

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1071

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERES ADOPTING
CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA
ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 21601 ET SEQ. AND CERES MUNICIPAL CODE
SECTION 2.02.030, SUBDIVISION (A)**

WHEREAS, at the November 3, 2015 Municipal Election, the City of Ceres (the “City”) voters approved Ordinance No. 2015-1029, Measure D, to establish that the election of City Councilmembers shall be by-district; and

WHEREAS, the FAIR MAPS Act (Elec. Code, § 21600 et seq.) (the “Act”) and Ceres Municipal Code section 2.02.030, subdivision (a), requires the City to readjust City Council district boundaries following each federal decennial census so that the City Council districts are substantially equal in population; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the City to readjust the City Council district boundaries based on following factors: (1) geographic contiguous; (2) minimize divisions of neighborhoods and “communities of interest;” (3) easily identifiable boundaries; and (4) compact; and

WHEREAS, the City has retained an experienced demographer consulting firm, National Demographics Corporation, to advise it on the process of readjusting City Council district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, as required by the Act, the City conducted four (4) public hearings to receive public input on potential City Council district boundaries on: October 25, 2021; January 10, 2022; February 5, 2022, and March 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, throughout the process, the City engaged in public outreach and engagement as required by Act; and

WHEREAS, the City has maintained a detailed redistricting website as required by the Act, <https://ci.ceres.ca.us/637/Redistricting-2021>; and

WHEREAS, the City has provided notices and live translation services upon request, as required by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City made available to the public tools to permit the public to submit draft maps and testimony in writing or electronically, if desired; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the City Council district boundaries contained in the map attached to this Ordinance as "Exhibit A" are in the best interest of the City and compliant with all applicable provisions of State law.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERES DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The map attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein, is hereby adopted and shall constitute the City Council district boundaries for the City for use at the City's November 2022 election and subsequent elections until further re-alignment pursuant to State law and Ceres Municipal Code section 2.02.030(a).

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason 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 declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase not declared invalid or unconstitutional, without regard to whether any portion of the Ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its passage by the City Council, and following the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the City Council. Within 15 days of its adoption, a summary of the ordinance shall be published in the Ceres Courier, a newspaper of general circulation, circulated and published in the City of Ceres, State of California, which summary shall include the names of those Councilmembers voting for and against the ordinance. A certified copy of the full text of this Ordinance shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk, or his or designee, shall take all actions necessary to notify the Stanislaus County Registrar's Office of the Council's determination forthwith and provide whatever assistance may be required by the Registrar's Office to implement the new lines.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk is authorized to make non-substantive technical adjustments to the district boundaries not affecting the population of any district, the eligibility of candidates, or the residence of elected officials within any district. The City Clerk shall advise the City Council of any such technical adjustments.

SECTION 6. CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL ADOPTION AND APPROVAL. The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City

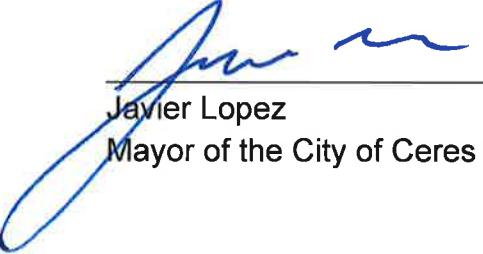
of Ceres held on the 14th day of March, 2022, and adopted on the 11th day of April 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Casey, Kline, Ryno, Silveira, Mayor Lopez

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

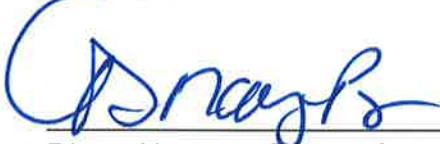
APPROVED:



Javier Lopez

Mayor of the City of Ceres

ATTEST:



Diane Nayarez-Perez, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Ceres

CITY OF CERES
DISTRICT BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Adopted Map 103 – 2022

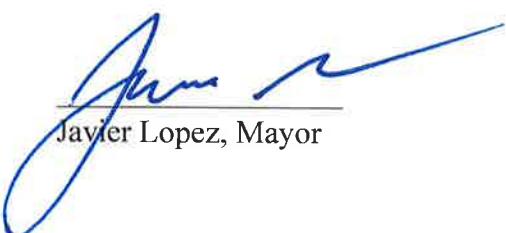
District 1 – Starting from the East Hatch Road and Highway 99: south on Highway 99 and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to Richland Avenue, east and north on Richland Avenue to Evans Road, east to North Central Avenue, north to Mauna Loa Drive, east to Myrtlewood Drive, south to Acorn Lane, east to West 5th Street, south to Caswell Avenue, east to Moffatt Road, north to Canyon Drive, east to North Canyon Drive, north to the northern and western City boundary to the starting point.

District 2 – Starting from the Modesto/Ceres City boundary on Morgan Road near Oates Court: south on Morgan Road to East Whitmore Avenue, follow the Ceres City boundary west, south, and east to the intersection of Walnut Avenue and North Central Avenue, west on Walnut Avenue to South Blaker Road, south to Sungate Drive, west to Soda Canyon Drive, north to East Hackett Road, east to North Central Avenue, north to the Union Pacific Railroad track, north to the starting point.

District 3 – Starting from the northeast City boundary: south on the City boundary to East Whitmore Avenue, west to Mitchell Road, north to Fowler Road, west to Moffatt Road, north to Canyon Drive, east to North Canyon Drive, north to the City boundary, west to the starting point.

District 4 – Starting from the westward extension of Richland Avenue to the Union Pacific Railroad track: south on the Union Pacific Railroad track to North Central Avenue, south to East Hackett Road, west to Soda Canyon Drive, south to Sungate Drive, east to South Blaker Road, north to Walnut Avenue, east to North Central Avenue, north to Industrial Way, east to the City boundary near Railroad Avenue, follow this southern City boundary south, north and east to East Whitmore Avenue, west on East Whitmore Avenue to Mitchell Road, north to Fowler Road, west to Moffatt Road, south to Caswell Avenue, west to West 5th Street, north to Acorn Lane, west to Myrtlewood Drive, north to Mauna Loa Drive, west to North Central Avenue, south to Evans Road, west to Richland Avenue, south to the starting point.

"I certify that this is a true description of the boundaries of the City of Ceres and its approved City Council districts."


Javier Lopez, Mayor

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