



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: August 9, 2011
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 45 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s) Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer, 568.3400

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SUBJECT: Redistricting Ordinance – Second reading

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

Consider adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance repealing and reenacting Article II of Chapter 2 of the Santa Barbara County Code to adjust the boundaries of all of the supervisorial districts of the County of Santa Barbara.

Summary Text:

At the August 2, 2011 Hearing, the Board received testimony from staff and the public on redistricting proposals. The Board chose a proposal, made minor adjustments and the Board conducted a first reading of the ordinance that will repeal and reenact Article II of Chapter 2 of the County Code.

Background:

Redistricting is required by state law after each decennial federal census to readjust the boundaries of supervisorial districts so that each district has nearly equal population. This process must be completed before November 1st of the year following the federal census. The federal census data must be used to calculate the population totals in each district. Additionally, all redistricting shall comply with Section 1973 of Title 42 of the United States Code (Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965), as amended.

In April, the Board requested staff to conduct a countywide public outreach and plan submittal process. The process resulted in sixteen maps submitted by the public. The Board conducted a hearing on July 12, 2011 on the sixteen maps. Staff was asked to publicly notice and prepare for first reading an ordinance to repeal and reenact Article II of Chapter 2 of the County Code based on one of the maps.

During the August 2nd meeting, the Board conducted a hearing on redistricting proposals and the Board approved the first reading of the ordinance that will repeal and reenact Article II of Chapter 2 of the County Code. As adjusted by the Board at the August 2nd meeting, the proposed district boundaries map results in a maximum population deviation between districts of 1.00%.

Redistricting is an administrative process and is not a plan, nor an essential step leading to a plan, subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted:

Attachments:

- A – Redistricting Ordinance
- B – Redistricting Map
- C – Redistricting Assessment Summary
- D – Notice of Exemption from CEQA

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