

**ORDINANCE NO. 594-23**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MURRIETA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 1.21.030 OF THE  
MURRIETA MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING REVISED DISTRICT  
VOTING BOUNDARIES**

WHEREAS, On August 1, 2017, the City Council of Murrieta (“City”) adopted Ordinance No. 522-17 changing the City from an at large to a by-district voting system, adopting boundaries for the City’s five voting districts and establishing an implementation schedule for conversion to by-district voting during the 2018 and 2020 election cycles; and

WHEREAS, at the regular City Council meeting held on March 1, 2022, the City Council held a final public hearing to receive public input regarding the composition of one or more council districts and adopted Ordinance 572-22; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2021, the City Council approved the Murrieta Hills Specific Plan (MHSP) in unincorporated and uninhabited territory north of the City.

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Formation Commission subsequently approved the annexation of the territory bounded by the MHSP into the City of Murrieta.

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 21603(A), “[If] the boundaries of a city expand by the addition of new territory, including through annexation of unincorporated territory or consolidation with another city, the council shall add that new territory to the nearest existing council district without changing the boundaries of other council district boundaries.”

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2023, at a regular City Council meeting, the City Council held a public hearing to receive public input regarding the annexation of the MHSP into Council District 1.

WHEREAS, on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the City held a public meeting in the form of a workshop to receive public input regarding the annexation of the MHSP into Council District 1.

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2023, at a regular City Council meeting, the City Council held a public hearing to receive public input regarding the annexation of the MHSP into Council District 1.

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2023, at a regular City Council meeting, the City Council held a public hearing to receive public input regarding the annexation of the MHSP into Council District 1.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. The district map attached hereto as Exhibit “A” is hereby adopted as the “City Council District Map” as codified in Section 1.21.030 A of the Murrieta Municipal Code and incorporated therein by this reference.

SECTION 3. This ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, which provides that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where, as here, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question would have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of any competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of the ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective on the thirty-first (31st) day after its passage and adoption, and within fifteen (15) days after its final passage and the City Clerk shall cause it to be posted and published in a newspaper of general circulation, printed, published and circulated in the City in the manner required by law and shall cause a copy of this Ordinance and its certification, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the City.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa DeForest, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cristal McDonald, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Tiffany J. Israel, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE )§  
CITY OF MURRIETA )

I, Cristal McDonald, City Clerk of the City of Murrieta, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 594-23 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Murrieta at the regular meeting thereof, held on the \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, and was signed by the Mayor of the said City, and that the same was passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cristal McDonald, City Clerk

I, Cristal McDonald, City Clerk of the City of Murrieta, California further certify that Ordinance No. 594-23 was duly published according to law and the order of the City Council of said City and the same was so published in *Press Enterprise*, a newspaper of general circulation on the following date(s):

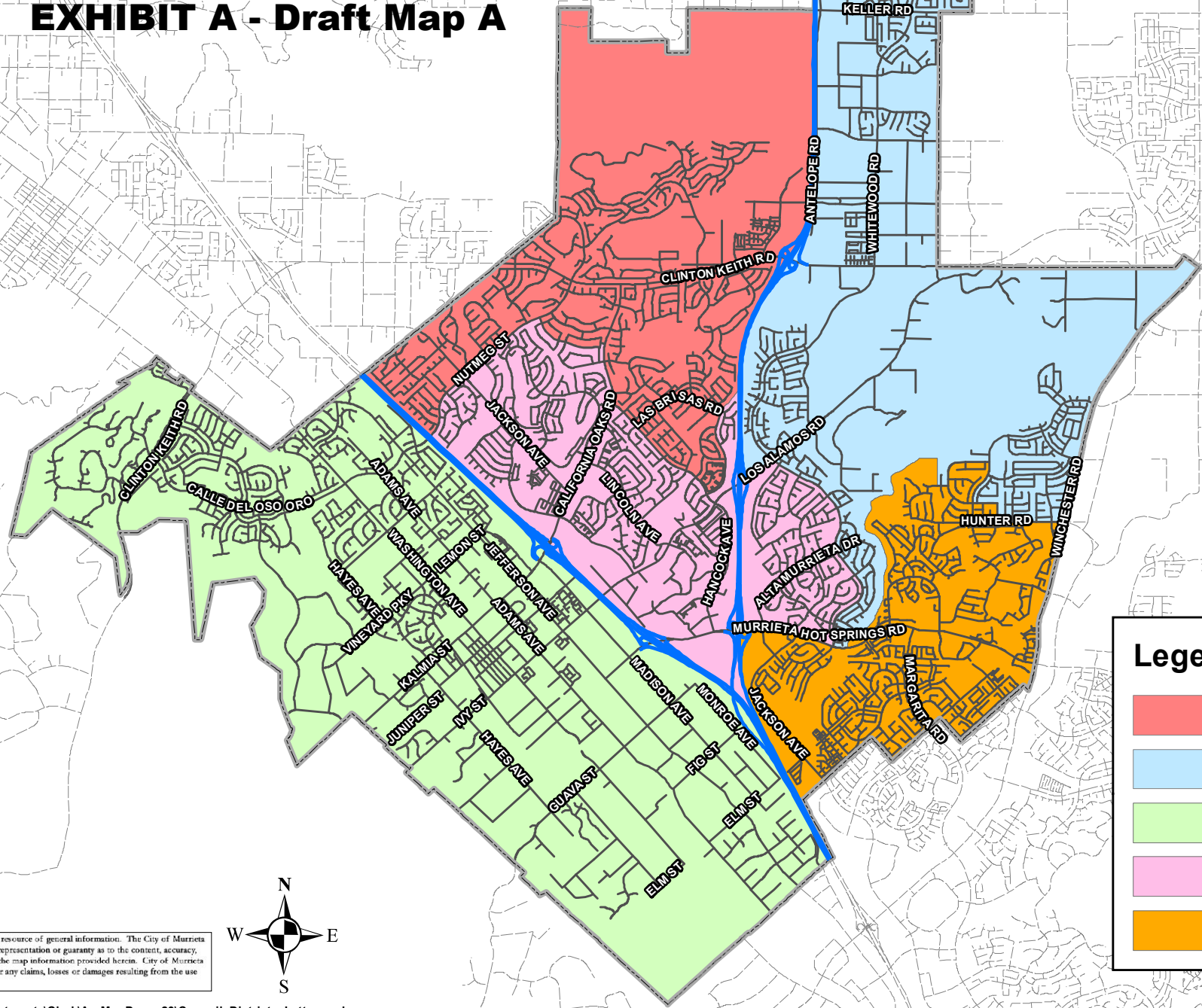
Adopted Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Cristal McDonald, City Clerk

# City Council Districts

## EXHIBIT A - Draft Map A



### Legend

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<span style="display:inline-block; width:20px; height:15px; background-color:lightblue; border:1px solid black;"></span>	District 2
<span style="display:inline-block; width:20px; height:15px; background-color:lightgreen; border:1px solid black;"></span>	District 3
<span style="display:inline-block; width:20px; height:15px; background-color:lightpink; border:1px solid black;"></span>	District 4
<span style="display:inline-block; width:20px; height:15px; background-color:orange; border:1px solid black;"></span>	District 5



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