



# AGENDA REPORT

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**TO:** City Council and members of the Public

**FROM:** Councilmembers Dan Kalb and Treva Reid

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Calling on Equitable, Inclusive and Transparent Alameda County Redistricting Process

**DATE:** March 10, 2021

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City Council colleagues, Councilmembers Kalb and Reid respectfully ask your support for the attached Resolution.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the attached resolution, and upon adoption authorize the City Administrator or his designee to send the Resolution to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

**RESOLUTION URGING THE ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ALLOCATE ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AND CREATE POLICIES TO ENSURE AN EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE AND TRANSPARENT REDISTRICTING COUNTY PROCESS CONSISTENT WITH AB 849 AND AB 1276 AND THE BEST PRACTICE GUIDE OF THE ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE–ASIAN LAW CAUCUS.**

## **SUMMARY**

In 2021 the boundaries of the five Alameda County Supervisorial Districts must be redrawn, and the final maps will be in place for the next 10 years. We applaud the Alameda County Board of Supervisors for starting the process by including local communities through civic engagement such as the successful Alameda County Counts census effort.

To ensure good government practice that removes the elected officials whose lines are being drawn from the process, other jurisdictions, including Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Diego, and San Francisco Counties, as well as the cities of Berkeley and Oakland established Independent Redistricting Commissions and together with League of Women Voters and other progressive organizations, we encourage Alameda County Board of Supervisors to follow this practice. IF such a Commission with authority cannot be formed in time for this year's redistricting process, we urge the Board of Supervisors to create an official Community Advisory Committee and to give them similar authority as permitted by law.

Robust, safe, and inclusive community engagement to develop proposed district maps requires time and resources to ensure digital access, diverse schedules, translation services, meeting schedule notice, and other requirements identified by best practices and AB 849 (Bonta) and AB 1276 (Bonta). Considering potential delays due to national issues and the impact of the pandemic on local communities, it is prudent to ensure that the redistricting process proceeds expeditiously and provides sufficient time for fair, transparent, and meaningful engagement, especially of the communities that been historically marginalized.

These entities also approved similar resolutions:

- City of Pleasanton
- City of Hayward
- Hayward Unified School District
- Castro Valley Unified School District
- ACLU
- Common Cause
- Alameda County Democratic Central Committee
- Hayward Chamber of Commerce
- Eden Area Interfaith Council
- Sierra Club Northern Alameda County Group
- Sierra Club Southern Alameda County Group
- Sierra Club Tri-Valley Group
- OFA East Bay Chapter
- Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
- Castro Valley Women's Huddle
- Castro Valley Matters
- Livermore Indivisible
- Unify Livermore
- FUN Progressives
- Tri-Valley Democratic Club

We appreciate your support for this resolution and its intent.

Respectfully submitted,



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Councilmember, District 1



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