

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANTON  
SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2017

1. **CLOSED SESSION**        None.

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Warren.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mr. Dave Cadena.

4. **ROLL CALL**

Present:        Council Member Donahue, Council Member Ethans, Council Member Ramirez, Mayor Pro Tem Shawver, and Mayor Warren.

Absent:        None.

Excused:      None.

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5A. **PUBLIC HEARING NO. 3 - TRANSITION TO DISTRICT BASED CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

The City Council adopted a Resolution of Intention on July 11, 2017, initiating the process to transition to district-based elections. Subsequently, the City entered into a contract with National Demographics Corporation ("NDC") to provide demography and district map preparation services. After two Public Hearings, the public was invited to submit potential district maps based upon adopted criteria. The deadline for public map submission was October 12, 2017, after which NDC collated and prepared draft district maps to present to the City Council and community during to receive public comments regarding submitted said maps at the third public hearing.

Introduction by Ms. Patricia A. Vazquez, City Clerk.

Presentation by Mr. Justin M. Levitt, Vice President, National Demographics Corporation:

- Project Timeline
- Public hearings held to date
- Criteria and Demographics
- Districting Criteria
- Defining Communities of Interest
- Demographic Summary
- Key Community Input
- Presentation of draft maps
- Presentation of non-population balanced maps (cannot be adopted as they stand)

**The public hearing was opened.**

- Mr. Gary Taylor, Resident, questioned National Demographics Corporation regarding the deviation in population for each map.
- Mr. Bud Heitman, Resident, questioned National Demographics Corporation regarding if each of the proposed maps were the same, including the deviation in population.

**No one else appearing to speak, the public hearing was closed.**

The City Council questioned staff and National Demographics Corporation (NDC) regarding sequencing, creation of each district by NDC on the three proposed maps, and stated that the proposed maps were created by NDC with no City Council influence or direction.

The City Council discussed modifications to both the Tan and Green map.

**Public comments:**

- Ms. Alyce Van, Resident, questioned which district each current City Council Member would fall into utilizing the Tan map and voiced her concerns over the possibility of more than one Council Member falling into the same district.
- Mr. Bud Heitman, Resident, questioned if a Council Member must reside within a designated district boundary to be elected by the voters in that district.
- Mr. Jeffrey Benson, questioned the district boundary lines on the Tan map.


**End public comments.**

Motion/Second: Ramirez/Shawver  
Motion unanimously carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5 (Donahue, Ethans, Ramirez, Shawver, and Warren)  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

1. The City Council finds that this item is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(5)(Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment); and
2. Conducted the third of five (5) required public hearings related to the creation of geographic voting districts and the drawing of district boundaries; and
3. Directed staff and National Demographics Corporation to make modifications to the Tan map and return two modified versions of the Tan map to the City Council for consideration at the Fourth and Fifth public hearing (Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM).

**8. ADJOURNMENT** Motion/Second: Warren/  
Motion carried at 6:43 p.m.

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CITY CLERK