



STAFF REPORT

Office of the City Manager

DATE: April 11, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager
By: Michael Bruckner, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE NO. 2386 AMENDING SECTION 1704(B) TO CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I OF THE ARCADIA MUNICIPAL CODE DEFINING CITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, AND ADOPTING REVISED CITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A"

Recommendation: Adopt

ORDINANCE NO. 2386 (ALTERNATE) AMENDING SECTION 1704(B) TO CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I OF THE ARCADIA MUNICIPAL CODE DEFINING CITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, AND ADOPTING REVISED CITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A"

Recommendation: Do not Adopt

SUMMARY

At the April 5, 2022, Regular Meeting, the City Council introduced Ordinance No. 2386 amending Section 1704(B) to Chapter 7, Article I of the Arcadia Municipal Code defining City Council electoral district boundaries, and adopting revised City Council electoral district boundaries as set forth in Exhibit "A", using a proposed Map 115 (Version 5) submitted by Council Member Verlato as the stated exhibit pending review from the City's Demographer.

Alternatively, the City Council also introduced a second Ordinance No. 2386, herein designated Ordinance No. 2386 (Alternate), amending Section 1704(B) to Chapter 7, Article I of the Arcadia Municipal Code defining City Council electoral district boundaries, and adopting revised City Council electoral district boundaries as set forth in Exhibit "A", using Map 115 (Version 4).

This agenda item would provide for the second reading and adoption of either Ordinance. The April 5, 2022, staff report and proposed Ordinance No. 2386 and Ordinance No. 2386 (Alternate) are attached to this report for review.

DISCUSSION

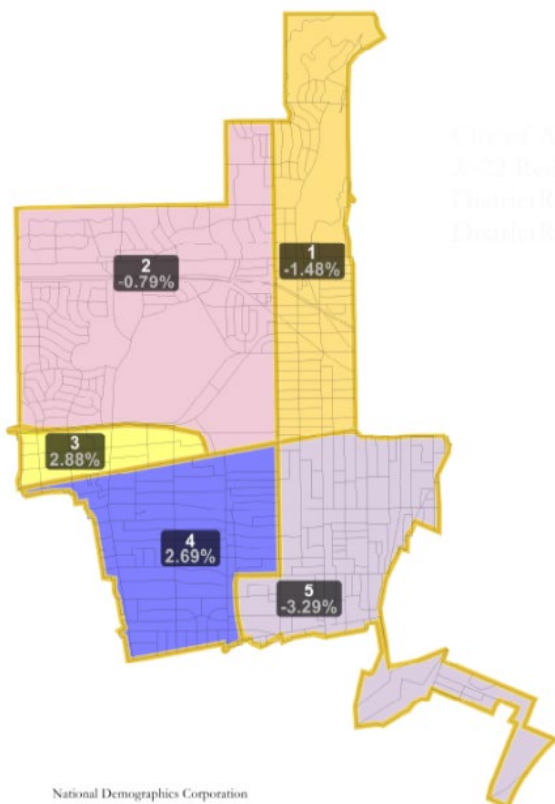
At the April 5, 2022, City Council Meeting, the City Council requested changes to Map 115 (Version 4) to further adjust district boundaries to better follow major streets and make the map easier to describe. The City Council, on a 3-2 vote, voted to introduce the revised map pending final review from the City's Demographer, NDC, that the revised map meets all of the statutory requirements for adoption. NDC has made the changes requested by the City Council and has confirmed that Map 115 (Version 5) is eligible for adoption. Below is summary of the changes.

Map 115 (Version 5)

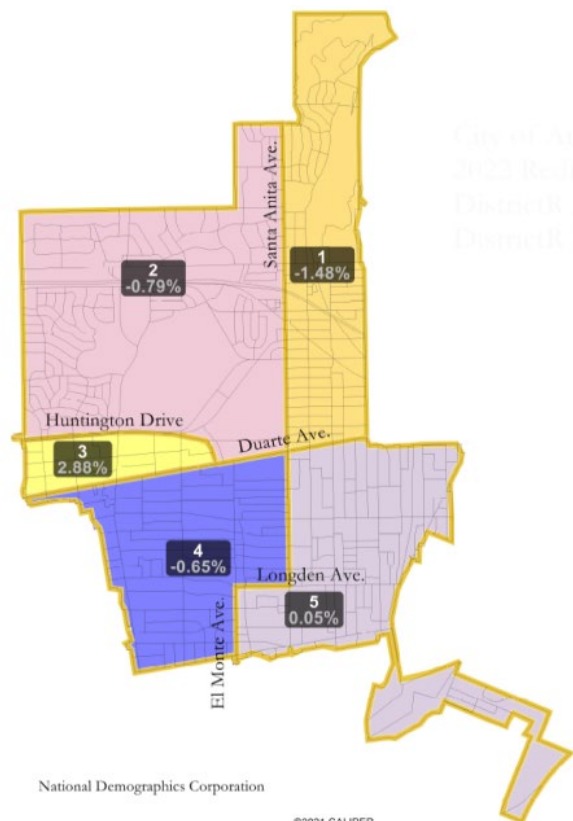
This map keeps District 1 unchanged from Map 115 (Version 4); however, there are two shifts of census blocks between Districts 2 and 3 and Districts 4 and 5. The first shift changes the district boundary between District 2 and 3 to ensure that all census blocks north of Huntington Drive between these two districts are included in District 2. There is no population change in either district as a result of this adjustment.

The second shift adjusts several census blocks from District 5 to District 4 between the Arcadia Wash and El Monte Avenue, bounded by Longden Avenue in the north to the City's southern corporate boundary. This adjustment does shift population and reduces the overall population deviation from 6.17% in Map 115 (Version 4) to 4.36% in Map 115 (Version 5).

Map 115 (V.4)



Map 115 (V.5)



Map 115 (Version 5) was posted on the City's website on April 6, 2022, which satisfies the three-day posting requirement for adoption of a map within 28 days of the statutory deadline. Since the City Council has indicated that the Map 115 (Version 5) was their first preference, with Map 115 (Version 4) serving as a secondary option in the event the requested changes were not compliant with applicable laws, it is recommended that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 2386 and not adopt Ordinance No. 2386 (Alternate).

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The proposed actions do not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), based on Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, as it can be seen with certainty that they will have no impact on the environment. Thus, these matters are exempt under CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund to adopt Ordinance No. 2386.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council determine that this action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"); and adopt Ordinance No. 2386 amending Section 1704(B) to Chapter 7, Article I of the Arcadia Municipal Code defining City Council electoral district boundaries and adopting revised City Council district boundaries as set forth in Exhibit "A."

Attachments: "A" – April 5, 2022, City Council Staff Report

"B" – Ordinance No. 2386 with Exhibit "A" [Map 115 (Version 5)]

"C" – Ordinance No. 2386 (Alternate) with Exhibit "A" [Map 115 Version 4)]