



# City of Santa Clara

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## Agenda Report

18-676

Agenda Date: 5/22/2018

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

#### **SUBJECT**

Adopt Ordinance No. 1980 Establishing District Boundaries and Sequencing related to Implementing By-District Elections in Santa Clara

#### **BACKGROUND**

Proposed Ordinance No. 1980 was passed for the purpose of publication on May 8, 2018. Pursuant to City Charter Sections 808 and 812, proposed Ordinance No. 1980 and the map of the proposed districts ("Council District Boundary Map") were published on May 16, 2018, and copies were posted in at least three public places.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The Ordinance is being adopted by the City Council in anticipation of a City Charter amendment on the June 5, 2018 ballot known as **Measure A**. Measure A requires the City Council to adopt an ordinance to establish two Council districts within the City, Districts 1 and 2, that will be represented by three Council Members each and to have the Council Members from each District and all other elected officers elected by ranked choice voting when that system becomes available. The Ordinance establishes a "Council District Boundary Map" which will be on file and on public display in the City Clerk's Office, and is attached to the Ordinance. The Ordinance also establishes that the voters in District 1 will vote in the 2018 election and the voters in District 2 will vote in the 2020 election. Although the Ordinance will become effective immediately upon adoption (on May 22, 2018), the provisions of the Ordinance will be suspended if Measure A does not pass in the June 5, 2018 special municipal election.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a) as it has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation except for the use of staff time.

#### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, email [clerk@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov) or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt Ordinance No. 1980 Establishing District Boundaries and Sequencing related to Implementing By-District Elections in Santa Clara.

Reviewed by: Brian Doyle, City Attorney

Approved by: Deanna J. Santana, City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Ordinance No. 1980