

CITY OF DANA POINT
AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2021

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK MUNOZ, CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: REDISTRICTING PROCESS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council hold a public hearing regarding the State-mandated redistricting process, pursuant to Elections Code sections 21607 and 21607.1.

BACKGROUND:

Following the results of each decennial census, the Elections Code requires the City to hold at least four public hearings, of which this is the third (continued from October 19, 2021), to discuss the results of the census and its potential impact on the City's district voting map. (Elec. Code §§ 21607; 21607.1(a).)

DISCUSSION:

The Elections Code requires that two public hearings occur prior to draft maps preparation. Subsequently, two public hearings must occur after draft or proposed maps for redistricting are prepared. A variety of criteria exist for creating districts which, generally speaking, already apply to the City's existing districts. The criteria of most relevance to the current redistricting process will be the requirement that the population of each district is "balanced," meaning relatively the same.

Attached is a presentation from National Demographics Corporation (NDC) that outlines the redistricting process, a draft map, and provides demographics and data supporting their proposed map. This information will be presented by Kay Vinson of NDC. This draft map and demographic data from the 2020 Census were posted to City's website on November 5, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no additional fiscal impact to this agenda item. The City Council approved the NDC Contract on March 16, 2021.

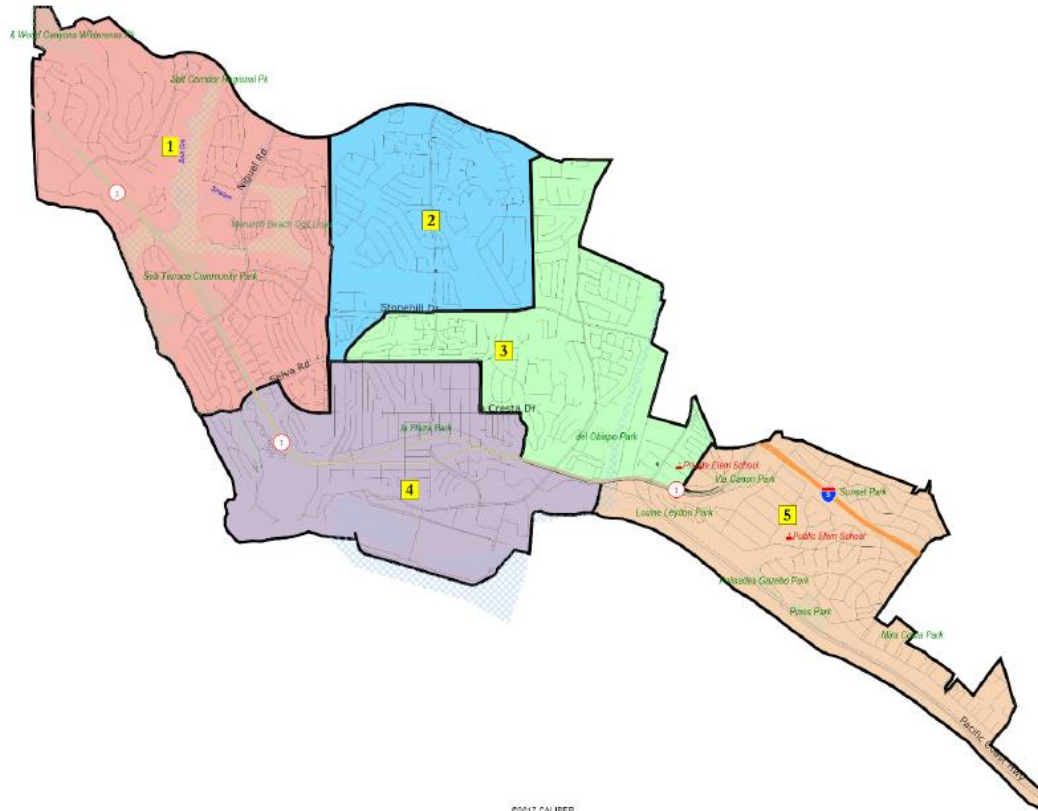
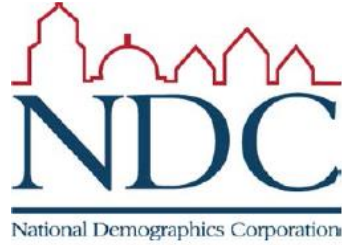
STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

Goal 2: Effective, Efficient and Innovative Government.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

A. NDC Power Point Presentation.....3

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT A



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City of Dana Point Redistricting Data Update

November 16,
2021

Kay Vinson, Analyst
National Demographics Corporation

Redistricting Process

Step	Description
Two Initial Hearings June 23 & July 20	Held prior to release of draft maps. Educate and solicit input on the communities in the Districts.
Census Data Release August 12, 2021	Census Bureau releases official 2020 Census population data.
California Data Release September 20, 2021	California Statewide Database releases California’s official ‘prisoner-adjusted’ 2020 redistricting data.
Two Draft Map Hearings Nov. 16 & Feb. 15, 2022	Public Hearings to discuss and consider revision to the draft maps. Introduction of Ordinance for map adoption February 15 th .
Map Adoption By April 17, 2022	Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption. Map adopted via ordinance.



Redistricting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws

Equal Population
Federal Voting Rights Act
No Racial Gerrymandering



2. California Criteria for Cities (rank ordered)

- 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)

Prohibited:

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

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

Demographic Summary of Existing Districts

District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
2020	2020 Census (Adj)	6,436	6,897	6,681	6,667	6,463	33,144
	Deviation from ideal	-193	268	52	38	-166	461
	% Deviation	-2.91%	4.05%	0.79%	0.58%	-2.50%	6.95%
2020 Total Pop	% Hisp	10%	18%	22%	27%	17%	19%
	% NH White	78%	71%	68%	65%	72%	71%
	% NH Black	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% Asian-American	7%	6%	5%	4%	5%	5%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	5,795	5,563	5,179	5,189	5,272	26,997
	% Hisp	8%	13%	12%	14%	12%	12%
	% NH White	85%	79%	82%	78%	79%	81%
	% NH Black	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	5%	5%	4%	6%	4%	5%

Estimates using official 2020 Census data
adjusted by the State of California

Each of the 5 districts must contain about
6,629 people.



Data and Technical Notes

- ❑ Under the California Elections Code, cities are required to use state prisoner-adjusted data
- ❑ Problems with the Census resulted in a six-month delay of data, while deadlines for completing redistricting did not change
- ❑ NDC bridged the gap with estimated data early in 2021, to be replaced with the final data when it became available. Estimated data was accurate in large geographies, but localized data were less precise.
- ❑ The 2017 Adopted Map contained several split Census Blocks. These blocks had to be split to obtain accurate final populations numbers for Dana Point.
- ❑ In addition, the Census also modified several block boundaries in Dana Point to align with satellite/aerial imagery. There may be slight visual differences but no people have been moved.
- ❑ NDC's adjusted 2020 demographic table includes an analysis of all the aforementioned factors.
 - ❑ Current Districts – Estimated total deviation: 15.3%
 - ❑ **Current Districts – Final total deviation: 6.9%**

Current Districts Map

