

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 21-

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A TRANSPARENT, INCLUSIVE, AND EQUITABLE
2021 REDISTRICTING PROCESS IN ALAMEDA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Alameda County Supervisorial District boundaries must be redrawn in 2021 following completion of the 2020 Census and these boundaries will remain in effect for the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, these boundaries will determine how communities are represented, address issues of common interest, and identify which neighborhoods are divided or consolidated; and

WHEREAS, in the past, there have been few requirements that redistricting 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 through 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 in AB 849 (Bonta) and AB 1276 (Bonta); 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 City Council of the City of Hayward 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 Caucus¹.

¹ 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>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council requests that the 2021 Alameda County redistricting process be conducted consistent with the following goals:

1. Protects and maintains communities of interest;
2. Includes at least one public hearing regarding 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 offer 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 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.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2021

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
 City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward