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**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Randi Johl, City Clerk

DATE: July 11, 2017

SUBJECT: Introduce an Ordinance Amending the Temecula Municipal Code Providing for the Election of City Council Members By District, Establishing District Boundaries, Identifying District Numbers and Establishing the Election Order of Each District

PREPARED BY: Randi Johl, City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council introduce and read by title only an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA AMENDING CHAPTER 2.08 OF THE TEMECULA MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL BY DISTRICTS, ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES AND IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF EACH DISTRICT, AND ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION ORDER OF EACH DISTRICT

BACKGROUND: Over the last several years, cities, school districts, and community college 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. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010 *et seq.*, four public hearings were held on May 9, 2017, May 23, 2017, June 27, 2017 and earlier this evening. On May 9, 2017, the resolutions of intent and criteria were also adopted. Finally, proposed maps were drawn and published in between the second and third public hearings as required by law.

The City Council received public comments through the above-referenced process and the next step in the transition to effectuate the change from at-large to by-district elections is to introduce the attached ordinance. The proposed Council district maps submitted to the City Council were prepared in accordance with all applicable law, including the provisions of the California Voting Rights Act, the Federal Voting Rights Act and Temecula City Council Resolution No. 2017-27 providing criteria for the establishment of Council districts.

The second reading of the ordinance will occur at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting on July 25, 2017. The ordinance would become effective immediately after adoption at the second reading pursuant to Government Code Section 36937(a) as it is an ordinance relating to an election for the City. It is therefore recommended that the City Council introduce the attached ordinance.

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:

1. Ordinance
2. Draft Maps