

R-22-35 AGENDA ITEM #2

Meeting 22-05 March 10, 2022

To: Board of Directors From: Andrea Mackenzie

Open Space Authority General Manager

SUBJECT

Presentation by Demographic Consultant on Draft of Electoral Division Plans; Redistricting Public Hearing #2; Adoption of Resolution Selecting Final Division Plan for Use in November 2022 Election and Thereafter

REVENUE/COST

The Board approved \$100,000 for the redistricting project as part of the Fiscal Year 2021 / 2022 Budget and Annual Work Plan on June 10, 2021.

BACKGROUND

On November 18, 2021 the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (Authority) Board of Directors (Board) received a presentation from Special Legal Counsel Chris Skinnell of Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Gross & Leoni, LLP on the procedures, and legal and policy criteria governing redistricting, and the current demographics of the District under the 2020 Census. At the following meeting on December 09, 2021, the Board awarded the contract for Demography Services to Redistricting Partners. On January 27, 2022, the Board Chair appointed Directors Potter, Flaugher and Chapman to a Redistricting Adhoc subcommittee to work with Staff and consultants on a Redistricting Team (Team).

On February 10, 2022, the Board adopted criteria to be considered in the Redistricting process. The Redistricting Team has met twice. At their first meeting, the Team discussed special communities of interest and potential adjustments that would meet the criteria. At their second meeting, the Team was presented with two possible draft map configurations, taking into account the criteria and discussions from the first Team meeting. The Team asked questions and provided additional feedback.

On February 24, 2022 during a Public Hearing, the Board received a presentation by Chris Chaffee, of Redistricting Partners. Mr. Chaffee presented three draft Redistricting plans for their consideration that were based on the additional feedback received from the Team. The Board also considered a draft map presented by a member of the public, and public comments received via email from a member of the public.

DISCUSSION

Redistricting Partners will present a revised draft plan to the Board that reflects feedback received at the Public Hearing #1, as well as an additional draft plan submitted by a member of the public, and will seek comment from the Board and the public regarding the plans at the duly noticed Public Hearing #2.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board receive a presentation from Redistricting Partners regarding draft plans, and that the Board conduct a Public Hearing to receive testimony from the public regarding all draft plans presented to date. Staff recommends that the Board vote to adopt Resolution 22-27 approving a final Redistricting plan for elections beginning in November 2022. Links to the draft maps received by packet posting are included below.

Prepared by:

Kellie Guerra, Clerk of the Board

Attachment(s):

Resolution 22-27 – A Resolution of the Governing Board of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority to Re-align the Boundaries of Areas From Which Members of the Board Will be Elected (Director Divisions) Pursuant to Elections Code §22000

Draft Plan A

https://www.dropbox.com/s/dt8pg8tnde18k2n/SCVOSA%20Draft%20Plan%20A.pdf?dl=0

Draft Plan A web-map

https://redistrictingpartners.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/SCVOSA-Draft-Plan-A-1.html

Draft Plan B

https://www.dropbox.com/s/ctioorlzz65jcin/SCVOSA%20Draft%20Plan%20B.pdf?dl=0

Draft Plan B web-map

https://redistrictingpartners.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/SCVOSA-Draft-Plan-B-1.html

Draft Plan C2

https://www.dropbox.com/s/w9nbg8ndv946woj/SCVOSA%20Draft%20Plan%20C2.pdf?dl=0

Draft Plan C2 web-map

https://redistrictingpartners.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/SCVOSA-Draft-Plan-C2.html

SCVOSA Plan 1A Nakamura

https://www.dropbox.com/s/300x86rz98928mi/SCVOSA%20Plan%201A%20Nakamura.pdf?dl=0

SCVOSA Plan 1A Nakamura web-map

https://redistrictingpartners.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/SCVOSA-Plan-1A-Nakamura.html

SCVOSA Plan 2A Nakamura

https://www.dropbox.com/s/zw6h9378ivfy28h/SCVOSA%20Draft%202A.pdf?dl=0

SCVOSA Plan 2A Nakamura web-map

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