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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL



RESOLUTION NO. 84443 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR THE 2013 CITY OF OAKLAND REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is divided into seven legally apportioned districts (City of Oakland Charter, Article II, Section 203); and

WHEREAS, the City is required by the Charter to perform a redistricting process every 10 years, starting in 1993, which will create districts composed of contiguous territory, as equal as possible in population, and as geographically compact as practicable; and

WHEREAS, in the 2013 Redistricting, the City will use 2010 Census data, information gathered from other data sources and the public workshops/forums to inform the drawing of new Council districts; and

WHEREAS, the City's 2013 Redistricting will follow principles of equal protection under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, that districts shall have a population as equal as practicable; and

WHEREAS, the new Council District borders will be drawn in a manner that complies with the Federal Voting Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, the City will follow "traditional redistricting principles," giving consideration to: a) communities of interest; b) visible (natural & man-made) boundaries; c) compactness and contiguity; d) continuity in office of the incumbent; e) preserving core of existing districts; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt additional redistricting criteria, which reflect the unique history, community and topography of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to gather data from the public as to any buildings, parks, or other specific locations with major historical or traditional connections to a given Council district; and

WHEREAS, the City will hold seven public workshops/forums, one in each of the Council districts, and will hold at least three City Council hearings on the 2013 Redistricting; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The City Council of the City of Oakland hereby adopts the following criteria for the 2013 Redistricting, in order of priority:

1. Each Council district shall contain a nearly equal number of inhabitants.
2. Council district borders shall be drawn in a manner that complies with the United States Constitution and the Federal Voting Rights Act.
3. Council districts shall respect communities of interest as much as possible.
4. Council districts shall consist of contiguous territory in a reasonably compact form.
5. Council district borders shall follow visible natural and man-made geographical and topographical features as much as possible.
6. The population and territory of each existing Council district shall be considered when drawing each corresponding new Council district.
7. Districts should avoid displacing any incumbent City Council member or Oakland Unified School District Board member from the district he/she was elected to represent..

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUN 4 2013

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

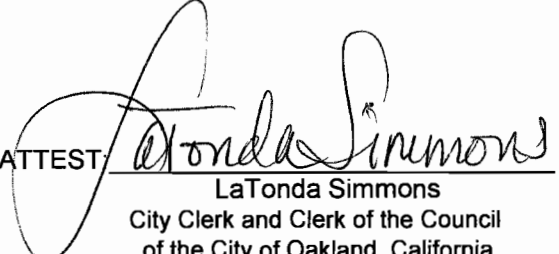
AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST


LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California