CITY MANAGER DEPT.

Memo

To:	City Council
From:	Julia Gautho, City Clerk
Date:	September 10, 2026
Re:	Item 8B – Acceptance of the Elections Code Section 21130(f) Report

Mayor and City Council,

Staff has made a correction to the Elections Code Section 21130(f) report included as Attachment 1 to Item 8B. The report originally stated: "The West Capitola neighborhood is divided because within the required population counts it is impossible to unite West Capitola, the Extended Jewel Box, the Tool Box and West Capitola in one district."

Staff has amended the report to state the following: "The West Capitola neighborhood is divided because within the required population counts it is impossible to unite the Jewel Box, the Extended Jewel Box, the Tool Box and West Capitola in one district."

NDC
National Demographics Corporation

City of Capitola
Elections Code Section 21130f Disclosure Report

July 24, 2026

Elections Code Section 21130(f) language:

f)… the districting body shall issue a report that explains the basis on which the districting body made its decisions in achieving compliance with the requirements and criteria described in this section, including, as to each neighborhood, community of interest, city, or census designated place that was split into two or more districts, the reason for that split.

Disclosure:

National Demographics Corporation (NDC), on behalf of the City of Capitola, has analyzed the City's adopted map and prepared the following analysis of the map's compliance with the criteria of Elections Code Section 21130:

21130(a): Population Equality
The ideal population in a 4-district map for Capitola is 2,487. In the adopted map, the largest district has a population of 2,590 (4.14% over the ideal) and the smallest district has a population of 2,447 (1.61% under the target population). At a total difference of 5.75% between the largest and smallest districts, the districts in the adopted map are well within the "presumed constitutional" 10% range of state and federal law, and the deviations all exist to achieve compliance with Federal and/or State criteria.

21130(b): Voting Rights Act reports
The City fully complied with the reporting requirements of Section 21130(b). That report is posted to the City's districting project website.

21130(c)(1): Contiguity
All of the districts are contiguous.

21130(c)(2): Minimize divisions of each "local neighborhood or local communities of interest"
Public comment and review of the city's geography identified local neighborhoods or local communities of interest, each was mapped, and the map was shared publicly during the districting process.

1. The Jewel Box neighborhood is entirely in one district.
2. The Extended Jewel Box neighborhood is entirely in one district.
3. The Tool Box neighborhood is entirely in one district.
4. The Village neighborhood is entirely in one district.
5. The Depot Hill neighborhood is entirely in one district.
6. The Cliffwood Heights neighborhood is entirely in one district.
7. The Upper Village neighborhood is entirely in one district.
8. The North River neighborhood is entirely in one district.
9. The Riverview Terrace neighborhood is entirely in one district.
10. The Castle Estates neighborhood is entirely in one district.
11. Four of the other five mobile home parks are individually entirely in one district.
12. The West Capitola neighborhood is divided because within the required population counts it is impossible to unite the Jewel Box, the Extended Jewel Box, the Tool Box and West Capitola in one district.
13. The Turner Lane mobile home park has its western edge divided into another district because within the required population counts it is impossible to unite Turner Lane, North River, and Cliffwood Heights in a single district, and because adding that western edge to District 4 would divide the residential area along Capitola Terrace from the rest of its community across Capitola Avenue.

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21130(c)(3) does not apply to a city

21130(c)(4): Follow easily identifiable boundaries
"To the maximum extent practicable" the boundaries of the adopted districts follow easily-recognized roads: Capitola Road; Soquel Wharf Road; the railroad tracks; Bay Avenue; and the border of Noble Gulch Park. The rest of the boundary between districts 3 and 4 follows Census Block boundaries and secondary roads due to population balancing requirements and the goal of minimizing the division of mobile home parks. The west end of the border between districts 1 and 2 crosses Capitola Road due to population balancing requirements. The area included in district 2 across Capitola Road is "The Landing at Capitola" apartment complex, which is a stand-alone neighborhood that is separated from district 1 by unincorporated territory not in the City.

21130(c)(5): Compactness
No population is "bypassed in favor of more distant populations" in any district.

21130(d): No purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party
The map does not favor or discriminate against any incumbent, political candidate, or political party.

21130(e): Do not prioritize any criterion over the criteria listed in Section (c) of the statute
The adopted map does not prioritize any criterion over the criteria listed in Section (c) of the statute.