

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-032**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK ADOPTING CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

**WHEREAS**, on February 25, 2021 adopted Ordinance No. 944 (codified in Rohnert Park Municipal Code Chapter 2.66) to establish the district boundaries through adoption of Map 112 specifying the district boundaries and the sequencing of the elections commencing with the general municipal election in November of 2020 and thereafter the voters in districts 1, 3 and 4 elected members of the City Council by district for full four (4) year terms and in 2022 and thereafter, the voters in districts 2 and 5 are to elect members of the City Council by district for full four (4) year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, California Elections Code section 21600 *et seq.*, requires, among other things, that following each decennial federal census, and using that census as a basis, the city council by ordinance or resolution, adopt boundaries for any or all of the council districts of the city so that the council districts shall be substantially equal in population as required by the United States Constitution ("redistricting"); and

**WHEREAS**, on January 25, 2022, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 957, amending Rohnert Park Municipal Code Chapter 2.66 to allow adoption of the new district boundaries via resolution after the City Council has completed the redistricting process; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Elections Code section 21607.1(a)(1) and (2), four public hearings were conducted on the following dates: October 26, 2021, January 11, 2022, February 8, 2022 and March 8, 2022, two of which were held before the draft maps or maps of the proposed Council boundaries were drawn and two of which were held after the draft maps or maps of the proposed Council boundaries were drawn; and

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with Elections Code section 21607.1(b)(c) and (d), all of the public hearings were commenced at a fixed time after 5:30 p.m., on a weekday, and were accessible to persons with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with Elections Code section 21608(a), the Council took steps to encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities, to participate in the redistricting public review process. These steps include, but are not limited to the following:

- Dedicated webpage for the redistricting process: [www.rpcity.org/redistricting](http://www.rpcity.org/redistricting)
- Emails to Redistricting Newsletter website subscribers
- Social media content
  - Posted weekly in English & Spanish
  - Two boosted posts to date, reaching 5,077
- Direct phone/email outreach
  - More than 80 community groups
- Two press releases
  - Including flyers in English & Spanish outlining process
- Community Workshop (December 4, 2021)
  - 21 community participants



- Public Submissions
  - 19 Redistricting Plans
  - 10 Communities of Interest; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the public engagement process described above, the City also noticed each public hearing on the City's Adjudicated Newspaper, The Community Voice in both English and Spanish. The City has also posted each bilingual notice in the City's website and at City Hall, Department of Public Safety, Community Center, Senior Center and the Sonoma County Library. In addition, the City utilized "La Voz," a Spanish/English community publication serving Sonoma, Marin, Napa, Mendocino and Lake Counties, to advertise its third and fourth hearings. The City also made informational flyers, in both English and Spanish, available throughout City's facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Elections Code section 21608(c), the City established a redistricting website which provided a schedule with the date, time, and location for any public hearing relating to redistricting on the internet at least five days before the hearing and also provided access to redistricting data and software for the purposes of drawing draft maps; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Elections Code section 21608(d)(1) all draft maps considered by the Council were published on the City's redistricting website at least seven days before being adopted as a final map by the Council.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The City Council hereby finds that the foregoing recitals are a true and accurate and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination.** This action is exempt from environmental review as the adoption of City Council district boundaries does not qualify as a "project" pursuant to Public Resource Code section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15320, 15378 and 15061(b)(3), since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that adoption of the City Council district boundaries would cause either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

**Section 3. Adoption of City Council District Boundaries.** Pursuant to Rohnert Park Municipal Code Section 2.66.025 and in compliance with California Elections Code 21607(a), the City Council hereby adopts the boundary lines set forth in Map 11A for the City Council general municipal election in November, 2022 and for every general municipal election thereafter, as depicted in Attachment A, attached hereto and hereinafter incorporated by reference.

**Section 4. Census Blocks and Tracts.** The listing of the census blocks and tracts in each Council district shall be based on the boundaries in Map 11A (as depicted in Attachment A), attached hereto as Attachment B and hereinafter incorporated by reference.

**Section 5. Authorization for Technical Adjustments.** The City's demographer, Wagaman Strategies, is hereby authorized to make non-substantive technical adjustments to Map 11A to finalize Map 11A and as necessary to prepare a GIS shapefile which identifies the Council district boundaries consistent with Map 11A as well as the census blocks and tracts in Attachment

B attached hereto. The final Map 11A, the census blocks and tracts and the GIS shapefile shall be in a form approved by the City Clerk and City Attorney.

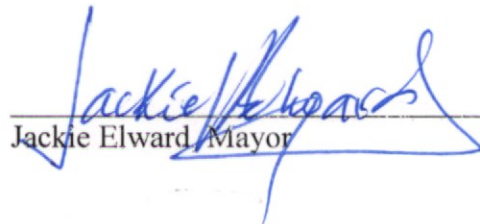
**Section 6. Direction to File Map 11A.** The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file this resolution, Map 11A, the census blocks and tracts, the GIS shapefile, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the adoption of Map 11A with the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor-Registrar of Voters. In the case of any parcels that are split across Council district boundaries, the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor-Registrar of Voters shall apply a uniform methodology to adjust the boundary line to a border of the parcel without materially affecting the population within each affected district.

