

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-05 TO REVISE THE SEQUENCE OF DISTRICT ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2018, the City Council of the City of Los Alamitos adopted Ordinance No. 2018-05 establishing a district-based election system for City Councilmembers; and,

WHEREAS, per Ordinance No. 2018-05, commencing with the November 2020 General Municipal Election, City Councilmembers shall be elected "by-district" from the five Council districts shown and numbered on the district map attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, per Ordinance No. 2018-05, two Councilmembers will be elected from District 1, and District 3 in November 2020; three Councilmembers will be elected from District 2, District 4, and District 5 in November 2022; and,

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2019, Councilmember Warren Kusumoto resigned from his position on the City Council creating a vacant seat ("Council Vacancy"); and,

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2019, the City Council voted to fill the Council Vacancy by appointment in accordance with Section 502 of Article V. of the Los Alamitos Charter; and,

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2020, the City Council interviewed candidates and voted to appoint Tanya Doby to fill the Council Vacancy; and,

WHEREAS, Councilmember Doby shall serve until the next General Municipal Election in November 2020; and,

WHEREAS, because Councilmember Warren Kusumoto was elected at-large in 2018 for a four-year term ending in 2022, and because Doby's term will lapse in 2020, absent an amendment to Ordinance No. 2018-05, an at-large election in 2020 would be necessary to fill the the remaining two-year term resulting from the Council Vacancy; and,

WHEREAS, to advance the transition from at-large to by-district elections in the City of Los Alamitos, and in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 14025) of Division 14 of the Elections Code), the City Council desires to amend Ordinance 2018-05 to provide for the election of three, rather than two, Councilmembers by-district in November 2020.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, DOES

ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2. Amendment to Sequence of District Elections. Section 2(C) of Ordinance No. 2018-005 is hereby amended to read as follows (new text in underline, deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~).

C. Sequence of Elections. Commencing with the November 2020 General Municipal Election, and every four years thereafter, the following three ~~two~~ Council districts shall be elected by-district: District 1, District 2, and District 3. Commencing with the November 2022 General Municipal Election, and every four years thereafter, the following two ~~three~~ Council districts shall be elected by-district: ~~District 2;~~ District 4; and District 5.

SECTION 3. Except as expressly modified above, Ordinance No. 2018-05 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

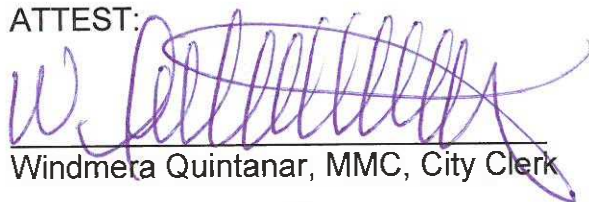
SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance for any reason is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause a summary thereof to be published within fifteen (15) days of the adoption and shall post a Certified copy of this Ordinance, including the vote for and against the same, in the Office of the City Clerk, in accordance with Government Code Section 36933.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2020.


Richard D. Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:


Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael S. Daudt, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss.
CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS)

I, Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Los Alamitos, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2020-02 was duly introduced and placed upon its first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 21st day of January, 2020 and that thereafter, said Ordinance was duly adopted and passed at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 17th day of February, 2020, by the following roll-call vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Hasselbrink, Chirco, Doby, Grose, Murphy

