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# COUNCIL REPORTS

**MEETING DATE:** JANUARY 18, 2022    **AGENDA SECTION:** CITY CLERK

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**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR SMITH AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

**FROM:** ASHLEY WHITMORE, GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

**DATE:** JANUARY 11, 2022

**SUBJECT:** CITY OF TEHACHAPI REDISTRICTING ASSESSMENT

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## BACKGROUND

As the Council is aware, the City of Tehachapi hired Usgeocoder in November to begin the process of redistricting for the City of Tehachapi. Per the California Elections Code, this process is required every ten years, or sooner if the initial transition was made prior to new census data.

The first step in this process requires an assessment of our current district maps to determine if each council member represents approximately the same number of constituents. Additionally, Assembly Bill 849 requires mandatory considerations for: (1) geographically contiguous districts, (2) the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division, (3) geographic integrity of a city shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division, (4) easily identifiable boundaries that follow natural or artificial barriers (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.) and (5) lines shall be drawn to encourage geographic compactness. In addition, boundaries shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

The attached assessment, completed by Usgeocoder, shows that our current maps are not sufficient under current laws due to population deviation between districts since the 2010 census, and district contiguity due to changes in census block configurations.

## RECOMMENDATION

**AUTHORIZE USGEOCODER TO PROCEED WITH THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS AND APPROVE THE SCHEDULE AS ATTACHED HERETO**

# Redistricting Schedule

## Dates subject to change

Meeting 1: Redistricting Assessment <b>Public Hearing</b>	January 18, 2021 Council Meeting
Meeting 2: Review of Draft Map(s) <b>Public Hearing</b>	February 7, 2022 Council Meeting
Meeting 3: Workshop <b>Public Hearing</b>	February 10, 2022 Special Meeting
Meeting 4: Approval of Map and 1 <sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance <b>Public Hearing</b>	March 21, 2022 Council Meeting
Meeting 5: Adoption of Ordinance	April 4, 2022 Council Meeting