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LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBER
429 C STREET
April 5, 2022

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Please silence all electronic devices as a courtesy to those in attendance. Thank you.

7:00 pm SPECIAL SESSION

PUBLIC HEARING – Section 1

- 1-1 Public Hearing – Redistricting of City Council Districts – Consideration of Mapping Options (Avalos)

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

I, Marisa Avalos, City Clerk for the City of Lemoore, declare under penalty of perjury that I posted the above City Council Agenda for the Special meeting of April 5, 2022 at Council Chamber, 429 C Street and Cinnamon Municipal Complex, 711 W. Cinnamon Drive, Lemoore, CA on April 1, 2022.

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Marisa Avalos, City Clerk

CITY OF LEMOORE
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL/REGULAR MEETINGS
April 5, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. / 7:00 p.m. / 7:30 p.m.

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- <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82101102302?pwd=bU51c2RYQTk4Z24yamJ5eFk5cVBnUT09>
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- Passcode: 108809
- Phone: +1 669 900 6833

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Staff Report

Item No: 1-1

To: Lemoore City Council

From: Marisa Avalos, City Clerk

Date: March 14, 2022

Meeting Date: April 5, 2022

Subject: Redistricting of City Council Districts – Consideration of Mapping Options

Strategic Initiative:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Safe & Vibrant Community | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growing & Dynamic Economy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscally Sound Government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operational Excellence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community & Neighborhood Livability | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |

Proposed Motion:

It is recommended that the City Council: 1) receive a report from staff on the redistricting process and permissible criteria to be considered to redraw district boundaries; and 2) conduct a public hearing to receive public input on district boundaries; and 3) Adopt Resolution 2022-12, Adopting The Boundaries of the City Council Districts in Accordance with California Elections Code §§ 21601-21609 and Municipal Code§ 2-2.102(C).

Subject/Discussion:

Every ten years, cities with by-district election systems must use new census data to review and, if needed, redraw district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. This process, called redistricting, ensures all districts have nearly equal population. The redistricting process for the City of Lemoore must be completed by April 17, 2022.

The City adopted its current district boundaries on March 20, 2018 based on 2010 census data, as required by law. The districts must now be redrawn using the 2020 census data and in compliance with the FAIR MAPS Act, which was adopted by the California legislature as AB 849 and took effect January 1, 2020.

Under the Act, the council shall draw and adopt boundaries using the following criteria in the listed order of priority (Elections Code 21601(c) for general law cities / 21621(c) for charter cities):

1. Comply with the federal requirements of equal population and the Voting Rights Act
2. Geographically contiguous
3. Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest” (socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
4. Easily identifiable boundaries
5. Compact (do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)
6. Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party

Once the prioritized criteria are met, other traditional districting principles can be considered, such as:

1. Minimize the number of voters delayed from voting in 2022 to 2024
2. Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office
3. Future population growth

By law, the City must hold at least four public hearings that enable community members to provide input on the drawing of district maps:

- At least one hearing must occur before the city or county draws draft maps
- At least two hearings must happen after the drawing of draft maps
- The fourth hearing can happen either before or after the drawing of draft maps
- City or county staff or consultants may hold a public workshop instead of one of the required public redistricting hearings

To increase the accessibility of these hearings, cities and counties must take the following steps:

- At least one hearing must occur on a Saturday, Sunday, or after 6 p.m. on a weekday
- If a redistricting hearing is consolidated with another local government meeting, the redistricting hearing portion must begin at a pre-designated time
- Local public redistricting hearings should be made accessible to people with disabilities

The purpose of this public hearing is to inform the public about the districting process and to hear from the community on what factors should be taken into consideration while creating district boundaries. The public is requested to provide input regarding communities of interest and other local factors that should be considered while drafting district maps. A *community of interest* under the relevant Elections Code for cities (Section 21601(c) / 21621(c)) is “a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.”

Possible features defining community of interest might include, but are not limited to:

- A. School attendance areas;
- B. Natural dividing lines such as major roads, hills, or highways;
- C. Areas around parks and other neighborhood landmarks;
- D. Common issues, neighborhood activities, or legislative/election concerns; and

- E. Shared demographic characteristics, such as:
- (1) Similar levels of income, education, or linguistic insolation;
 - (2) Languages spoken at home; and
 - (3) Single-family and multi-family housing unit areas.