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

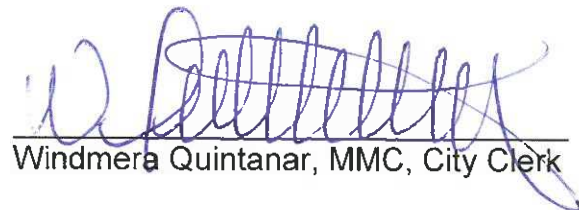

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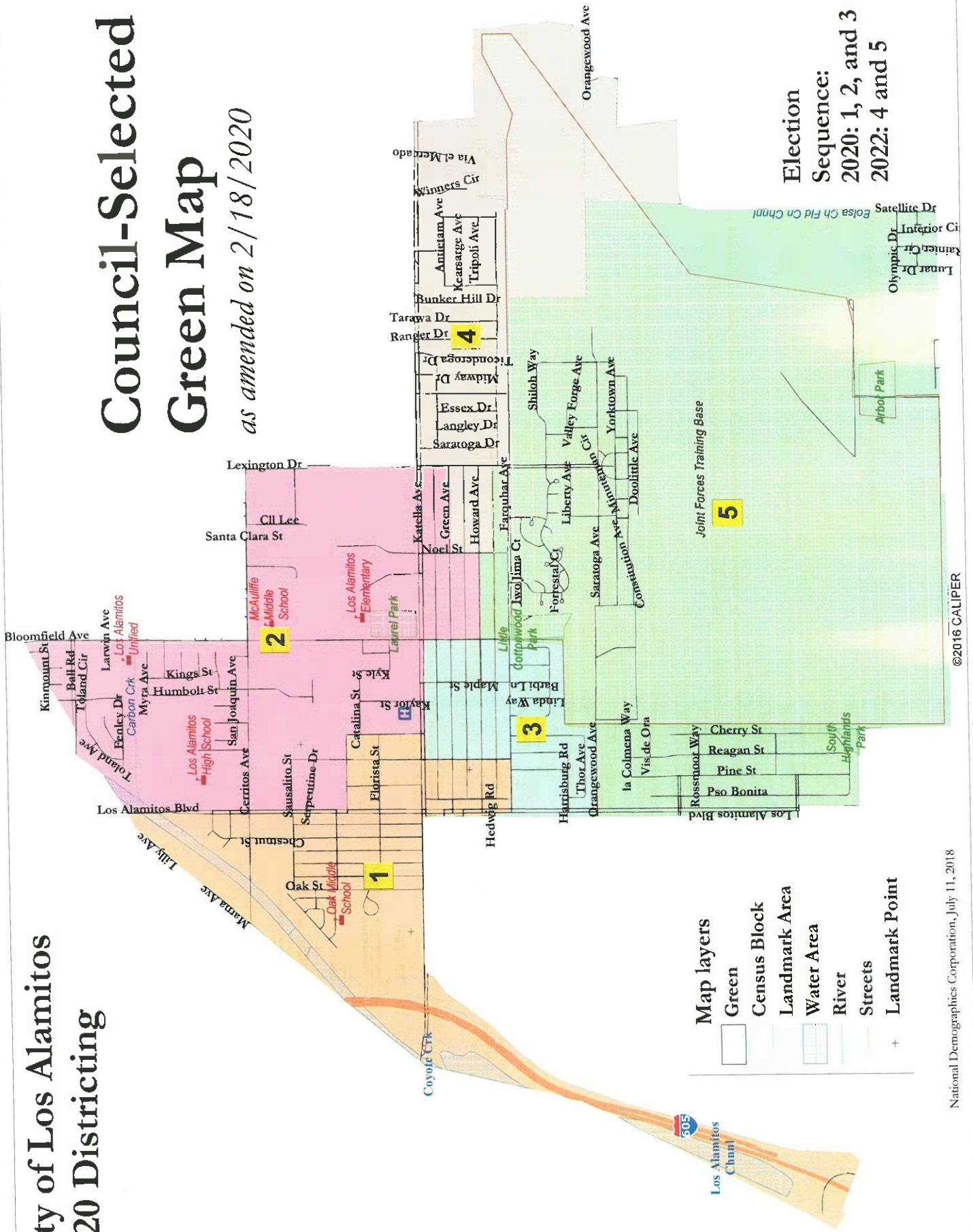
Exhibit A

City of Los Alamitos Council District Map

City of Los Alamitos 2020 Districting

Council-Selected Green Map

as amended on 2/18/2020



- Map layers**
- Green
 - Census Block
 - Landmark Area
 - Water Area
 - River
 - Streets
 - Landmark Point

**Election
Sequence:**
2020: 1, 2, and 3
2022: 4 and 5