



1 members of the legislative body is being made in furtherance of the purposes of  
2 the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section  
3 14025) of Division 14 of the Elections Code); and

4 WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 34871(a) provides for the election of  
5 members of the legislative body of a city by districts in seven districts; and

6 WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on November 12, 2019, the City Council adopted a  
7 resolution of intent to establish a by-district voting process pursuant to Elections Code Section  
8 10010; and

9 WHEREAS, the change in the method of electing members of the City Council of the City  
10 of Chico made by this ordinance is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the California  
11 Voting Rights Act of 2001 (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 14025) of Division 14 of the  
12 Elections Code); and

13 WHEREAS, under the provisions of California Elections Code Section 10010, a political  
14 subdivision that changes from an at-large method of election to a by-district method of election  
15 shall hold at least two public hearings over a period of no more than thirty days, at which the public  
16 is invited to provide input regarding the composition of the districts before drawing a draft map or  
17 maps of the proposed boundaries of the districts; and

18 WHEREAS, under Elections Code §10010, the City is required to hold at least two public  
19 hearings over a period of no more than 30 days before any map or maps of the boundaries for the  
20 proposed voting districts are drawn; and

21 WHEREAS, before any maps of the proposed boundaries of the districts were drawn, the  
22 City Council held public hearings on November 19, 2019, and December 10, 2019, at which time  
23 input from the public on the composition of the Council districts including criteria for determining  
24 district boundaries, the number of districts, and the timing and sequence of implementing district  
25 elections, was invited and heard; and

26 WHEREAS, at the public hearing on December 10, 2019, the City Council instructed its  
27 demographer to develop draft map options containing seven (7) districts each; and

28 WHEREAS, at the public hearings on January 7, 2020, and January 21, 2020, the City  
Council considered all oral and written information, testimony, and comments received during the  
public review process, including information received at the public hearings, oral and written  
reports from City staff and the City's demographer, exhibits, and ten (10) maps, and all other

1 pertinent information prior to acting on, or making recommendations on, the district elections  
2 process and composition of maps; and

3 WHEREAS, consistent with the provisions of California Elections Code Section 10010, the  
4 City published and made available for release, all of the draft maps under consideration. All City-  
5 generated maps were published in the Chico Enterprise-Record. In addition to newspaper  
6 publication, the draft maps were made available on the City's website and the public was invited to  
7 provide comment via the City's online public engagement forum, as set forth in Section 14031 of  
8 the California Elections Code and Government Code Section 34886; and

9 WHEREAS, at the public hearing on January 21, 2020, the City Council voted to proceed  
10 with the revised map hereto and commence district elections in November 2020 for Districts 1, 3, 5,  
11 and 7; and

12 WHEREAS, at the public hearing on February 4, 2020, the City Council amended and  
13 introduced the revised map hereto, as amended, and to commence district elections in November  
14 2020 for Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7; and

15 WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to enact, pursuant to California Government  
16 Code Section 34886, an ordinance providing for the election of the members of the City Council of  
17 the City of Chico by district in seven single-member districts.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
19 OF CHICO AS FOLLOWS:**

20 **SECTION 1.** That the recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and by this reference made a  
21 part hereof.

22 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CODE.** That Title 1, Chapter 1.30 of the Chico Municipal  
23 Code, entitled "City Elections" is hereby amended by adding Article III thereto entitled "District  
24 Elections" to read as follows:

25 **ARTICLE III. DISTRICT ELECTIONS**

26 **Section:**

27 **1.30.210 Purpose.**

28 **1.30.220 City Council Districts Established.**

**1.30.230 Election of Members of the City Council by District.**

1 **1.30.240 Commencement of District Elections.**

2 **1.30.250 Adjustment of Council District Boundaries.**

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4 **1.30.210 Purpose.**

5 This article is adopted for the purpose to change the method of electing members of the City  
6 Council of the City of Chico in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of  
7 2001 (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 14025) of Division 14 of the Elections Code).

8 **1.30.220 City Council Districts Established.**

9 Seven City Council districts are hereby established in the City of Chico. The boundaries and  
10 identifying number of each district shall be as described on the official "Council District Map" on  
11 file in the Office of the City Clerk.

