

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA,  
CALIFORNIA, ADJUSTING THE CITY COUNCIL VOTING  
DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOLLOWING THE 2020  
DECENNIAL CENSUS, ADOPTING A NEW CITY COUNCIL  
DISTRICT MAP DESCRIBING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES  
FOR THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA'S BY-DISTRICT  
ELECTIONS**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, California Elections Code section 21601 requires that following the release of the 2020 decennial census data, all local governments that elect by district must redraw their district lines to assure that all districts have nearly equal population;

**WHEREAS**, the California Elections Code section 21622 requires that the City complete its redistricting process by April 17, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, on July 6, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution 21-8988 of the City of Santa Clara establishing an Independent Redistricting Commission to conduct public engagement and to adopt a City Council District Map following review of the 2020 US Census Data;

**WHEREAS**, the Independent Redistricting Commission held public hearings on October 23, 2021 and December 9, 2021 to receive public input regarding the composition of the City's voting districts before any maps were drawn;

**WHEREAS**, the Independent Redistricting Commission held public hearings on January 13, 2022, January 29, 2022, and February 10, 2022, where the public was invited to provide input on the composition of the Council Districts and on the proposed public submitted boundary maps, in addition to the maps prepared by the City's retained demographer;

**WHEREAS**, on February 28, 2022, the Independent Redistricting Commission held a final public hearing on the proposal to establish district boundaries, reviewed additional public input, adopted the City Council District Map 4A, incorporated in, and set forth in this Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Clara desires to adopt an Ordinance setting forth the new City Council District Map adopted by the City of Santa Clara Independent Redistricting Commission.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** For the election of members of the City Council, except for the Mayor, to be held in November 2022 and for each election thereafter, there shall be 6 (six) districts each of which shall be represented by one Council Member. Such districts shall be as designated on that certain map adopted by the City of Santa Clara Independent Redistricting Commission dated February 28, 2022, as the boundaries of such districts shall be amended through a redistricting process following each decennial United States Census. A copy of the map is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

**SECTION 2:** City Staff, including the City's retained demographer when working with the Registrar of Voters during plan implementation and adjustment of precinct configurations, are authorized to make required technical amendments to the new redistricting plan that do not substantively affect the populations in the districts, the district boundaries, or the intent of this ordinance, and shall advise the City of any such amendments that are bound to be required in plan implementation.

**SECTION 3: Ordinances Repealed.** With exception of the provisions protected by the

savings clause, all ordinances (or parts of ordinances) in conflict with or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4: Savings clause.** The changes provided for in this ordinance shall not affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or any right established or accruing before the effective date of this ordinance; nor shall it affect any prosecution, suit or proceeding pending or any judgment rendered prior to the effective date of this ordinance. All fee schedules shall remain in force until superseded by the fee schedules adopted by the City Council.

**SECTION 5: Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final adoption; however, prior to its final adoption it shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Section 808 and 812 of “The Charter of the City of Santa Clara, California.”

PASSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLICATION this XX day of XXXXXX, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILORS:

NOES: COUNCILORS:

ABSENT: COUNCILORS:

ABSTAINED: COUNCILORS:

ATTEST:

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NORA PIMENTEL, MMC  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK  
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Attachments incorporated by reference:

1. Exhibit A – Independent Redistricting Commission Adopted Final Map 4A