RESOLUTION 2022/51

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH ADJUSTING AND REDEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF ALL CITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau ("Bureau") is required by Article I, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution to conduct an accurate count of the population every ten years;

WHEREAS, California Elections Code Section 21600 et seq. requires that "[f]ollowing each federal decennial census for a city whose council is already elected using district-based elections, the council shall, by ordinance or resolution, adopt boundaries for all of the council districts of the city so that the council districts shall be substantially equal in population as required by the United States Constitution";

WHEREAS, the California Elections Code requires that the Council adopt an ordinance or pass a resolution amending supervisorial districts no later than April 17, 2022:

WHEREAS, the City Council held public hearings on alternate maps on October 12, 2021, October 16, 2021, November 9, 2021, December 14, 2021, January 11, 2022, January 25, 2022, February 8, 2022, March 8, 2022, and March 11, 2022 to receive briefings from the City's demographic consultant and to hear public testimony relating to the redistricting process and state and federal redistricting criteria and communities of interest, including the California Elections Code, the Voting Rights Act and the United Constitution;

WHEREAS, City staff conducted public outreach by way of print and digital advertisements and conducted informational meetings for community organization;

WHEREAS, during the public hearings public comment was received on redistricting criteria and communities of interest;

WHEREAS, at the various hearings, the Council noticed and received presentations on several draft maps prepared by the City's demographic consultant for compliance with applicable laws and standards and additional maps submitted by the public; and

WHEREAS, at each of the public hearings on redistricting, the Council heard testimony relating to "communities of interest," which led the Council to reach the following determinations about communities of interest on the Final Redistricting Map as required under federal and state law:

- (1) The districts are geographically contiguous. The districts are arrayed in a simple and logical form without any islands and minimal intrusions from the area of one district into another;
- (2) To the extent practicable, the Final Redistricting Map respects the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods and local communities of interest.

The Council heard testimony about what constitutes communities of interest in the public eye and adopted district boundaries that strike a balance between competing goals relating to the correlation of communities of interest with the potential use of major thoroughfares as district boundaries.

- (3) The districts are easily identifiable and understandable by residents. The districts in the Final Redistricting Map form a relatively simple pattern.
- (4) To the extent practicable, the districts are geographically compact. Their configurations for the most part are compact, simple shapes, with nearby populations included in the same districts.
- (5) The districts are balanced in terms of total population and voting age population. The districts are well within the one-person/one-vote deviations permitted under federal and state voting rights laws.
- (6) The districts conform to concentration of minority voters. The City's redistricting process has included a review of the ethnicity demographics from the census data, specifically citizens of voting age populations (CVAP). Upon review of the City's CVAP data, creation of a minority/majority voting district (a district in which an identified minority comprises the majority of voting age population) has proven infeasible without creating significant areas of non-compliance with regard to the other mapping requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Antioch as follows:

- <u>Section 1.</u> All information in the staff reports, maps, presentations, City Council debate and public testimony referenced above is hereby incorporated into this decision and serves as evidentiary basis for these findings and legislative decision.
- <u>Section 2</u>. Pursuant to the provisions of the Fair Maps Act of 2019 as amended in 2020, codified at California Elections Code section 21600 to 21609, after giving consideration to those provisions and applicable decisions of the courts, the City Council hereby adjusts, changes, and establishes the boundaries of the City Council electoral districts as set forth on the Final Redistricting Map (referred to during the Council's deliberations as "Draft Map A Modified") selected by the City Council at its public hearing on March 11, 2022, and reflected in Exhibit A hereto, and they shall constitute and are hereby established as the boundaries of the City Council districts of the City of Antioch for subsequent elections until further readjustment is required by law.
- <u>Section 3</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, and pursuant to California Elections Code section 21606, subdivisions (a) and (b), each of the Council Members in office at the time this Chapter takes effect shall continue in

office until the expiration of the full term to which he or she was elected and until his or her successor is qualified, and any vacancy in a term currently underway shall be filled based on the districts in effect at the time the current supervisors were elected.

<u>Section 4.</u> All ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

<u>Section 5</u>. The City Attorney is directed to take all necessary steps to give effect to this Resolution. If necessary to facilitate the implementation of this Resolution, the City Attorney or his designee is authorized to make technical adjustments to the district boundaries that do not substantively affect the populations in the districts, the eligibility of candidates, or the residence of elected officials within any district. The City Attorney shall advise the City Council of any such adjustments required in the implementation of the districts.

<u>Section 6</u>. This Resolution is adopted following four noticed public hearings as required by Elections Code section 21607.1 and shall take effect immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Antioch at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 12th day of April 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members District 1 Torres-Walker, District 4 Wilson, and Mayor

Thorpe

NOES: Council Member District 3 Ogorchock and Mayor Pro Tem (District 2)

Barbanica

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ELIZABETH HOUSEHOLDER

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH

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"EXHIBIT A"

MAP OF ADOPTED DISTRICT LINES

