

**CITY OF DANA POINT**  
**AGENDA REPORT**

Reviewed By: DH CM CA
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**DATE: JUNE 13, 2011**

**TO: CITY MANAGER/ HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM PATRICK MUNOZ, CITY ATTORNEY**

**SUBJECT: STATE REDISTRICTING**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the City Council adopt the accompanying resolution (1) opposing the current draft redistricting map, (2) setting forth the City's position that any redistricting should not split the City, and (3) setting forth the City's preference that the entire City be included in the same district as other South County cities.

**BACKGROUND**

Last Friday the Citizens Redistricting Commission released a draft map showing its current proposal for redistricting of State Assembly and State Senate seats. Specifically, the current proposal creates two relevant Assembly districts. One is generally the Orange County Coastal area beginning north of the Headlands and going all the way to Seal Beach, and the other being an area starting at the Headlands and comprising what one would traditionally think of as South Orange County. Additionally, it creates two relevant Senate districts. One is generally the same North Orange County Coastal area as noted above combined with much of the central and north, inland portions of the County. The other, is comprised again of what one would traditionally consider to be South Orange County, combined with portions of north San Diego County. The proposed Senate district splits the City of Dana Point at the same location as the proposed Assembly district.

This above information came to the attention of City Staff after the posting of the agenda. Upon review, City Staff is concerned by the proposed redistricting as it splits the City in two, and places a significant portion of the City within the "North County" district. As will be discussed in more detail at the Council meeting, staff feels that it is more appropriate that the entire City remain in the same district. Further, that the entire City be in the district comprised of South Orange County cities with whom the City has many common issues, and historical working relationships.

**DISCUSSION:**

The proposal is the subject of a series of hearings and meetings occurring over the next month, beginning as early as June 16<sup>th</sup>. Accordingly, staff believes action is required by the Council prior to its next meeting. Staff specifically recommends adoption of the attached resolution.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact is anticipated as a result of the recommended action.

**ACTION DOCUMENT:**

[A. Resolution ..... 3](#)

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENT:**

[B. Proposed Redistricting Maps as of June 10, 2011 ..... 5](#)

**ACTION DOCUMENT A**

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING ANY PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN THAT SPLITS THE CITY AND/OR PLACES THE CITY OUTSIDE OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDING OTHER SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY CITIES**

The City Council of the City of Dana Point does hereby resolve as follows:

**WHEREAS**, on June 10, 2011 the California Citizens Redistricting Commission released maps showing a proposed new redistricting for State Assembly and Senate Seat purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal divides the City of Dana Point creating two districts within its geographical boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is opposed to any redistricting which divides the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes the City should be included, in its entirety, in the same districts for Assembly and Senate Seat purposes as the rest of what is traditionally considered to be South Orange County based upon the similarity of issues, and historical working relationships the City has with such other South Orange County cities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Dana Point as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Council hereby formally opposes the redistricting proposal released on June 10, 2011 and any other proposal by which the City is split into multiple districts.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby formally opposes the redistricting proposal released on June 10, 2011, and any other proposal by which all, or any part of the City is not included the same Assembly and Senate districts as most, if not all, of the cities traditionally considered to comprise "South Orange County" are located.

**SECTION 3.** The Mayor and City Manager, and/or their designees are hereby authorized to send letters and or appear at meetings, and participate in such other lawful activities as they deem necessary and appropriate to advocate the above noted positions on behalf of the City.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Dana Point, California, held on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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J. Scott Schoeffel, Mayor

ATTEST:

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KATHY M. WARD, City Clerk



 **Proposed Senate and Assembly Districts**

