

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-21-226 ENACTMENT NO. R-2022-010

SPONSORED BY: Brook Bassan, Klarissa Peña

1 RESOLUTION

2 ESTABLISHING A REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV,
3 SECTION 3 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO REVIEW AND MAKE
4 RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE NINE COUNCIL DISTRICTS;
5 REPEALING ENACTMENT R-2010-103 (R-10-109).

6 WHEREAS, the City Charter requires that the Council appoint a committee
7 composed of an equal number of representatives from each Council District to
8 review and make recommendations regarding redistricting the Council
9 Districts based on information from the Federal Census; and

10 WHEREAS, in appointing the committee, the Council shall, “as nearly as is
11 practicable” provide a fair and balanced representation of all geographical
12 areas of the City in the redistricting process and provide a total membership
13 that reflects the racial, ethnic, and gender makeup of the City’s population;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, any recommended changes in districts must comply with
16 constitutional principles and court decisions governing voting rights and
17 redistricting; and

18 WHEREAS, the Council district boundaries may be altered by the Council
19 and Mayor once following each Federal Census; and

20 WHEREAS, the 2020 census data was released during the Summer of 2021,
21 and state law requires that cities undergo their redistricting process the
22 calendar year immediately after the data is released.

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
24 ALBUQUERQUE:

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1 **Section 1. The 2020-2022 Redistricting Committee is hereby established**
2 **for the purpose of reviewing the 2020 Census data and making**
3 **recommendations regarding redistricting of City Council Districts.**

4 **Section 2. The Redistricting Committee shall provide a fair and balanced**
5 **representation of all geographical areas of the City in the redistricting process**
6 **and provide a total membership that reflects the racial, ethnic, and gender**
7 **makeup of the City's population.**

8 **Section 3. The Redistricting Committee shall consist of nine members,**
9 **one from each Council District. Each Committee member shall be an elector**
10 **and resident of the Council District they represent. In addition, there shall be**
11 **nine alternate members of the Committee, one from each Council District, who**
12 **are electors and residents of the district represented. Following the**
13 **requirements in Section 2 above, each Councilor shall appoint the Committee**
14 **member and alternate from his or her district. Each alternate may attend and**
15 **participate in all meetings and functions of the Committee, but may not vote**
16 **on any question unless the Committee member is absent at the time of the**
17 **vote.**

18 **Section 4. All meetings of the Redistricting Committee shall comply with**
19 **the State Open Meetings Act, Sections 10-15-1 et seq. NMSA 1978.**

20 **Section 5. The task of the Redistricting Committee is to use the**
21 **population data from the official 2020 U.S. Census along with any other**
22 **pertinent information to make a report recommending changes in the Council**
23 **District boundaries that the Committee decides are necessary and/or**
24 **desirable, taking into account the following:**

25 **A. The need to comply with Constitutional principles governing voting**
26 **rights, population, and other related factors;**

27 **B. Districts shall be drawn consistent with traditional districting**
28 **principles. Districts shall be contiguous, and shall be reasonably compact. To**
29 **the extent feasible, districts shall be drawn in an attempt to preserve**
30 **communities of interest. In addition, and to the extent feasible, the Committee**
31 **may seek to preserve the core of existing districts, and may consider the**
32 **residence of incumbents;**

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- 1 C. The desirability of Council Districts that are relatively compact with
- 2 as few geometric extremes as possible;
- 3 D. Adherence to existing precinct boundary lines, excepting those
- 4 precincts which are divided by municipal boundary lines;
- 5 E. The Committee shall not use election or voter registration data when
- 6 considering district boundaries.

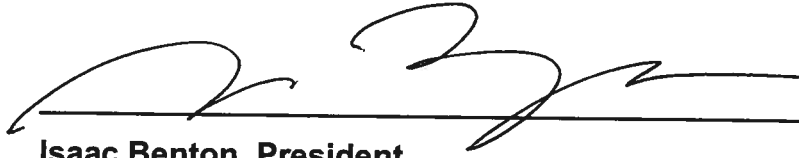
7 Section 6. The Redistricting Committee shall select a chair and a vice-
8 chair from among its members, shall require five members to constitute a
9 quorum for purposes of conducting business, and shall conduct its meetings
10 generally in accordance with the rules of procedure of the City Council. For all
11 motions other than motions to adopt the Committee's final recommendations,
12 a motion is adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of members present.
13 For motions to adopt the Committee's final recommendations, an affirmative
14 vote of a majority of all members is required. The Committee's final
15 recommendations may include one or more maps for the City Council to
16 consider. The foregoing does not prohibit the submission of a minority report
17 to the Council.

18 Section 7. The Redistricting Committee shall receive training and
19 background information from consultants and staff on topics relevant to the
20 Committee's task, including, but not limited to, the timelines for redistricting,
21 the requirements of the federal Voting Rights Act, relevant federal and state
22 court decisions, and the data available from the U.S. Census Bureau. The
23 Committee shall meet as many times as it deems necessary to produce its
24 recommendations within required deadlines or timeframes. The Committee
25 shall begin meeting in March 2022 and the Committee shall submit a final
26 recommendation to the City Council by no later than July 1st 2022.

27 Section 8. The Redistricting Committee shall be provided staff support
28 from the Council's contractor(s), Council Services, and the City Attorney to
29 carry out its tasks.

30 Section 9. R-10-109 (Enactment R-2010-103), which established the
31 redistricting committee for the 2010 census, is now obsolete and is hereby
32 repealed.

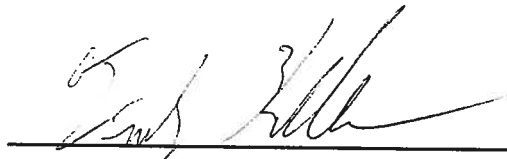
1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF January, 2022
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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9 Isaac Benton, President
10 City Council

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14 APPROVED THIS 1 DAY OF February, 2022

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17 Bill No. R-21-226

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22 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
23 City of Albuquerque

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31 Ethan Watson, City Clerk

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