12 **1.30.230 Election of Members of the City Council by District.**

13 A. Members of the City Council shall be elected "by District" as defined in California  
14 Government Code Section 34871. A person shall not be eligible to be elected to be a Member of the  
15 City Council unless he or she is otherwise qualified as required by law, resides in the geographical  
16 area making up the district from which he or she is nominated to be elected and is a registered voter  
17 of the City of Chico at the time nomination papers are issued to the candidate as provided in Section  
18 10227 of the California Elections Code.

19 B. Registered voters signing nomination papers or voting for a Member of the City  
20 Council shall be residents of the geographical area making up the district from which the Member is  
21 to be elected.

22 C. The terms of the office of each Member elected to the City Council shall be four (4)  
23 years.

24 D. References in this Article to state statutes shall include any amendments thereto and  
25 any successor statutes.

26 **1.30.240 Commencement of District Elections.**

27 Commencing with the general municipal election in November of 2020 and thereafter, the  
28 voters in Council Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 shall elect Members of the City Council by district for full  
four (4) year terms. At the general municipal election in 2022 and thereafter, the voters in Council  
Districts 2, 4 and 6 shall elect Members of the City Council by district for full four (4) year terms.

1 No term of any Member of the City Council that commenced on or prior to the effective date of this  
2 Article shall be affected prior to its expiration date.

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4 **1.30.250 Adjustment of Council District Boundaries.**

5 A. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 21601, the City Council shall adjust the  
6 boundaries of any or all of the districts following each decennial federal census. Using the census as  
7 a basis, the City Council shall adjust the boundaries so that the districts shall be as nearly equal in  
8 population as practicable and in compliance with all applicable provisions of law. Any adjustment  
9 of district boundaries shall be made by ordinance adopted by the City Council before the first day of  
10 November of the year following the year in which each decennial federal census is taken  
11 commencing with the 2020 federal census. As required by Elections Code Section 21607, the City  
12 Council shall hold at least one public hearing on the proposal to adjust boundaries of any or all  
13 districts prior to the public hearing at which the council votes to approve or defeat the proposal.

14 B. At the time of any annexation of territory to the City, the City Council shall  
15 designate, by resolution adopted by a vote of at least a majority of the City Council, the contiguous  
16 district to which the annexed territory shall be a part and shall amend the district boundaries if  
17 necessary in accordance with Elections Code Section 21603.

18 C. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 21606 the term of office of any councilmember  
19 who has been elected and whose term of office has not expired shall not be affected by any change  
20 in the boundaries of the district from which he or she was elected. At the first election for Council  
21 following adjustment of the boundaries of the districts, a person meeting the requirements of  
22 Government Code Section 34882 shall be elected to the City Council for each district under the  
23 readjusted district plan that has the same district number as a district whose incumbent's term on the  
24 council is due to expire.

25 **SECTION 3.** The Official Council District Map and the corresponding metes and bounds  
26 referenced in Section 1.30.220 are hereby approved and are attached hereto as Exhibits "A" and "B"  
27 respectively, and are incorporated herein by this reference. The Official Council District Map and  
28 metes and bounds shall be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, subsection, line, sentence, clause, phrase, or  
word of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, either facially or as

1 applied, by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the  
2 validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Chico hereby  
3 declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each and every individual section,  
4 subsection, line, sentence, clause, phrase, or word without regard to any such decision.

5 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days following  
6 the adoption date.

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8 **SECTION 6. CERTIFICATION.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this  
9 Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted in the manner required by law.

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11 **THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE** was duly and properly introduced at a regular meeting  
12 of the City Council held on February 4, 2020 and was thereafter, adopted by the City Council of the  
13 City of Chico, California at its City Council meeting held on February 10, 2020, by the following  
14 votes:

15 **AYES:** Schwab, Huber, Ory, Brown, Reynolds, Morgan

16 **NOES:** Stone

17 **ABSENT:** None

18 **ABSTAIN:** None

19 **DISQUALIFIED:** None

20 **ATTEST:**

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Deborah R. Presson, City Clerk

