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**TITLE:** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Adopting the 2021 Process Criteria for Redistricting City Council Boundaries

**COUNCIL GOAL:** Direction for Strategic and Economic Growth

**MEETING DATE:** November 16, 2021

**DEPARTMENT:** City Attorney

**CONTACT:** Mark Houser, City Attorney

**RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:** Approve resolution

**ITEM SUMMARY:**

- The City Council has certain responsibilities for redistricting under federal and state law including Amendments 14 and 15 to the United States Constitution, U.S.C.A.; section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C.A. §10301; City Charter Chapter III, Section 10; and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§ 2058.001 and 2058.002.
- A review of the 2020 census data reveals that a population imbalance exists among the City's councilmember districts requiring redistricting of those districts.
- It is the intent of the City to comply with the Voting Rights Act and with all other relevant law, including *Shaw v. Reno* jurisprudence.
- A set of established redistricting criteria will serve as a framework to guide the City in the formulation and consideration of districting plans.
- Redistricting criteria will provide the City a means by which to evaluate proposed plans.
- Redistricting criteria will assist the City in its efforts to comply with all applicable federal and state laws.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** N/A

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY:** N/A

**BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

**SUPPORTING MATERIALS:**

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