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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
Russ Blackburn, City Manager

FROM: Anne Cox, AICP, Assistant Director

DATE: November 10, 2021

RE: Districting Commission Report

The Districting Commission met on September 20, 2021; October 18, 2021 and November 8, 2021, to consider its recommendation for redistricting the City of the election districts. As you know, they were convened by the City Council to make their recommendations based upon the 2020 Federal Decennial Census.

Attached hereto is a district map presented for consideration by the City Council based upon the districting Commission's action at its November 8, 2021 meeting. The Council is not obligated to adopt the Commission's recommendations and has the clear legal right to establish the districts as it deems appropriate provided districts are formed of compact, contiguous territory and provide for equal and effective representation.

When formulating its recommendation, the Districting Commission utilized the support of City staff and computer mapping resources that facilitated the balancing of the districts based upon population. These same resources will be available to the Council should the Council want to develop district boundaries different from those recommended by the Districting Commission.

Once the Council gives preliminary approval of revised district boundaries, staff will finalize an ordinance with the new district boundary legal descriptions and a copy of the map to bring back to Council for consideration as a first and second reading.

The Council must adopt a redistricting ordinance at least ninety (90) days prior to the next regular City election. If it fails to do so, the report of the Districting Commission shall go into effect and have the effect of an ordinance.