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Background

- Redistricting occurs every 10 years after each U.S. Census
- Typically census data released by April 1st of the year following the census, but was delayed due to COVID-19
- Charter Cities must adopt its map no later than April 17, 2022 (per Election Code section 21622)
- Current map was drawn using 2010 Census data, housing growth since 2010 and projected growth and was a result of public input
- As a result, significant changes to boundaries are not expected

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City Council Options for Redistricting

1. Independent Redistricting Commission
2. Hybrid Redistricting Commission
3. Advisory Redistricting Commission
4. Council performs hearings and adopts map
5. Other - Elections Code provides Charter Cities with flexibility on the design of redistricting process and commission

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Option #1 – Independent

- **Council Role:** Council does not appoint directly to this Independent Redistricting Commission. Council decides which method/body will appoint to this commission.
- **Commission Role:** Commission reviews census data, conducts public hearings, solicits input and makes the final decision on the map
- **Considerations:** Recommended by the 2019 Charter Review Committee (5-1-1. Aye: Cooley, Koltermann, Jain, Ricossa, Bonito. Nay: Silva. Abstain: Almazol)

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Option #2 – Hybrid

- **Council Role:** Council does not appoint directly to this Independent Redistricting Commission. Council decides which method/body will appoint to this commission.
- **Commission Role:** Reviews census data, conducts public hearings solicits input and approves two or more draft maps to be forwarded to City Council for review and approval
- **Considerations:**
 - Council consideration limited to the maps provided by the Commission
 - Council makes final decision
 - Council may appoint selection committee, chose random draw, panel of retired judges, etc.

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Option #3 – Advisory

- **Council Role:** Conducts recruitment and appointment process of the Advisory Redistricting Commission. Council approves the final map.
- **Commission Role:** reviews census data, conducts public hearings solicits input and submits recommended map(s) to the City Council
- **Considerations:**
 - Council retains final decision on map

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Option #4 – Council Adoption of Map

- **Council Role:** Reviews census data, takes public input, conducts public hearings and approves map
- **Considerations:**
 - No recruitment process needed; shortest timeline
 - Council retains final decision on map
 - Council may want to separate itself from the process

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Option #5 - Other

- Elections Code provides Charter Cities with flexibility on the design of redistricting process and commission
- For example, Sunnyvale adopted a Hybrid model whereby the Council appoints the commission members but then is required to adopt one of the maps recommended by the commission

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Benchmarking

Advisory Commission	Independent Commission	Hybrid Commission	Other
San Jose	Berkeley	Modesto	Sunnyvale*
Stockton	Oakland		
	Roseville		
	Sacramento		

*Sunnyvale designed its redistricting to be a modified hybrid commission process. Rather than having an independent body appoint the commission, the Council appoints the members to the commission.

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Appointment Methods for Independent or Hybrid Commissions

- Committee Appointment
 - Council delegates appointment authority to another body (e.g. board, commission, taskforce)
- Random Draw
 - Qualified candidates are selected at random (Council would define the eligibility criteria)
- Retired Judges
 - Panel of retired judges select the members of the committee

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