

RESOLUTION NO. 16-033

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
RANCHO CUCAMONGA ADOPTING LINE DRAWING CRITERIA
FOR CREATING COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rancho Cucamonga ("The City") was elected under an "at large" election system whereby Council Members were elected by voters of the entire City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is considering placing a measure before the voters regarding whether to change to a "by district" election system whereby each Council Member must reside within the designated district boundary and is elected only by voters of that district; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Voting Rights Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1973) prohibits the use of any voting qualification, or prerequisite to voting, or standard practice or procedure in a manner which results in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color; and

WHEREAS, federal law and the equal protection clause require that each district be equal in population to ensure compliance with the "one person, one vote" rule; however, deviations less than five percent [5%] greater than or less than the ideal, for a total of ten percent [10%] deviation are presumptively constitutional under the equal protection clause where required to meet an official criteria; and

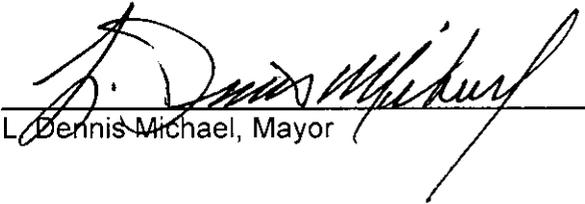
WHEREAS, the City Council has instructed its demographer to develop draft maps that fully comply with legal requirements and intends to provide official criteria for any needed deviations.

NOW, THEREFORE, The City of Rancho Cucamonga does hereby adopt the following criteria to guide the establishment of districts for council elections:

1. Each Council District shall contain a nearly equal population as required by law; and
2. Council District borders shall be drawn in a manner that complies with the Federal Voting Rights Act and avoids racial gerrymandering; and
3. Council Districts shall consist of contiguous territory in as compact form as possible; and
4. Council Districts shall respect communities of interest as much as possible; and
5. Council District borders shall follow visible natural and man-made geographical and topographical features as much as possible; and
6. District borders shall be designed, insofar as this does not conflict with Federal or State law, to provide for an orderly transition to a district based system as existing incumbent terms naturally expire.

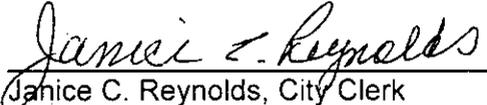
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March 2016.

AYES: Alexander, Kennedy, Michael, Spagnolo, Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None



L. Dennis Michael, Mayor

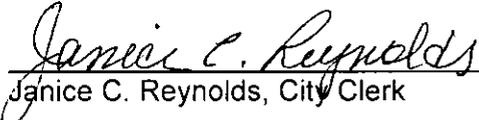
ATTEST:



Janice C. Reynolds, City Clerk

I, **JANICE C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK** of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, California, at a Regular Meeting of said City Council held on the 16th day of March 2016.

Executed this 17th day of March 2016, at Rancho Cucamonga, California.



Janice C. Reynolds, City Clerk