## CITY of ALBUQUERQUE NINETEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-10-109 ENACTMENT NO 2. 2010 · 103

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	1	RESOLUTION
	2	ESTABLISHING A REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV,
	3	SECTION 3 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO REVIEW AND MAKE
	4	RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE NINE COUNCIL DISTRICTS;
	5	REPEALING ENACTMENT R-2001-080 (R-01-256).
	6	WHEREAS, the City Charter requires that the Council appoint a committee
	7	composed of an equal number of representatives from each Council District to
	8	review and make recommendations regarding redistricting the Council
	9	Districts based on information from the Federal Census; and
	10	WHEREAS, in appointing the committee, the Council shall, "as nearly as is
	11	practicable" provide fair and balanced representation of all geographical areas
	12	of the City in the redistricting process and provide a total membership that
	13	reflects the racial, ethnic and gender makeup of the City's population; and
	14	WHEREAS, any recommended changes in districts must comply with
	15	constitutional principles and court decisions governing voting rights and
	16	redistricting; and
	17	WHEREAS, the Council district boundaries may be altered by the Council
	18	and Mayor once following each Federal Census; and
	19	WHEREAS, there will be a municipal election in October, 2011, in part for
	20	the purpose of electing Councilors from the even-numbered districts; and
	21	WHEREAS, under the Open and Ethical Elections Code in the City Charter,
	22	the "exploratory period" for Council candidates begins March 15, 2011; and
	23	WHEREAS, though Census results will not be made available until the first
	24	quarter of 2011, it is the goal of the Council to move forward with the
	25	redistricting process as quickly as possible upon the release of the census
	26	data, and to have the Redistricting Committee provide timely

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- 1 recommendations so the deadlines of the 2011 municipal election can be met
- 2 to the extent possible.
- 3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
- 4 ALBUQUERQUE:
- 5 Section 1. The 2010-2011 Redistricting Committee is hereby established
- 6 for the purpose of reviewing the 2010 Census data and making
- 7 recommendations regarding redistricting of City Council Districts.
- 8 Section 2. The Redistricting Committee shall provide fair and balanced
- 9 representation of all geographical areas of the City in the redistricting process
- and provide a total membership that reflects the racial, ethnic and gender
- 11 makeup of the City's population.
- 12 Section 3. The Redistricting Committee shall consist of nine members.
- 13 one from each Council District. Each Committee member shall be an elector
- 14 and resident of the Council District he or she represents. In addition, there
- 15 shall be nine alternate members of the Committee, one from each Council
- 16 District, who are electors and residents of the district represented. Following
- 17 the requirements in Section 2 above, each Councilor shall appoint the
- 18 Committee member and alternate from his or her district. Each alternate may
  - attend and participate in all meetings and functions of the Committee, but may
  - not vote on any question unless the Committee member is absent at the time
  - of the vote.
  - Section 4. All meetings of the Redistricting Committee shall comply with the State Open Meetings Act, Sections 10-15-1 et seq. NMSA 1978.
  - Section 5. The task of the Redistricting Committee is to use the
  - population data from the official 2010 U.S. Census along with any other
  - pertinent information to make a report recommending changes in the Council
  - District boundaries that the Committee decides are necessary and/or
- 28 desirable, taking into account the following:
- 29 A. The need to comply with Constitutional principles governing voting
- 30 rights, population and other related factors;
- 31 B. The desirability of Council Districts that are relatively compact with
- 32 as few geometric extremes as possible; and
- 33 C. Adherence to existing precinct boundary lines.

Section 6. The Redistricting Committee shall select a chair and a vice-chair from among its members, shall require five members to constitute a quorum for purposes of conducting business, and shall conduct its meetings generally in accordance with the rules of procedure of the City Council. For all motions other than motions to adopt the Committee's final recommendations, a motion is adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of members present. For motions to adopt the Committee's final recommendations, an affirmative vote of a majority of all members is required. The foregoing does not prohibit the submission of a minority report to the Council.

Section 7. During its meetings in the months of November and December 2010, the Redistricting Committee shall receive training and background information from consultants and staff on topics relevant to the Committee's task, including, but not limited to, the timelines for redistricting, the requirements of the federal Voting Rights Act, relevant federal and state court decisions, and the data available from the U.S. Census Bureau. During the months of January and February 2011, the Committee shall meet as many times as it deems necessary to produce its preliminary recommendations by March 1, 2011. In the event that official 2010 Census Redistricting Data have not been released, these preliminary recommendations shall be based on the best estimated population data available. Upon receipt of the official 2010 Census Data, the Redistricting Committee shall revisit its recommendations, revise them as appropriate and produce its final recommendations within fifteen days of the Committee's receipt of the official 2010 Census Data.

Section 8. The Redistricting Committee shall be provided staff support from Council Services and the City Attorney to carry out its tasks.

Section 9. The Redistricting Committee shall produce its preliminary recommendations by March 1, 2011 and submit its final recommendations to the Council within fifteen days of the Committee's receipt of the official 2010 Census Data.

Section 10. R-01-256 (Enactment R-2001-080) is hereby repealed.

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