**Section 7. Effective Date of Resolution.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**Section 8. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Resolution shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect. The Council hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Resolution, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions of this Resolution be declared invalid or unenforceable.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

**CITY OF ROHNERT PARK**

  
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Jackie Elward Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sylvia Lopez Cuevas, City Clerk

Attachment: Exhibit A and Exhibit B

GIUDICE: Aye HOLLINGSWORTH-ADAMS: No STAFFORD: No LINARES: Aye ELWARD: Aye  
AYES: ( 3 ) NOES: ( 2 ) ABSENT: ( 0 ) ABSTAIN: ( 0 )

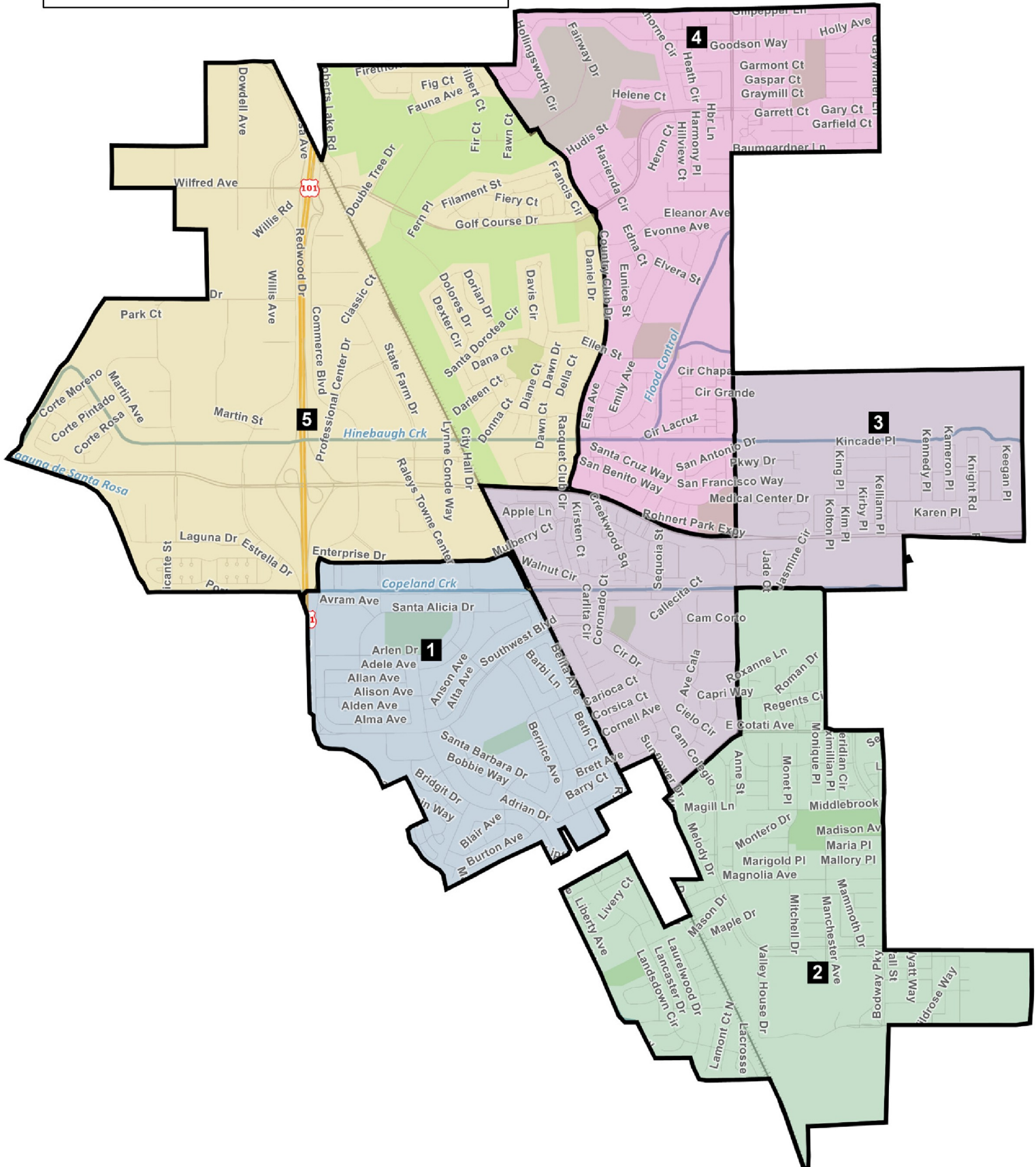


# Exhibit A



Rohnert Park

Final (March 8, 2022)



## Exhibit B

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