

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF STANTON AND TO THE CITY CLERK:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the City Council for the City of Stanton is hereby called by the Mayor, to be held on December 16, 2021, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

The Agenda for the Special Meeting is attached to this Notice and Call.

Dated: December 14, 2021

s/ Patricia A. Vazquez, City Clerk

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AT (714) 890-4245. NOTIFICATION BY 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL ENABLE THE CITY TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.



**AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING #2
7800 KATELLA AVENUE, STANTON, CA 90680
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021 - 5:00 P.M.**

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The City Council agenda and supporting documentation is made available for public review and inspection during normal business hours in the Office of the City Clerk, 7800 Katella Avenue, Stanton California 90680 immediately following distribution of the agenda packet to a majority of the City Council. Packet delivery typically takes place on Thursday afternoons prior to the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday. The agenda packet is available for review and inspection on the city's website at www.ci.stanton.ca.us.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL** Council Member Ramirez
Council Member Van
Council Member Warren
Mayor Pro Tem Taylor
Mayor Shawver

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

4. **NEW BUSINESS**
- 4A. **PUBLIC HEARING – THE REDRAWING OF COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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2. Receive a report from staff and the City’s redistricting consultant on the redistricting process and permissible criteria to be considered to redraw district boundaries; and
3. Conduct a public hearing to receive public input on district boundaries.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, the foregoing agenda was posted at the Post Office, Stanton Community Services Center and City Hall, not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting. Dated this 14th day of December, 2021.

/s/ Patricia A. Vazquez, City Clerk

CITY OF STANTON

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

DATE: December 16, 2021

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING – THE REDRAWING OF COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

REPORT IN BRIEF:

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BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Election Code section 21601, cities with by-district election systems are required to redraw their district boundary maps to ensure compliance with the California and federal Voting Rights Acts. The process to complete the redistricting requires a minimum of four public hearings and dedicated public outreach to ensure minority populations and communities of interest are aware of the redistricting effort and are provided with options to participate. The City conducted the first public hearing on November 23, 2021.

ANALYSIS/JUSTIFICATION:

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The City adopted its current district boundaries in 2017, following the transition to districts process and based on 2010 census data as required by law. The districts must now be redrawn using the 2020 census data and in compliance with the FAIR MAPS Act, which was adopted by the California legislature as AB 849 and took effect January 1, 2020.

Under the Act, the City Council shall draw and adopt boundaries using the following criteria in the listed order of priority (Elections Code 21621(c)):

1. Comply with the federal requirements of equal population and the Voting Rights Act.
2. Be geographically contiguous.
3. Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest” (socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together).
4. Display easily identifiable boundaries.
5. Be compact (do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people).
6. Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party.

Once the prioritized criteria are met, other traditional districting principles can be considered, such as:

1. Minimize the number of voters delayed from voting in 2022 to 2024.
2. Respect voters’ choices/continuity in office.
3. Future population growth.

By law, the City must hold at least four public hearings that enable community members to provide input on the drawing of district maps:

- At least one hearing must occur before the city or county draws draft maps.
- At least two hearings must happen after the drawing of draft maps.
- The fourth hearing can happen either before or after the drawing of draft maps.
- City or county staff or consultants may hold a public workshop instead of one of the required public redistricting hearings.

To increase the accessibility of these hearings, cities and counties must take the following steps:

- At least one hearing must occur on a Saturday, Sunday, or after 6:00 p.m. on a weekday.
- If a redistricting hearing is consolidated with another local government meeting, the redistricting hearing must be begin at a pre-designated time.
- Local public redistricting hearings must be made accessible with people with disabilities.

The purpose of this public hearing is to inform the public about the districting process and to hear from the community on what factors should be taken into consideration while creating district boundaries. The public is requested to provide input regarding communities of interest and other local factors that should be considered while drafting district maps. A community of interest under the relevant Elections Code for cities (Section 21621(c) is, “a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.”

Next Steps

Following this hearing, the City’s redistricting consultant will draft district maps and proposed election sequencing for consideration at Public Hearings #3 and #4. Prior to the hearings, the draft maps will be posted to the City website and available at City Hall.

The dates for Public Hearings #3 and #4 to consider draft maps, scheduled for January 25, 2022 and February 22, 2022 respectively, are scheduled following the demographic review of the 2020 Census data and the drafting of revised district boundary maps. At these hearings the City Council may also discuss adjusting the sequencing of district elections so as to balance the number of officers on the ballot at any given election. Any changes to the current sequencing of district elections would be made part of the final ordinance adopting the revised district boundaries.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

In accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), this action is not a project as defined by the CEQA and will have no result direct or indirect to physical changes in the environment.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

Public notice for this item was made through the regular agenda process. In addition, the notice was translated into Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese and posted at the City’s three posting locations: City Hall, Stanton Post Office, and Stanton Family Resource Center. Information was also available via the City’s social media outlets, the City’s public access television channel (Public Cable Television Authority), and the City’s website.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

- 1 – Provide a Safe Community
- 5 – Provide a High Quality of Life
- 6 – Maintain and Promote a Responsive, High Quality and Transparent Government

Prepared By:

Approved by:

/s/ Patricia A. Vazquez

/s/ Jarad L. Hildenbrand

Patricia A. Vazquez
City Clerk

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City Manager

Attachments:
None.