

ORDINANCE NO. 2031

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA,
CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A MAP DESCRIBING DISTRICT
BOUNDARIES OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SANTA
CLARA, CALIFORNIA"**

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

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2018, Judge Thomas E. Kuhnle of Santa Clara County Superior Court issued an "Amended Statement of Decision: Remedies Phase of Trial; Judgment" in a lawsuit filed against the City under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA);

WHEREAS, in its Amended Statement of Decision dated July 24, 2018 in Yumori-Kaku et al. v. City of Santa Clara, Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 17CV319862, the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Santa Clara ordered the City to adopt district-based elections based on the lines shown on Draft Plan 3, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, that was submitted by the City, and ordered the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters to immediately begin implementing district-based elections for the 2018 and 2020 elections;

WHEREAS, as result of the above referenced litigation, the City Council entered into a settlement agreement and agreed to continue district-based elections and submit a ballot measure to the voters at a special municipal election to formally amend the City Charter to establish six council districts;

WHEREAS, 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 district have nearly equal population;

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

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara desires to adopt an Ordinance to adopt the City Council Electoral District Map to facilitate the decennial census redistricting process.

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 judgment of the Superior Court dated July 24, 2018, as set forth in Resolution No. 18-8585 of the City Council, 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.

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SECTION 2: 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 25 day of MAY, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILORS: Becker, Chahal, Hardy, Jain, Park, and
Watanabe and Mayor Gillmor

NOES: COUNCILORS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILORS: None

ABSTAINED: COUNCILORS: None

ATTEST: Nora Pimentel
NORA PIMENTEL, MMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Attachments incorporated by reference:
1. Exhibit A - Map

EXHIBIT A

**Draft Plan 3
City Council Districts
City of Santa Clara
6-27-18**

