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To: Mayor Baird and Members of the City Council

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RE: Update on City Council Redistricting

Per City Council direction, Development Services staff has been performing preliminary analysis of changes in population based upon the most currently available information. This information is ahead of official 2020 census data being released, and the purpose is to estimate what the official changes may be when the official data is released by the U.S. Census Bureau. Official data is expected to be available in September 2021. Three scenarios are provided for discussion purposes. These are attempts to follow major roads and only represent three possible solutions.

At this time, the most recent and complete population data that is available is the 2019, 5-Year American Community Survey (ACS) from the United States Census. Using the ACS website, we were able to pull population numbers from the census tract and block group levels. 2020 Building permit data was then added to the 2019 ACS numbers to provide an estimate for 2020 population.

Three scenarios were prepared to balance population between the four districts. These are attached to your packet as Scenarios 1-3. Each scenario attempts to make changes to the existing boundaries that follow common geographic features such as major roads. The numbers for each council district after the changes are depicted on each map. A second set of maps highlights the changes with some hatched areas. These help to focus on proposed district boundary movement. The table below summarizes the numbers for each scenario.

District	2020 Estimate	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
1	26,931	24,887	24,905	24,961
2	26,987	24,655	24,582	24,645
3	22,092	24,949	24,961	24,570
4	23,129	24,648	24,691	24,963
Total	99,139	99,139	99,139	99,139

There are a variety of approaches that would balance the population between the districts. The three options presented are included to start the discussion about redistricting ahead of official census numbers and are not meant to be taken as the only possible solutions. The caveat with this work is that demographics were not considered, only raw population. Demographic analysis will have to wait until 2020 data is received from the federal government.