On April 5, 2022, the City Council will conduct Public Hearing #4 to seek additional public input and provide direction on criteria to be considered while drafting district maps. Following that hearing, draft district maps and proposed election sequencing will be posted to the City website and available at City Hall.

Financial Consideration(s):

None noted.

Alternatives or Pros/Cons:

None noted.

Commission/Board Recommendation:

Not Applicable.

Staff Recommendation:

City staff recommends receiving input from the Community regarding the redrawing of election district boundaries and adopting Resolution 2022-12.

Attachments:

- ☒ Resolution: 2022-12
 - ☐ Ordinance:
 - ☐ Map
 - ☐ Contract
 - ☒ Other
- List: PowerPoint

Review:

- ☒ Asst. City Manager
- ☒ City Attorney
- ☒ City Clerk
- ☒ City Manager
- ☒ Finance

Date:

03/30/2022
04/01/2022
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03/31/2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-12

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMOORE ADOPTING
THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE §§ 21601-21609 AND MUNICIPAL CODE§ 2-
2.102(c)**

WHEREAS, in March 2018, the City adopted its current district boundaries, approving the change of the City’s electoral system from an at-large to a “by-district” electoral system; and

WHEREAS, the districts adopted were used at the 2018 and 2020 elections; and

WHEREAS, California Elections Code e § 21601 requires each city that uses by-district elections to readjust those district boundaries in the year following the release of a new Census, to ensure compliance with constitutional equal population requirements; and

WHEREAS, the existing council districts have a “total deviation” of population between the districts of 6.11% based on the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has held that a “total deviation” exceeding 10% is presumptively unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, state law has incorporated that standard; and

WHEREAS, the existing council districts are “still balanced”; and

WHEREAS, the City has retained experienced legal Counsel, and experienced redistricting/demographic consulting firm, National Demographics Corporation, to advise it on the process of preparing a trustee area plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has maintained a detailed redistricting website as required by law, drawlemoore.org; and

WHEREAS, the City made available to the public paper and online mapping tools to permit them to submit draft maps if so desired; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2021 and January 5, 2021, the Council conducted duly noticed first and second public hearings at special meetings to receive public testimony regarding the composition of the districts; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2022, the City presented a draft council district map, prepared according to the criteria set forth in state law at a duly noticed third public hearing; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2022, the City conducted a fourth duly-noticed public hearing regarding the draft map; and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered all public comments on the proposed council district map; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

SECTION 1. All of the recitals set forth above are true and correct, and the District Governing Board so finds and determines.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 21601 and Municipal Code § 2-2.102(c), the City Council prefers the district boundaries in proposed Draft, attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by this reference; believes that its adoption would serve the public interest of the City’s residents and voters; and by this resolution hereby adopts the district boundaries in that Draft for use at the City’s November 2022 election and subsequent elections until a further re-alignment is required pursuant to Elections Code § 21601 and Municipal Code § 2-2.102(c), following the release of the 2030 Census.

SECTION 3. That the City Manager and/or his designee shall take all actions necessary to notify the Kings County Registrar’s Office of the Council’s determination forthwith and provide whatever assistance may be required by the Registrar’s Office to implement the new lines.

SECTION 4. Because the new district plan may contain technical anomalies caused by errors in the 2020 Census line files that do not substantively affect the populations in the districts, the district boundaries, or the intent of this resolution, which anomalies are not revealed until implementation begins, the City Manager and/or her designee is authorized to make technical emendations to the new plan that do not substantively affect the populations in the districts, the district boundaries, or the intent of this resolution, and shall advise the Council of any such emendations that are found to be required in plan implementation by the County Registrar's Office.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Lemoore at a regular meeting held on the 5th day of April 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Marisa Avalos
City Clerk

Stuart Lyons
Mayor



City of Lemoore

Redistricting Draft Map

April 5, 2022

Redistricting Process

Step	Description
Census Data Releases	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Census Bureau releases official 2020 Census population data – Aug. 12• California’s official ‘prisoner-adjusted’ 2020 redistricting data – Sept. 20, 27
Pre-Map Public Hearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• December 8, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.• January 5, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
Map Public Hearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 1, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.• April 5, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Redistricting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws

- Equal Population
- Federal Voting Rights Act
- No Racial Gerrymandering



2. California Criteria for Cities

1. Geographically contiguous
2. Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest”
(Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
3. Easily identifiable boundaries
4. Compact
(Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

- Minimize voters shifted to different election years
- Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office
- Future population growth
- Preserving the core of existing districts

Prohibited: “Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party.”

