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Riverside to hold meeting to discuss Ward redistricting process and timeline

Riverside, California – The City will hold a meeting on March 7 before the Governmental Affairs Committee to review redistricting alternatives as requested by City Council on Dec 6, 2011. Public input is invited at this meeting.

Every 10 years, after the federal government publishes updated census information, California must redraw the boundaries of its Senate, Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts, so that the districts correctly reflect the state's population. In addition, the Riverside Charter requires review of Ward boundaries – the purpose of which is to equalize numbers of residents in each Ward. In addition, the review is intended to maintain continuity of existing Wards, draw Wards that are compact and contiguous, and respect neighborhood boundaries to the greatest extent possible.

Following the March 7 Governmental Affairs Committee meeting, the City will hold an afternoon workshop before the City Council in the month of May – the date has yet to be determined. That workshop will also open to the public and community input is encouraged. The actual introduction and adoption of the ordinance amending Ward boundaries is expected in June.

For more information, please contact City Clerk, Colleen J. Nicol, or visit the City's website www.riversideca.gov/city_clerk.

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