

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.23
(ID # 17700)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

FROM : COUNTY COUNSEL:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 813.1 REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 813, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ESTABLISHING BOUNDARIES OF SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS OF SAID COUNTY (All Districts) [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Introduce, read title and waive further reading, and adopt on successive weeks Ordinance No. 813.1, an ordinance of the County of Riverside repealing Ordinance No. 813, An Ordinance of the County of Riverside Establishing Boundaries of Supervisorial Districts of Said County. Repeal of Ordinance 813 is contingent upon and contemporaneous with the adoption of a resolution establishing new boundaries for supervisorial districts in the County.

ACTION:



Gregory V. Priamos, Director County Counsel 11/10/2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended and that the above Ordinance is approved as introduced with a waiver of reading.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: November 16, 2021
xc: Co.Co., COB

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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BACKGROUND:

Summary

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Every ten years, after the federal census, district boundaries for federal, state, and local elected offices are redrawn to reflect new population data and shifting populations to ensure equal voter representation to the extent possible. This process is called redistricting.

Under State law, the Board of Supervisors may establish, by resolution, ordinance or charter amendment, an independent redistricting commission, a hybrid redistricting commission, or an advisory redistricting commission composed of residents of the County to complete the redistricting of the five County Supervisorial districts.

Elections Code 23002 applies to Advisory Redistricting Commissions. It states in relevant part, “(b) Notwithstanding any other law, the local jurisdiction may prescribe the manner in which members are appointed to the commission; (c) A person who is an elected official of the local jurisdiction, or a family member, staff member, or paid campaign staff of an elected official of the local jurisdiction shall not be appointed to serve on the commission; (d) A local jurisdiction may impose additional requirements or restrictions on the commission, members of the commission, or applicants to the commission in excess of those prescribed by this section.”

On November 17, 2020 (Agenda Item 3.3), the Riverside County Board of Supervisors established the 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission by resolution, which is the existing Planning Commission for the County of Riverside and is a Brown Act body of five members selected by the Board of Supervisors. Each Planning Commissioner is a resident of the County, with one Planning Commissioner representing each Supervisorial District. The Planning Commission receives support through the County of Riverside Planning Department and regularly meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

The 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission (ARC) receives direct support through a Technical Committee established by the County Executive Office (EOTC), which is comprised of staff from the Executive Office, County Counsel, Riverside County Information Technology Department, Registrar of Voters, and Transportation Land Management Agency, as well as the five Chiefs of Staff for each Supervisorial District. Both the ARC and the EOTC have been committed to ensuring as much public participation as possible in the Redistricting process and ensuring that the final Board recommended map(s) will accurately and fairly represent the residents of Riverside County pursuant to applicable laws.

In prior census years, data collection was complete by July of the census year. However, due to challenges in collecting data posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Census Bureau extended data collection to October 2020. In addition, during prior census and redistricting cycles, the Census Bureau released data to the states for distribution to local governments by April of the year following the census. This year, the Redistricting Data was forecasted for release to states by September 2021, nearly five months later than prior redistricting cycles. The significant delays on the release of data by both the federal and state governments have created a very tight timeline for local jurisdictions to complete the redistricting process, which by law must be

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complete by no later than December 15, 2021, to allow for those districts to be ready for use in the June 7, 2022 primary election.

Numerous maps have been prepared and submitted by the public and the EOTC. As of November 9, 2021, the Advisory Redistricting Commission and the Board have reviewed over twenty maps. The Board will be adopting a final map by resolution on either December 7, 2021 or December 14, 2021. As such, the Board must repeal Ordinance 813, which established boundaries using the previous federal census.

Although the supervisorial district boundary changes are considered adjusted once a plan proposal has been approved and the necessary implementing ordinance has been adopted, they do not go into effect immediately. California Elections Code section 21506 states in pertinent part:

“The term of office of any supervisor who has been elected and whose term of office has not expired shall not be affected by any change in the boundaries of the district from which the supervisor was elected.”

“At the first election for county supervisors in each county following adoption of the boundaries of supervisorial districts, excluding a special election to fill a vacancy or a recall election, a supervisor shall be elected for each district under the new district plan that has the same district number as a district whose incumbent’s term is due to expire. This subdivision does not apply when a county transitions from at-large to district-based elections.”

Given the above, the boundary adjustments to District 1 and District 3 will not take effect until the election that is held in 2024 (for elected supervisor taking office in January 2025), and District 2, 4 and 5 will not take effect until the election that is held in 2022 (for elected supervisor taking office in January 2023). As a result, during the elections held in 2022 and 2024, voters will vote according to the new adjusted boundary lines.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The County’s redistricting efforts will have a direct impact on the residents and businesses of Riverside County as the results will maintain a proportionate number of voters between supervisorial districts and will determine representation at the County level.



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ORDINANCE NO. 813.1

COPY

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 813
ESTABLISHING BOUNDARIES OF SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside ordains as follows:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 813 is repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY
OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By: _____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: _____
Deputy

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM
November 16, 2021

By: 
RONAK N. PATEL
Deputy County Counsel