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**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council
FROM: Randi Johl, City Clerk
DATE: May 23, 2017
SUBJECT: Conduct Public Hearing No. 2 Regarding the Transition from At-Large to By-District Elections

PREPARED BY: Randi Johl, City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council conduct the second of four public hearings to receive public comments regarding the transition from at-large to by-district elections for members of the City Council.

BACKGROUND: Over the last several years, cities, school districts, and community colleges districts throughout the State of California have been changing from at-large to by-district elections to comply with the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA) and/or to avoid litigation. On April 25, 2017, the City Council authorized the transition of the City's election system from at-large to by-district. On May 9, 2017, the Council conducted the first of four public hearings and adopted the resolutions of intent and criteria.

The transition process is set forth in the Elections Code. District boundary maps will be drawn by a professional demographer in consultation with the City Attorney and City Clerk based on the criteria in the law and public input. Community input is important to the districting process and all residents are encouraged to attend hearings to provide public input. The hearings are publicly noticed and information about the districting process is also provided on the City's website. Two public hearings are required prior to the maps being drawn and two public hearings are required after the maps and sequencing are published for the specified time period. The tentative schedule for the public hearings is as follows and was also approved at the April 25th meeting:

PUBLIC MEETINGS	DATE
Council Meeting / Public Hearing #1 (Resolutions of Intention/Criteria)	May 9, 2017
Council Meeting / Public Hearing #2	May 23, 2017
Council Meeting / Public Hearing #3	June 27, 2017
Council Meeting / Public Hearing #4 (Ordinance Introduction)	July 11, 2017
Council Meeting (Ordinance Adoption)	July 25, 2017

It is therefore recommended that the City Council conduct the second of four public hearings tonight to receive public comments regarding the transition from at-large to by-district elections for members of the City Council, the time frame for this transition, the criteria and factors that go into the drawing of maps of single-member voting districts, the composition of the districts, and other matters related to the election of members of the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no specific fiscal impact associated with the proposed recommendation. New State law provides for the transition of at-large to by-district elections via the ordinance process. Costs for the City's general municipal election are budgeted in the City's operating budget every two years based on an estimate received from the Riverside County Registrar of Voters.

ATTACHMENTS: Notice of Public Hearing