

ORIGINAL

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVATO

ORDINANCE NO. 1681

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVATO, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A CITY COUNCIL ELECTION DISTRICT MAP UNDER ELECTIONS CODE SECTIONS 21600–21609

WHEREAS, the City of Novato transitioned from at-large elections to by-district elections in May 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to adopt new district boundaries after each federal decennial census pursuant to a process called “redistricting” under Elections Code sections 21600–21609; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21607.1, subdivisions (a)–(b), before the election district maps were drawn, the City Council held two public hearings at 6:00 p.m. on September 28, 2021 and November 9, 2021 to solicit feedback regarding communities of interest; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21607.1, subdivisions (a)–(b), after the election district maps were drawn, the City Council held three public hearings at 6:00 p.m. on January 25, 2022, February 15, 2022, and March 8, 2022 to evaluate the draft maps; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21608, subdivision (a), the City took steps to encourage residents to participate in the redistricting public review process by making redistricting data and computer software accessible to members of the public for the purposes of drawing draft maps and providing training on that software; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21608, subdivision (a), the City took additional steps to encourage residents to participate in the redistricting public review process by mailing a flyer to every residential address in the City, regularly posting to the City’s homepage, Digital Newsletter, and social media outlets, placing advertisements in the Marin Independent Journal, and emailing public hearing notices to media outlets and City Council agenda subscribers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21608, subdivision (a), the City took steps to encourage underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities to participate in the redistricting public review process by translating the web page material into Spanish and making a live translator available upon request; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21608, subdivision (d)(2), the City contracted with National Demographics Corporation for demographic consulting services which produced four (4) draft maps that included information regarding total population, citizen voting age population, and racial and ethnic characteristics of the citizen voting age population of each proposed council district; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21608, subdivision (e), the public was able to submit testimony and draft maps in writing and electronically, and submitted a total of thirteen (13) draft maps; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21608, subdivisions (f)–(g), the City created a web page for the redistricting process located at novato.org/elections, which includes or links to the following information: (1) a general explanation of the redistricting process for the City in English and Spanish; (2) the procedure for a member of the public to testify during a public hearing or to submit written testimony; (3) a calendar of all public hearings and workshop dates; (4) the notice and agenda for each public hearing and workshop; (5) the recording or written summary of each public hearing and workshop; (6) each draft map considered by the City Council at the public hearing; and (7) the adopted final map of council district boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Novato, California does ordain as Follows:

SECTION ONE. Recitals.

The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Ordinance by this reference.

SECTION TWO. Redistricting Map.

Commencing with the City's next regular election in 2022, the map included as *Exhibit A* shall serve as the new City Council election district map.

SECTION THREE. District Boundaries.

The City Clerk is directed to request the demographer provide a list of the census tracts and/or blocks for each district and to attach that list to this Ordinance as *Exhibit B*.

SECTION FOUR. Controlling Authority.

If there is a discrepancy between the adopted map in *Exhibit A* and the list in *Exhibit B*, the adopted map in *Exhibit A* shall control.

SECTION FIVE. Web Page Maintenance.

The City Clerk is directed to maintain the web page dedicated to redistricting listed above for a period of 10 years from the date of this Ordinance pursuant to Elections Code section 21608, subdivision (g).

SECTION SIX. Transmittal to County.

The City Clerk is directed to provide a signed original of this Ordinance to the Elections Division of the Marin County Clerk.

SECTION SEVEN. Effective Date of Ordinance.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption under Government Code section 36937, subdivision (a).

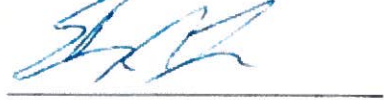
SECTION EIGHT. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect. The City hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unenforceable.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was first read at a regular meeting of the Novato City Council on the 8th day of March, 2022, and was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Novato City Council on the 22nd day of March, 2022 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Athas, Eklund, Milberg, Wernick, Lucan
NOES: Councilmembers
ABSTAIN: Councilmembers
ABSENT: Councilmembers



Mayor of the City of Novato

Attest:



City Clerk of the City of Novato

Approved as to form:

