



Cathedral City

Legislation Text

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City Council

MEETING DATE: 6/13/2018

TITLE:

Presentation on Desert Health Care District Proposed District Zones

FROM:

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RECOMMENDATION:

This item is provided for information only.

BACKGROUND:

The Desert Health Care District/Foundation is a local agency that was created in 1948 to serve residents within a 457 square-mile area of the Coachella Valley. The District/Foundation is 70 years old, governed by 5 members elected by voters, and funded through the receipt of a very small portion of property taxes already paid to Riverside County by property owners. The District encompasses the cities of Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Desert Hot Springs, Palm Desert (west of Cook Street) a small portion of Indian Wells and unincorporated areas of Riverside County surrounding those cities. The District/Foundation is moving to zone-based elections to strengthen the Board of Directors representation of the communities they serve. The Desert Healthcare District/Foundation like many other public agencies has since its formation used an “at large” election process in which board members are elected from voters of the entire district. A “zone” based election process means voters within a designated electoral zone can elect one Board Member who resides in that zone, knows the local issues, and represents the residents of that zone. National Demographics Corporation was hired by the District to develop the proposed district boundaries with direct public engagement and input in accordance with the California Voter Rights Act (CVRA). District residents can provide input on boundaries, suggested criteria for creating boundaries, and submit maps.

DISCUSSION:

Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director will present an overview of the status of the Desert Health Care District’s zoning process to the City Council. Lisa Houston, COO will also be attending the meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

None