2020 Census

City of Lemoore - Existing Districts

Category	Field	A	B	C	D	E	Total
2020 Census	Total Population	5,565	5,276	5,471	5,605	5,273	27,190
	Population Deviation	127	-162	33	167	-165	332
	Pct. Deviation	2.34%	-2.98%	0.61%	3.07%	-3.03%	6.11%
Total Pop.	Hispanic/Latino	46%	47%	49%	52%	46%	48%
	NH White	36%	30%	34%	26%	33%	32%
	NH Black	6%	6%	5%	7%	7%	6%
	NH Asian/Pac.Isl.	9%	13%	9%	12%	10%	11%
	NH Native Amer.	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	4,096	3,403	3,716	3,043	3,365	17,623
	Hisp	37%	30%	38%	47%	25%	35%
	NH White	49%	47%	47%	40%	50%	47%
	NH Black	7%	7%	5%	4%	13%	7%
	Asian/Pac.Isl.	7%	16%	10%	9%	11%	10%
	Native Amer.	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%

Ideal per District: 5,438

Neighborhoods/Communities of Interest

Neighborhoods

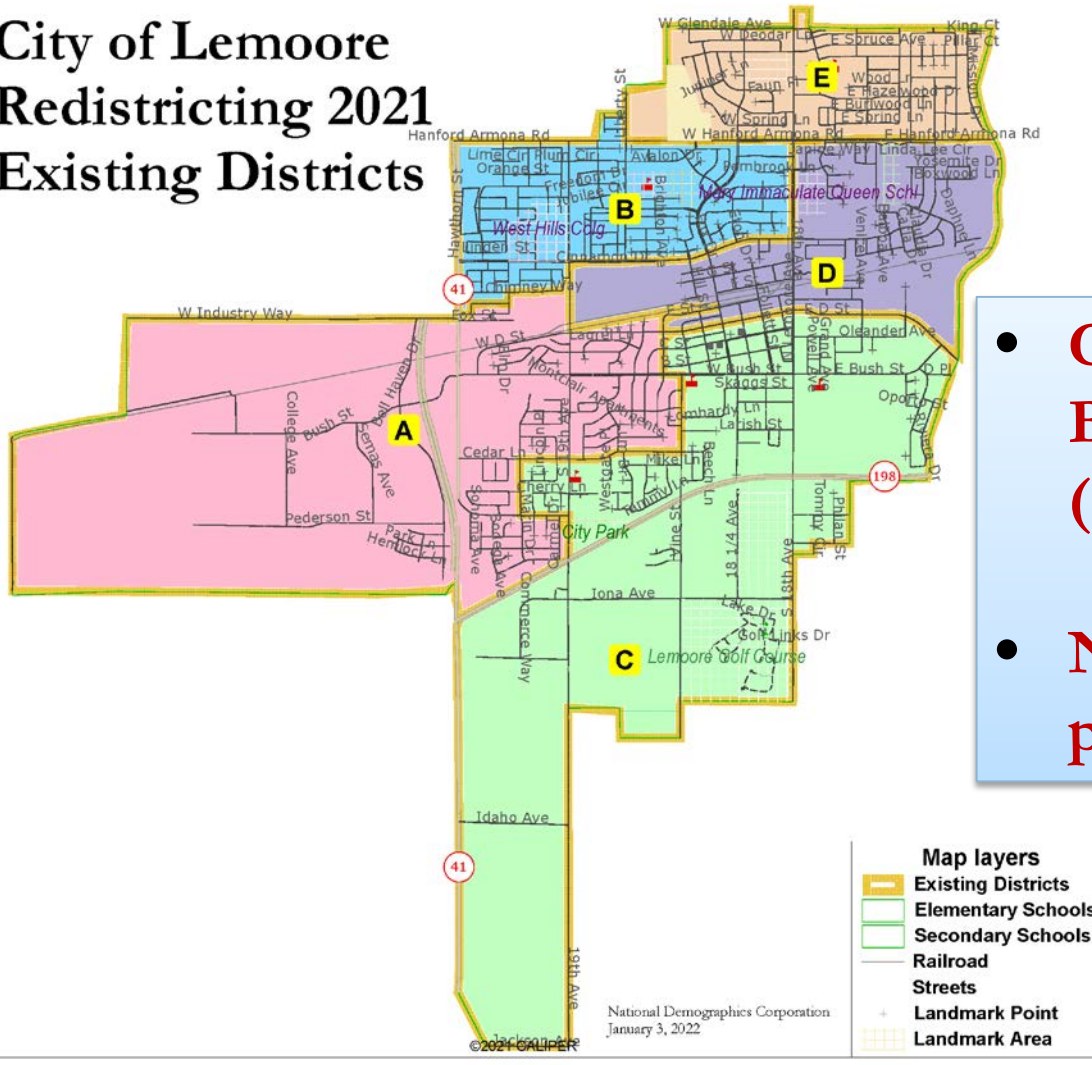
1. **What is your neighborhood?**
2. **What are its geographic boundaries?**