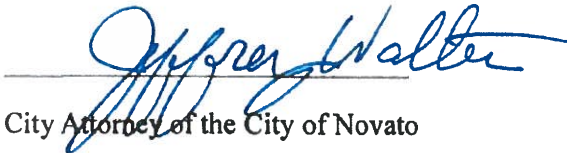
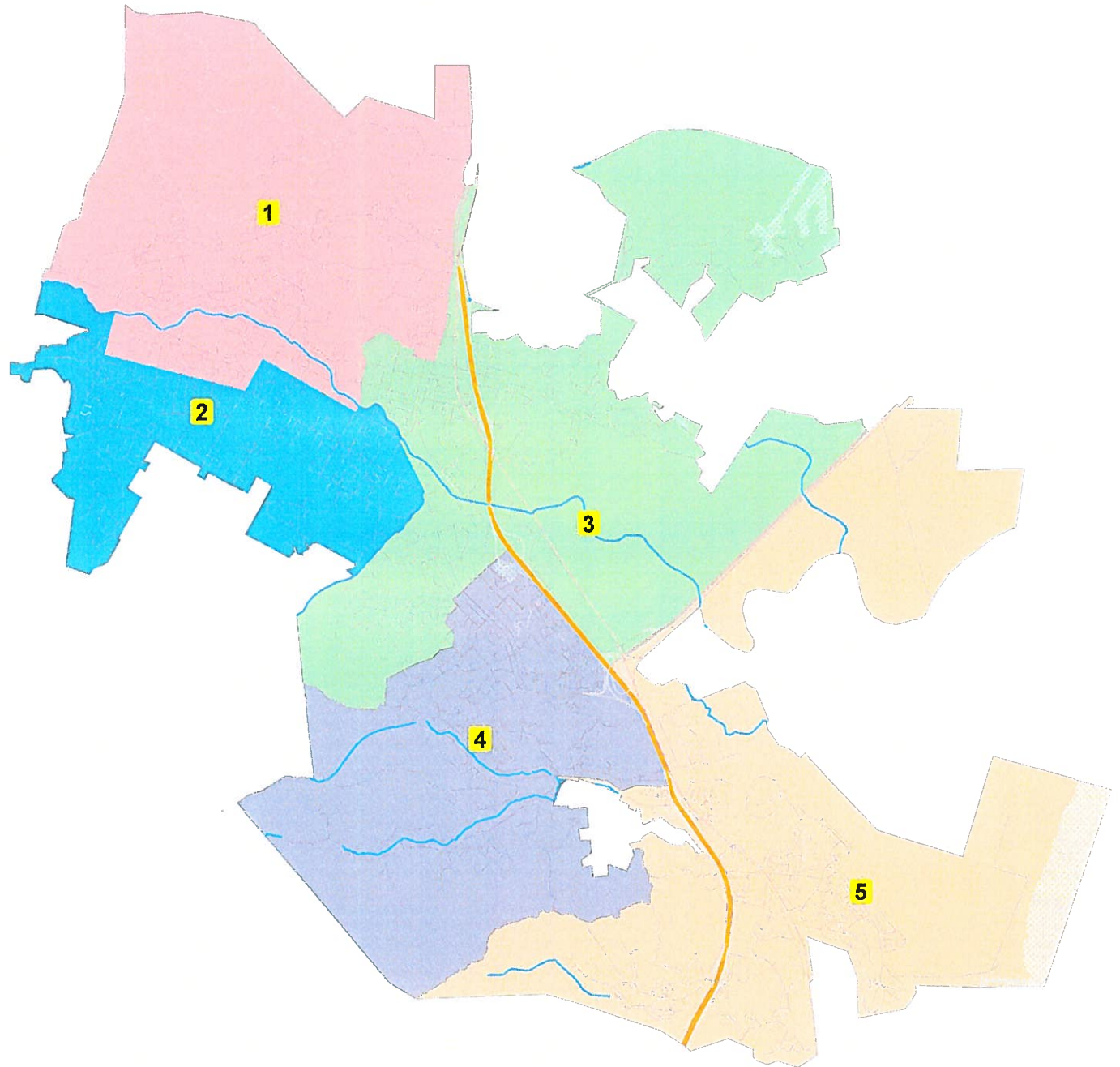

