

# **AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** May 21, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Nomination Process to form a Committee to Draw Commissioner District Maps

#### **BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Ballot Measure #9-173 passed in November 2024 which expands the County Commissioners to a five seat Board. The two new positions will be elected in 2026, for an initial two-year term which will begin in January 2027 and will be at-large seats.

In previous Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meetings in November 2024 and March 2025, the BOCC indicated interest in creating Commissioner Districts through a Ballot Measure process in place of having 5 at-large Commissioner positions. On March 31, 2025, the BOCC voted in favor of forming a committee to draw district maps and in several follow up meetings the BOCC discussed committee formation options. On May 5<sup>th</sup> the majority of the BOCC voted to establish a committee by BOCC nominations.

The committee will be made up of 7 community members appointed individually by Commissioner. The appointments will be as follows:

| Commissioner           | Number of<br>Nominations |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Commissioner<br>DeBone | 2                        |
| Commissioner Adair     | 2                        |
| Commissioner           |                          |
| Chang                  | 3                        |

The purpose of discuss timelines

and the nomination process.

this agenda item is to for the ballot measure

## Items for discussion today:

- 1. May 2026 or November 2026 Election
- 2. Nomination timeline
  - a. If the May 2026 election is the goal, then staff recommend establishing a timeline for the nomination process and schedule of the committee meetings
- 3. College student engagement/internship

## Other items to consider in developing a process to form a Committee:

- 1. Charter formation
  - a. Map drawing criteria
    - i. BOCC or Committee decision
  - b. District map options how many and who decides
    - i. BOCC or Committee decision
  - c. District Numbering
    - i. BOCC or Committee decision
  - d. 5 Districts or 4 and 1 at-large
    - i. BOCC or Committee decision
- 2. Facilitation

## **BUDGET IMPACTS:**

\$12,000 has been budgeted for FY 2026 to complete the process.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Nick Lelack, County Administrator Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager