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April 5, 2001

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING PROCESS AND THE 2000 CENSUS

LOCATION: Citywide.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: All.

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends Council revise the Redistricting schedule to move a community workshop from Wednesday, May 2, 2001 to Saturday, April 28, 2001 and accept community comments on the 2001 Redistricting process.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: April 10, 2001

SUMMARY:

Per the City Charter, every ten years following the U.S. Census the City of Sacramento must reapportion Council District boundaries to be as nearly of equal population as is practicable. At the February 27, 2001 Council meeting, the City Council adopted a process and timeline for the 2001 redistricting. The initial portion of that process, community outreach meetings, has concluded. During those meetings, staff noted suggestions, comments and concerns from community members. Outlined in this report is a summary of those meetings, including recommendation to move a community meeting date from May 2, 2001 to April 28, 2001.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The U.S. Census is completed every ten years. Since the Primary election has been moved three months earlier during the past decade, the redistricting process must be completed earlier than in the past. The Sacramento County Registrar of Voters has requested that the City's process of redistricting be completed by August 21, 2001 in order for the Registrar's Office to

prepare maps, district lines and precinct lines reflecting district changes for the opening of the March 5, 2002 Primary Election on September 28, 2001.

At the February 27, 2001 City Council meeting, the Council approved a process and timeline for the 2001 Redistricting process. This process included a series of community meetings, held during the early part of March, 2001. There were a total of 5 meetings held at various City community centers, with attendance at each meeting ranging from 25 to 75 people. Staff distributed packets that included the Redistricting schedule, process and criteria, 1981 and 1991 Council District boundary maps, a citywide neighborhood map, and a comparison of 1990 Census and 1998 Census Dress Rehearsal populations.

Many concerns, ideas and suggestions were raised and a court reporter documented the discussions. Minutes from the community meetings will be distributed to the Council and other interested parties as soon as they are complete. Staff also solicited names and addresses to be included in redistricting mailings on information and key dates. Issues addressed multiple times included:

- There should be public dialogue over proposals with several meetings to discuss reasons behind proposed boundaries.
- There should be a citywide community workshop for folks from throughout the City to meet and join forces on map proposals and review other proposals.
- The City Council or City Attorney should define the redistricting criteria.
- Don't want streets to be used as boundaries, that splits communities.
- Don't want Gerrymandered-looking boundaries.
- Could we do a "chat-room" website on this topic?
- Need to factor planned growth areas into boundaries.
- Where do current Councilmembers live to make sure they are kept in districts.
- The Central City should be in one Council district.
- Tahoe Park should be in one Council district.
- Woodlake needs to stay in North Area – is north of river with north schools, police, fire.
- Want to annex County pockets in City (e.g., Fruitridge).
- The Pocket area should be together.
- Stockton Blvd. area should be together.

At the April 10, 2001 Council meeting, staff will give a brief presentation on use of the compact disk that will be distributed at no cost to people interested in participating in the redistricting process. These compact disks will be available at the community meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2001. The remaining schedule, including the revised community workshop, is listed below:

April 10, 2001: Council Summary meeting

April 11, 2001: Community meeting to distribute cds and information/answer questions

April 28, 2001: Community workshop to develop boundary proposals (replaces May 2)

May 14, 2001: Community Council District boundary proposals due to Planning Department

June 19, 2001: Council meeting to select proposals for analysis

July 24, 2001: Council meeting to approve redistricting boundaries

July 31, August 9 and 14, 2001: Additional Council meetings if necessary

August 21, 2001: Final Council-approved District Boundaries due to County Registrar

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: None.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Section 23 of the City Charter provides that "Council districts shall be as nearly equal in population as required under the federal and state constitutions. In establishing or changing the boundaries of districts, consideration shall be given to the following factors:

- Topography
- Geography
- Cohesiveness
- Continuity
- Integrity and compactness of territory
- Community of interests of the districts
- Existing neighborhoods
- Community boundaries

The City Council has adopted these criteria for development and selection of 2001 district boundaries. The City Council has approved two types of submittals: either general comments in regards to the redistricting criteria, or actual boundary plans and supporting statistics.

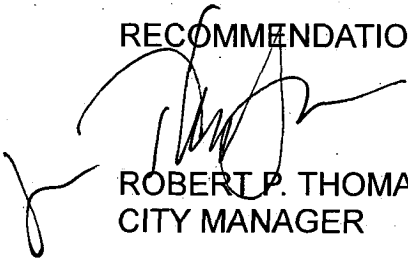
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The subject of this report is not, in itself, a project. The subject of this report does not involve a project which requires compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), inasmuch as it does not involve an activity which may cause a direct or indirect change in the environment (Public Resources Code Section 21065).

ESBD EFFORTS: Not Applicable.

Respectfully submitted,


RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



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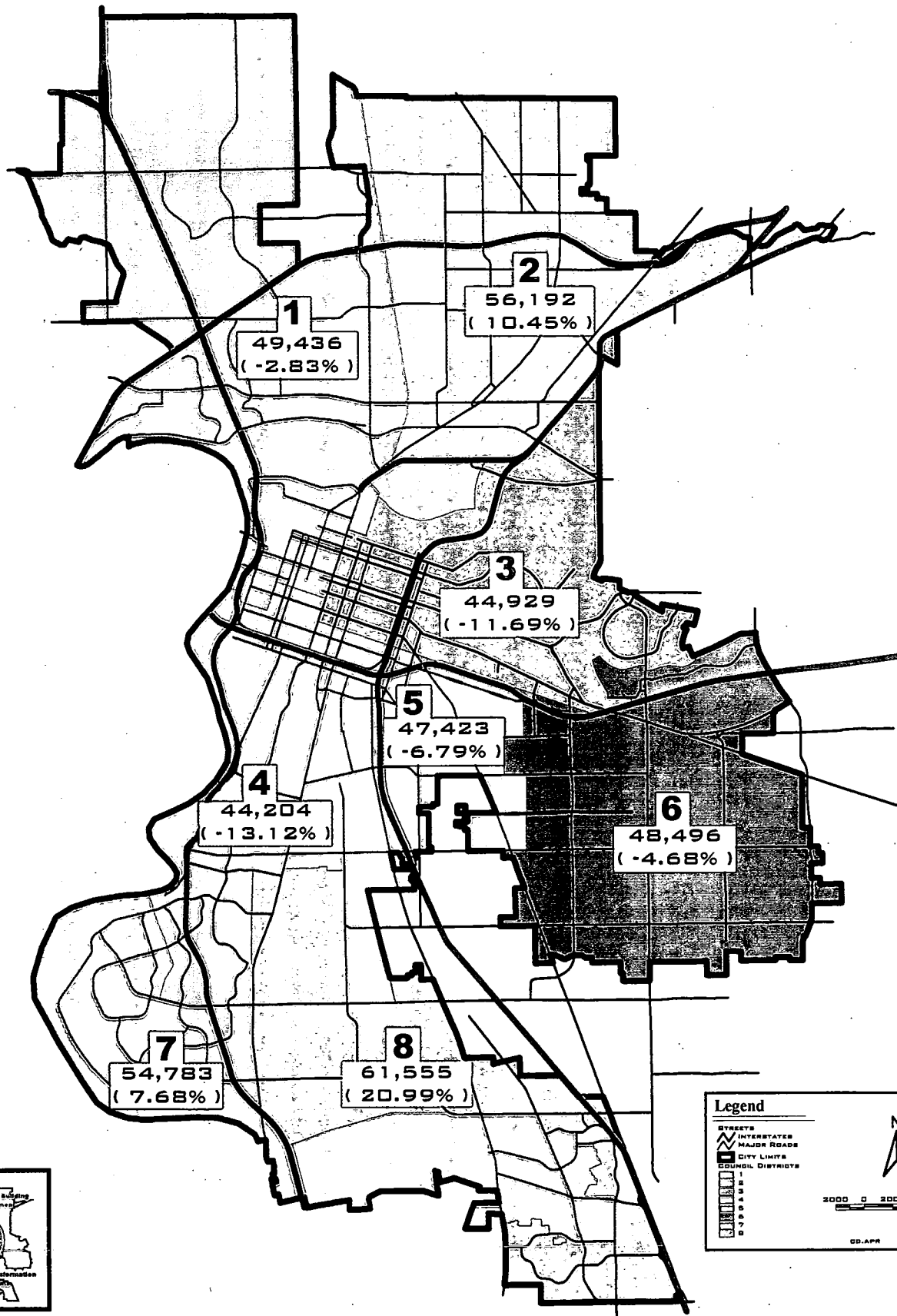


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City of Sacramento

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