In the absence of public testimony, planning records and other similar documents may provide definition.

Definitions of Communities of Interest may not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

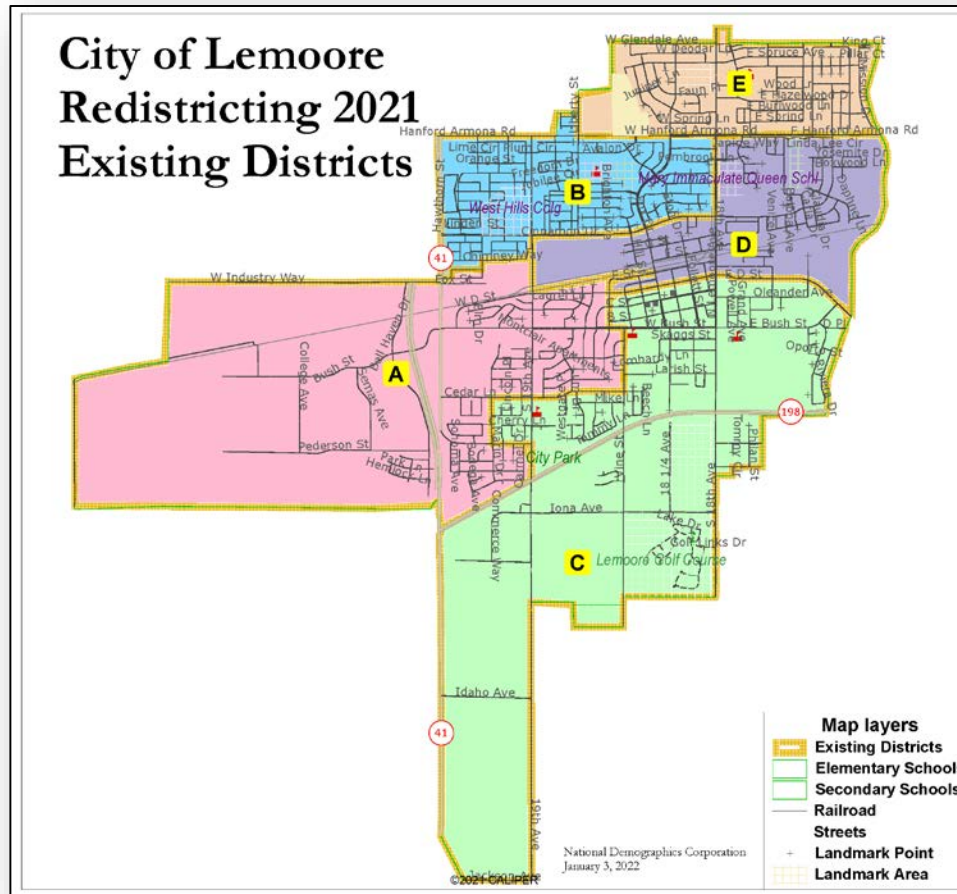
Draft Map

City of Lemoore Redistricting 2021 Existing Districts



- Current map's “Population Balance” is acceptable (6.11%)
- No Council Member pairings

Public Hearing



Proposed Motion:

**Approve Resolution 2022-12, Adopting the Boundaries of the
City Council Districts in Accordance with California Elections
Code §§ 21601-21609 And Municipal Code§ 2-2.102(c)**