



City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

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.

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the five Alameda County Supervisorial Districts must be redrawn in 2021 determining how communities are represented on the Board, how communities affiliate to address issues of common interest, and which communities are divided or consolidated; and

WHEREAS, the final maps approved in 2021 will be in place for the next 10 years, and in the past, there have been few requirements that redistricting process be fair, transparent, and engage marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors has sought to include local communities through civic engagement such as the successful Alameda County Counts census effort; and

WHEREAS, 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); and

WHEREAS, two cities in Alameda County—Berkeley and Oakland—and several counties in California have established Independent Redistricting Commissions to ensure a fair and transparent redistricting process, including those in Los Angeles County, Santa Barbara County, San Diego County, and San Francisco County; and

WHEREAS, the timeframe to draw these maps will be compressed due to national issues and the impact of the pandemic on local communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby urges the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to allocate adequate resources and direct the creation of policies to ensure an equitable, inclusive and transparent redistricting process consistent with AB 849 and AB 1276 and the best practice guide of the Asian Americans Advancing Justice–Asian Law Caucus*. specifically, towards the following goals:

1. Protects and maintains communities of interest;
2. Includes at least one public hearing regarding the selection of the proposed consultant who will develop the proposed map(s);
3. Includes at least one public hearing regarding the proposed outreach plan for the redistricting process;
4. Ensures that the consulting firm and the redistricting process as a whole offers accessible online and in-person opportunities to provide input regarding communities of interest, impact of proposed lines, and other comments, questions, concerns, and ideas related to the proposed maps;
5. Includes accessibility approaches that remove physical, technological, language, and other barriers to public participation including work schedules and family commitments;
6. Leverages the trusted messengers and communities of interest infrastructure put in place to ensure a complete census count, including engaging community volunteers**;
7. Includes meetings before and after the proposed maps are created as well as at least two other methods/opportunities for engagement accessible for each of the five districts;
8. Leverages the Municipal Advisory Councils, Interfaith Networks, and other existing network and neighborhood infrastructure to communicate the importance of and opportunity to participate in the redistricting process;
9. Provides adequate funding and personnel to accomplish these goals in partnership with community volunteers; and
10. Provides meeting notices at least two weeks in advance, including notices of Board of Supervisors meetings whenever possible; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That we urge the County Board of Supervisors to create a 2021 ad hoc advisory committee to provide input on the process and the proposed new district lines, and to create a County Redistricting Commission for the current and/or future redistricting processes that removes the elected officials whose lines are being drawn from the process.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

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*Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Asian Law Caucus. “Guide to Best Practices in Districting.” Available at: <https://www.advancingjustice-alc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Guide-to-Districting-Best-Practices-AAAJ-ALC.pdf>.

**The Alameda County Coalition for Fair Redistricting is eager to work with organizations to help provide community volunteers