

City of Sacramento

Legislation Text

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Title:

Recruitment, Education, and Outreach Plan for the Sacramento Independent Redistricting Commission

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Location: Citywide.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

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Presenter: None.

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Recruitment, Education, and Outreach Plan for the Sacramento Independent Redistricting Commission

3-Sacramento City Charter - Article XII Redistricting

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: At the general election on November 8, 2016, the voters approved a measure that added article XII (§§ 170-179) to the City Charter, thereby creating the Sacramento Independent Redistricting Commission ("SIRC"). SIRC has exclusive authority to redraw council-district boundaries (§ 170(a)), is to conduct an open and transparent process with robust public input that will assist in the consideration of the boundaries (§ 170(b)(2)), and must be fully established by December 1, 2020 (§ 174(j)).

Within six months after census-block-level population data from a regular United States decennial census is made available to the public, SIRC must adopt a final map establishing new council-district boundaries and a final report explaining its decision. The final map must include a precise map and

written description of the boundaries of each council district. In the final report, the commission must explain the rationale for the council-district boundaries, including, at a minimum, an explanation of how the final map complies with the redistricting requirements and criteria in City Charter § 175 and a reasonable justification for any council-district boundary that does not comply with any redistricting criterion. (§ 171(a).) Redistricting counts are expected to be released by March 31, 2021.

City Charter § 178(e) states that the city clerk must, by January 1, 2020, and thereafter by January 1 in every year ending in zero, provide a report to the city council that explains, at minimum, plans for the following:

- recruiting a qualified applicant pool that reflects the city's diversity;
- assigning sufficient staff to support the commission's activities;
- training commissioners;
- providing workspace and relevant technology to support the commission's activities, including city email addresses for commissioners;
- facilitating an open selection process to hire redistricting consultants;
- identifying and reserving meeting spaces suitable for holding public meetings in each council district;
- creating a website for SIRC; and
- encouraging public participation in the redistricting process.

This report includes the draft plan for review and comment by the Sacramento Ethics Commission.

Policy Considerations: City Charter §§ 170-179 specify SIRC's composition and duties.

Economic Impacts: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations: Not applicable.

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: Not applicable.

Financial Considerations: Not applicable.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.