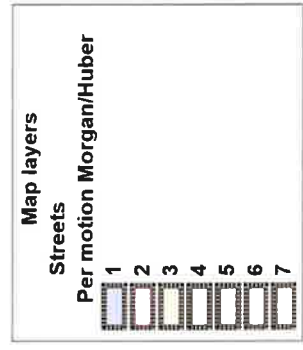
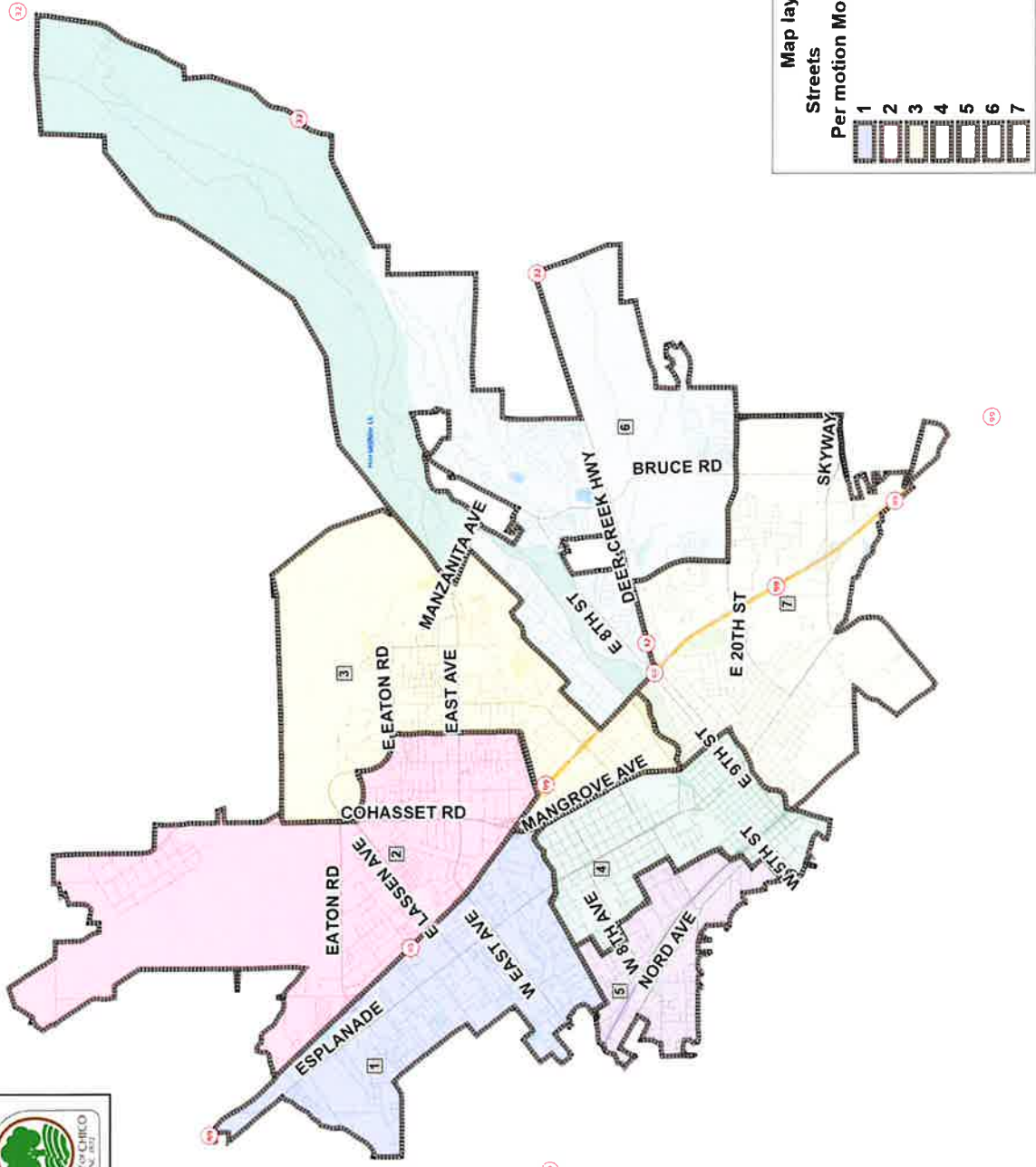
**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Andrew Jared, City Attorney\*

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\*Pursuant to the Charter of the City of Chico,  
Section 906(E)

