

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A STATEMENT OF INTENTION FOR EACH COUNCIL MEMBER TO ACT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE CITY

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY FINDS:

A. The City Council recently approved the establishment of Council Districts for the election of City Council Members, with the elections for Districts 3, 4 and 5 scheduled to be held in November 2018 and the elections Districts 1 and 2 scheduled to be held in November 2020.

B. Under the new “by-district” method of electing Council Members, only those registered voters who reside within a given district may vote for the Council Member who will represent that district.

C. Members of the public have expressed concern that the switch to by-district elections would result in Council Members being more concerned with their district’s best interests rather than the best interests of the City as a whole.

D. The City Council desires to affirm to the public that individual City Council Members will act in the manner that they determine to be in the City’s best interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. As a legislative body, the City Council makes decisions for the City based on the votes of individual Council Members. The current City Council, and all previous City Councils, were elected “at large” by the registered voters of the City. As such, each Council Member represents the entire City and endeavors to vote and act in the best interests of the entire City. Over the course of the next two general municipal elections, the City Council will switch to being elected at large to “by-district.” By this resolution, each Council Member hereby declares its intention to continue to endeavor to act in the best interests of the City as a whole, despite Council Members being elected to represent one of the City’s five districts.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cathedral City held on this 29th day of November, 2017, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Stanley E. Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gary F. Howell, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Eric S. Vail, City Attorney