



## Staff Report

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Todd Parton, City Manager  
**DATE:** November 2, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** **Consider Establishing a Formal Position of the City Council Regarding the Riverside County Supervisory Redistricting Plan and Authorize Mayor Lara to Submit a Position Letter to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors**

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### **Background and Analysis:**

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors (Board) is in the process of redrawing supervisory district boundaries. This effort must occur every 10 years after publication of the County population data published by the US Census Bureau. The 2020 US Census data has now been released and the Board must adopt a new supervisory district map by December 15, 2021.

There are six draft redistricting maps under consideration by the Board. Three of the options have been prepared by Riverside County and the final three were submitted through the public participation process. The draft maps included in Attachment A through F of this memorandum.

Two more public hearings before the Board have been scheduled to take public comment and deliberate the six options. They are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 9 and 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 16.

Three of the draft maps propose to split up the Pass Area's IH-10 corridor by splitting portions of either Banning or Beaumont into multiple supervisory districts. These strategies are reflected in Riverside County Map E (Attachment A), Riverside County Map F (Attachment B), and Community Map 1 (Attachment D).

There is a concern that apportioning the Pass Area's IH-10 corridor communities into multiple supervisory districts could prove harmful. The communities of Banning, Beaumont, and Calimesa share common concerns and face similar challenges that are unique to the geographic area. It will be important that the area may speak with a common, consistent voice to address the impacts of expansive growth that each

community is now facing. Much of the development of these communities is occurring along common boundary lines and are blurring the jurisdictional boundaries from a community identify perspective.

The draft letter included in Attachment G states the City's opposition to redistricting efforts that divvy up Banning, Beaumont, and Calimesa communities. It has been drafted for Mayor Lara's signature.

**Fiscal Impact:**

City staff estimates that it cost approximately \$1,170 to prepare this report.

**Recommended Action:**

City staff recommends that the City Council take a position to oppose redistricting scenarios that would split the Cities of Banning, Beaumont, and Calimesa into multiple supervisory districts and authorize Mayor Lara to execute and submit the draft letter included in Attachment G of this memorandum.

**Attachments:**

- A. Riverside County Map E
- B. Riverside County Map F
- C. Riverside County Map G
- D. Community Map 1
- E. Community Map 3 (Walsh v. 2 Map)
- F. Community Map 4
- G. City of Beaumont – Draft Letter