# Exhibit A


  
**City of Chico**
  
**Proposed Final Plan**
  
**Per motion Morgan/Huber**



*Anticipated city boundaries as of 2020 election including Chapmantown and Mulberry annexes.*



**Prepared by**
  
**WAGAMAN STRATEGIES**

## Exhibit B

The districts are as follows:

District 1: All the portion of the City of Chico lying westerly of the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of Highway 99 and the northerly boundary of the City of Chico, and proceeding southeasterly along Highway 99 to Cohasset Road, and proceeding southerly on Cohasset Road to Mangrove Avenue, and proceeding southerly on Mangrove Avenue to East Lindo Avenue, and proceeding westerly along East Lindo Avenue to West Lindo Ave, and proceeding northwesterly on West Lindo Avenue to West 12th Avenue, and proceeding southwestwardly along West 12th Avenue to Fern Avenue, and proceeding northwesterly along Fern Avenue to West Lindo Avenue, and proceeding westerly along West Lindo Avenue to Guynn Avenue, and proceeding northerly along Guynn Avenue to the westerly boundary of the City of Chico.

District 2: All the portion of the City of Chico lying northerly of the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of Highway 99 and the northerly boundary of the City of Chico, and proceeding southeasterly along Highway 99 to Lindo Channel, and proceeding easterly along Lindo Channel to Floral Avenue, and proceeding northerly along Floral Avenue to Eaton Road, and proceeding westerly along Eaton Road to East Lassen Avenue, and proceeding westerly along East Lassen Avenue to Cohasset Road, and proceeding northerly along Cohasset Road to Thorntree Drive, and proceeding easterly along Thorntree Drive to the northerly boundary of the City of Chico.

District 3: All the portion of the City of Chico lying northerly of the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the northerly boundary of Bidwell Park and the northerly boundary of the City of Chico, and proceeding southwestwardly along the boundary of Bidwell Park to Manzanita Avenue, and proceeding southeasterly along Manzanita Avenue to Hooker Oak Avenue, and proceeding southwestwardly along Hooker Oak Avenue to Larch Street, and proceeding northwesterly along Larch Street to Filbert Avenue, and proceeding southwestwardly along Filbert Avenue to Madrone Avenue, and proceeding northwesterly along Madrone Avenue to Hawthorne Avenue, and proceeding southwestwardly along Hawthorne Avenue to Moss Avenue, and proceeding northwesterly along Moss Avenue to Palmetto Avenue, and proceeding southwestwardly along Palmetto Avenue to Highway 99, and proceeding southeasterly along Highway 99 to Big Chico Creek, and proceeding southwestwardly along Big Chico Creek to Mangrove Avenue, and proceeding northerly along Mangrove Avenue to Cohasset Road, and proceeding northerly on Cohasset Road to Highway 99, and proceeding southeasterly along Highway 99 to Lindo Channel, and proceeding easterly along Lindo Channel to Floral Avenue, and proceeding northerly along Floral Avenue to Eaton Road, and proceeding westerly along Eaton Road to East Lassen Avenue, and proceeding westerly along East Lassen Avenue to Cohasset Road, and proceeding northerly along Cohasset Road to Thorntree Drive, and proceeding easterly along Thorntree Drive to the northerly boundary of the City of Chico.

District 4: All the portion of the City of Chico lying southerly of the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of Santa Clara Avenue and the westerly boundary of the City of Chico, and proceeding easterly along Santa Clara Avenue to West 3rd Street, and proceeding northeasterly along West 3rd Street to Oak Street, and proceeding northwesterly along Oak Street to West 1st Street, and proceeding northeasterly along West 1st Street to rail road tracks, and proceeding northwesterly along rail road tracks to Big Chico Creek, and proceeding northeasterly along Big Chico Creek to Warner Street, and proceeding northwesterly along Warner Street to West Sacramento Avenue, and proceeding northeasterly along West Sacramento Avenue to Citrus Avenue, and proceeding northwesterly along Citrus Avenue to West 4th Avenue, and proceeding southwestwardly along West 4th Avenue to North Cherry Street, and proceeding northwesterly along North Cherry Street to West 8th Avenue, and



