundaries.

Elections Code 23002 applies to Advisory Redistricting Commissions. It states in relevant part, "(b) Notwithstanding any other law, the local jurisdiction may prescribe the manner in which members are appointed to the commission; (c) A person who is an elected official of the local jurisdiction, or a family member, staff member, or paid campaign staff of an elected official of the local jurisdiction shall not be appointed to serve on the commission; (d) A local jurisdiction may impose additional requirements or restrictions on the commission, members of the commission, or applicants to the commission in excess of those prescribed by this section."

On November 17, 2020 (Agenda Item 3.3), the Riverside County Board of Supervisors established the 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission by resolution, which is the existing Planning Commission for the County of Riverside and is a Brown Act body of five members selected by the Board of Supervisors. Each Planning Commissioner is a resident of the County, with one Planning Commissioner representing each Supervisorial District. The Planning Commission receives support through the County of Riverside Planning Department and meets on Wednesdays within the County.

The 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission receives direct support through a Technical Committee established by the Executive Office, which is comprised of the five Chiefs of Staff for each Supervisorial District, as well as staff from the Executive Office, County Counsel, Riverside County Information Technology Department, Registrar of Voters, and Transportation Land Management Agency.

In prior census years, data collection was complete by July of the census year. However, due to challenges in collecting data posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Census Bureau

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extended data collection to October 2020. In addition, during prior census and redistricting cycles, the Census Bureau released data to the states for distribution to local governments by April of the year following the census. This year, the Redistricting Data was forecasted for release to states by September 2021, nearly five months later than prior redistricting cycles. The significant delays on the release of data by both the federal and state governments have created a very tight timeline for local jurisdictions to complete the redistricting process, which by law must be complete by no later than December 15, 2021, to allow for those districts to be ready for use in the June 7, 2022 primary election.

The Technical Committee has attended four Advisory Redistricting Commission meetings since Board appointment in November, to provide updates and gather feedback. The most recent update provided to the Advisory Redistricting Commission was on September 22, 2021; during that meeting, the Technical Committee reported on recent progress regarding dissemination of Redistricting Data to state and local governments, and also presented the attached draft map,

which represents the County's starting point for its Redistricting Process. The attached draft map depicts current 2011 Supervisorial District Boundaries, with 2020 census data, and illustrates the work that must be performed to provide for equal populations within Supervisorial Districts to the extent possible, as required by law.

For more information on the County's Redistricting efforts, please visit: <u>https://rivco.org/about-county/county-boards-committees-and-commissions/county-redistricting-efforts</u>

ATTACHMENT:

• 2011 Supervisorial District Boundaries with 2020 Census Data Map

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