City Attorney of the City of Novato

Exhibit A

Novato 2021/2022 Redistricting

Ruiz/Griggy



Ruiz - Griggy

District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
	Total Pop	11,081	10,621	10,609	10,666	10,295	53,272
	Deviation from ideal	427	-33	-45	12	-359	786
	% Deviation	4.01%	-0.31%	-0.42%	0.11%	-3.37%	7.38%
Total Pop	% Hisp	18.7%	22%	28%	26%	33%	26%
	% NH White	65%	63%	56%	57%	48%	58%
	% NH Black	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%
	% Asian-American	10%	8%	9%	10%	10%	9%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	9,151	8,566	7,078	7,807	7,493	40,095
	% Hisp	10%	8%	14%	10%	12%	11%
	% NH White	81%	79%	75%	74%	64%	75%
	% NH Black	3%	3%	2%	2%	11%	4%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	6%	9%	6%	11%	12%	9%
Voter Registration (Nov 2020)	Total	7,852	7,072	6,631	6,941	5,844	34,340
	% Latino est.	10%	10%	11%	11%	12%	11%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	9%	9%	10%	10%	12%	10%
	% Asian-Surnamed	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% NH White est.	84%	83%	83%	82%	72%	81%
	% NH Black	2%	3%	2%	2%	9%	3%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	Total	7,069	6,249	5,845	6,107	5,081	30,351
	% Latino est.	9%	9%	10%	10%	11%	10%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	8%	8%	9%	9%	10%	9%
	% Asian-Surnamed	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% NH White est.	84%	84%	83%	83%	74%	82%
	% NH Black	2%	3%	2%	2%	8%	3%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2018)	Total	5,777	5,040	4,796	4,894	3,960	24,467
	% Latino est.	8%	8%	8%	8%	9%	8%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	7%	7%	8%	8%	9%	8%
	% Asian-Surnamed	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% NH White est.	86%	86%	86%	85%	76%	84%
	% NH Black est.	2%	3%	2%	2%	8%	3%
ACS Pop. Est.	Total	11,916	11,410	10,697	10,912	11,132	56,067
Age	age0-19	19%	21%	23%	21%	23%	21%
	age20-60	49%	46%	51%	52%	52%	50%
	age60plus	32%	33%	26%	27%	26%	29%
Immigration	immigrants	14%	16%	24%	24%	20%	19%
	naturalized	56%	57%	46%	46%	53%	51%
Language spoken at home	english	83%	78%	64%	71%	68%	73%
	spanish	9%	10%	28%	16%	18%	16%
	asian-lang	4%	5%	2%	5%	6%	5%
	other lang	4%	7%	6%	7%	7%	6%
Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	7%	9%	14%	12%	15%	11%
Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	37%	39%	36%	40%	39%	38%
	bachelor	30%	31%	26%	31%	32%	30%
	graduatedegree	19%	18%	13%	16%	18%	17%
Child in Household	child-under18	26%	26%	30%	26%	28%	27%
Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	64%	60%	66%	65%	68%	65%
Household Income	income 0-25k	10%	11%	14%	8%	12%	11%
	income 25-50k	12%	13%	14%	14%	14%	13%
	income 50-75k	9%	12%	17%	17%	15%	14%
	income 75-200k	46%	38%	37%	43%	41%	41%
	income 200k-plus	23%	27%	19%	18%	18%	21%
Housing Stats	single family	88%	79%	73%	70%	69%	76%
	multi-family	12%	21%	27%	30%	31%	24%
	rented	25%	22%	38%	37%	38%	32%
	owned	75%	78%	62%	63%	62%	68%

Total population data from the 2020 Decennial Census.

Surname-based Voter Registration and Turnout data from the California Statewide Database.

Latino voter registration and turnout data are Spanish-surname counts adjusted using Census Population Department undercount estimates. NH White and NH Black registration and turnout counts estimated by NDC. Citizen Voting Age Pop., Age, Immigration, and other demographics from the 2015-2019 American Community Survey and Special Tabulation 5-year data.