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proceeding southwesterly along West 8th Avenue to Meadow Road, and proceeding northwesterly along Meadow Road to West 11th Avenue, and proceeding northeasterly along West 11th Avenue to Holly Avenue, and proceeding northwesterly along Holly Avenue to West 12th Avenue, and proceeding northeasterly along West 12th Avenue to West Lindo Avenue, and proceeding southeasterly along West Lindo Avenue to East Lindo Avenue, and proceeding easterly along East Lindo Avenue to Mangrove Avenue, and Mangrove Avenue, and proceeding southerly along Mangrove Avenue to Pine Street, and proceeding southeasterly along Pine Street to Little Chico Creek, and proceeding southwesterly along Little Chico Creek to Dayton Road, and proceeding southwesterly along Dayton Road to the southerly boundary of the City of Chico.

District 5: All the portion of the City of Chico lying westerly of the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of Santa Clara Avenue and the westerly boundary of the City of Chico, and proceeding easterly along Santa Clara Avenue to West 3rd Street, and proceeding northeasterly along West 3rd Street to Oak Street, and proceeding northwesterly along Oak Street to West 1st Street, and proceeding northeasterly along West 1st Street to rail road tracks, and proceeding northwesterly along rail road tracks to Big Chico Creek, and proceeding northeasterly along Big Chico Creek to Warner Street, and proceeding northwesterly along Warner Street to West Sacramento Avenue, and proceeding northeasterly along West Sacramento Avenue to Citrus Avenue, and proceeding northwesterly along Citrus Avenue to West 4th Avenue, and proceeding southwesterly along West 4th Avenue to North Cherry Street, and proceeding northwesterly along North Cherry Street to West 8th Avenue, and proceeding southwesterly along West 8th Avenue to Meadow Road, and proceeding northwesterly along Meadow Road to West 11th Avenue, and proceeding northeasterly along West 11th Avenue to Holly Avenue, and proceeding northwesterly along Holly Avenue to West 12th Avenue, and proceeding southwesterly along West 12th Avenue to Fern Avenue, and proceeding northwesterly along Fern Avenue to West Lindo Avenue, and proceeding westerly along West Lindo Avenue to Guynn Avenue, and proceeding northerly along Guynn Avenue to the westerly boundary of the City of Chico.

And all that portion of the City of Chico lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of Chico River Road and the westerly boundary of the City of Chico nearest River Road, and proceeding northeasterly along the boundary of the City of Chico to the intersection of Chico River Road and the westerly boundary of the City of Chico.

District 6: All the portion of the City of Chico lying easterly of the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the northerly boundary of Bidwell Park and the northerly boundary of the City of Chico, and proceeding southwesterly along the boundary of Bidwell Park to Manzanita Avenue, and proceeding southeasterly along Manzanita Avenue to Hooker Oak Avenue, and proceeding southwesterly along Hooker Oak Avenue to Larch Street, and proceeding northwesterly along Larch Street to Filbert Avenue, and proceeding southwesterly along Filbert Avenue to Madrone Avenue, and proceeding northwesterly along Madrone Avenue to Hawthorne Avenue, and proceeding southwesterly along Hawthorne Avenue to Moss Avenue, and proceeding northwesterly along Moss Avenue to Palmetto Avenue, and proceeding southwesterly along Palmetto Avenue to Highway 99, and proceeding southeasterly along Highway 99 to Deer Creek Highway, and proceeding easterly along Deer Creek Highway to Forest Avenue, and proceeding southerly along Forest Avenue to East 20th Street, and proceeding easterly along East 20th Street to the easterly boundary of the City of Chico.

District 7: All the portion of the City of Chico lying southerly of the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of Dayton Road and the southerly boundary of the City of Chico, and proceeding northeasterly along Dayton Road to Little Chico Creek, and proceeding northeasterly along Little Chico

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Creek to Pine Street, and proceeding northwesterly along Pine Street to Big Chico Creek, and proceeding easterly along Big Chico Creek to Highway 99, and proceeding southeasterly along Highway 99 to Deer Creek Highway, and proceeding easterly along Deer Creek Highway to Forest Avenue, and proceeding southerly along Forest Avenue to East 20th Street, and proceeding easterly along East 20th Street to the easterly boundary of the City of Chico.