



CITY OF CLEARLAKE

City Council

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Lake County's Supervisorial Redistricting Process and Additional Input to the California Redistricting Commission

MEETING DATE: Nov. 4, 2021

SUBMITTED BY: Alan D. Flora, City Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT: ☐ Information only ☒ Discussion ☒ Action Item

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The City Council has previously discussed both Lake County's Supervisorial Redistricting Process the California Redistricting Commissions Process for Congressional, Assembly and State Senate Redistricting. The Council is being asked if they want to provide additional input on either process.

As a result of the 2020 Census most political boundaries must be redrawn to adjust districts based on population. This process has been significantly slowed due to the Census being conducted during the global COVID pandemic. In November 2008, California voters passed the Voters FIRST Act, authorizing the creation of the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to draw new district lines, taking the job out of the hands of the California Legislature and transferring it to the citizens. In 2010, the VOTERS FIRST Act for Congress added the responsibility of drawing Congressional districts to the Commission.

Supervisorial Districts

At the October 21st meeting the City Council appointed Mayor Slooten to engage directly in the Board of Supervisors process for redefining supervisorial districts. Councilmember Cremer was appointed as an alternate to the Mayor. The Board's next public meeting on redistricting will be on November 2nd, so the Mayor will report back to the Council on the progress at that meeting. The County has created five options to discuss on November 2nd, which can be found here.

<https://gispublic.co.lake.ca.us/portal/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ee10c2cbd3c44cdabaeb03ff0c142ea3>

Additional resources on Supervisorial Redistricting and the upcoming meeting schedule can be found here.

http://www.lakecountyca.gov/Government/Boards/Board_of_Supervisors/Redistricting.htm

California Redistricting Commission

The Council sent correspondence regarding the redistricting process to the Commission September 22nd. Earlier this week the Commission released "visualizations" showing significant shifts in district boundaries. The current visualization are available for review here. <https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/visualizations> The Board of Supervisors submitted a letter opposing the draft visualizations (attached). The Commission is holding multiple meetings per week to discuss and allow public input. The public is also encouraged to provide input through this link. <https://airtable.com/shrQDD2ta2emnSzzO> The Council should consider whether to support, oppose or provide other input regarding the proposed district boundaries.

OPTIONS:

1. Provide Direction to Staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

☒ None ☐ \$ Budgeted Item? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Budget Adjustment Needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s): ☐ General Fund ☐ Measure P Fund ☐ Measure V Fund ☐ Other:

Comments:

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:

- ☐ Goal #1: Make Clearlake a Visibly Cleaner City
- ☐ Goal #2: Make Clearlake a Statistically Safer City
- ☒ Goal #3: Improve the Quality of Life in Clearlake with Improved Public Facilities
- ☒ Goal #4: Improve the Image of Clearlake
- ☒ Goal #5: Ensure Fiscal Sustainability of City
- ☐ Goal #6: Update Policies and Procedures to Current Government Standards
- ☒ Goal #7: Support Economic Development

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

☒ **Attachments:**

#1: City Council Redistricting Resolution

#2: Board of Supervisors Oppose Letter