

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, CALIFORNIA,
ADJUSTING THE TENTATIVE TIMELINE FOR THE
PROCESS OF ADOPTING A BY-DISTRICT
ELECTION METHOD FOR CITY COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, members of the City Council of the City of Cathedral City ("City") are currently elected in "at-large" elections, in which each City Council member is elected by the registered voters of the entire city, held concurrently with the Statewide General Election in November of even numbered years; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 34886, effective January 1, 2016, permits the City Council of a city with a population of fewer than 100,000 people, to change the city's method of election by ordinance, with certain formalities, to a "by-district" system in which each City Council member is elected only by the voters in the district in which the candidate resides; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2017, the City Council approved a contract with National Demographics Corporation to commence the process of establishing Council districts; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-06 establishing a tentative timeline regarding the adoption of a by-district election method in accordance with the City's goal of finalizing the change in time for the November 2018 elections; and

WHEREAS, California Elections Code section 10010 requires a total of four public hearings before a public hearing is held for the adoption of an ordinance to establish district boundaries for a by-district electoral system is approved; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2017, the City Council held its first public hearing prior to the creation of draft maps and provided a demonstration of public online drawing tools accessible through the City website; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2017, the City Council held a second public hearing regarding the creation of draft maps; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Number 2017-06, the City Council may, as it deems necessary, adjust the tentative timeline for conducting a public process to solicit public input and testimony on proposed by-district electoral plans before adopting such plan; and

WHEREAS, in response to public comment, City Council has decided to amend the timeline to include more public hearings and meetings, and to aim to complete the process in September rather than August to avoid adopting the districts during peak vacation season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- A. The above recitals are true and correct.
- B. The City Council hereby amends the tentative timeline for the adoption of a by-district election method contained in Exhibit A to Resolution No. 2017-036 as shown in Exhibit A hereto.
- D. This timeline contained in Exhibit A hereto shall be subject to adjustment by the City Council as it deems necessary, provided that such adjustments shall not prevent the City from meeting its goal of finalizing the change to by-district elections in time for the November 2018 elections.
- E. The City Manager shall consult with legal counsel to resolve all legal issues necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

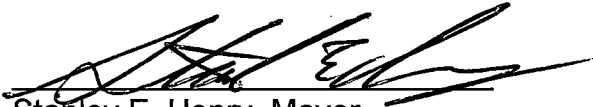
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cathedral City held on this 10th day of May, 2017, by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Aguilar, Carnevale and Kaplan; Mayor Pro Tem Pettis and Mayor Henry

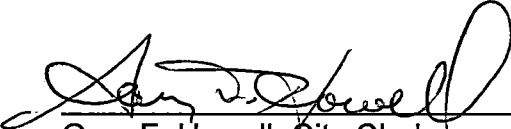
Noes: None

Absent: None

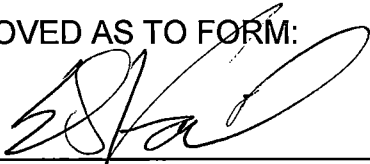
Abstain: None


Stanley E. Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Gary F. Howell, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Eric S. Vail, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Gary F. Howell, City Clerk to the City of Cathedral City, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the City Council at its regular meeting held on May 10, 2017.

DATED: May 10, 2017



Gary F. Howell
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A
TENTATIVE TIMELINE: ADOPTION OF “BY-DISTRICT” ELECTION METHOD

March 8	Adopt Resolution of Intent to Change Elections and Criteria Resolution Discussion of schedule and outreach efforts COMPLETE
April 12	1 st public hearing prior to draft maps Demo of public online line-drawing tools COMPLETE
April 26	2 nd public hearing prior to draft maps COMPLETE
June 9	Deadline for initial public map submissions
June 12	NDC Draft Maps and any maps received from the public posted on City website.
June 7	Hold “City Hall at Your Corner” at a location TBD; receive feedback from the public on the By-District Election Process
June 26	1 st public hearing to discuss draft maps at special city council meeting. Possible Council direction on map revisions.
July 26	2 nd public hearing to discuss draft maps. Possible Council direction on map revisions.
August 9	3 rd public hearing to discuss draft maps. Possible Council direction on map revisions.
September 13	4 th public hearing on draft maps and introduction of ordinance (with map)
September 27	5 th and final public hearing on draft maps and second reading and adoption of ordinance
November 2018	First districts hold by-district elections
November 2020	Remaining districts hold by-district elections