RESOLUTION NO. 2017-045

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING LINE DRAWING CRITERIA INITIALLY AND FOR ADJUSTING CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AFTER INITIAL ADOPTION

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

WHEREAS, The City Council is considering a change to district-based elections whereby each Member of the City Council 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 approximating five to ten percent may pass muster under the equal protection clause where required to meet an official criteria; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Buenaventura does hereby find, determine, resolve, order and adopt the following criteria to guide the establishment of district for City Council elections:
Section 1: Each City Council District shall contain a nearly equal number of inhabitants; and,

Section 2: City Council District borders shall be drawn in a manner that complies with the Federal Voting Rights Act; and,

Section 3: City Council districts shall consist of contiguous territory in as compact form as possible; and,

Section 4: City Council districts shall respect communities of interest as much as possible; and,

Section 5: City Council district borders shall follow visible natural and man-made geographical and topographical features as much as possible.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of November, 2017.

Erik Nasarenko, Mayor

ATTEST:

Antoinette M. Mann, MMC, CRM
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
GREGORY G. DIAZ, City Attorney

By: 10/31/2017
Gregory G. Diaz
City Attorney
CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  )
COUNTY OF VENTURA   )  SS.
CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA  )

I, ANTOINETTE M. MANN, City Clerk of the City of San Buenaventura, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 2017-045 which was duly and regularly passed and adopted by said City Council at a regular meeting held November 6, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:     Councilmembers La Vere, Weir, Tracy, Heitmann, Monahan, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Mayor Nasarenko

NOES:     None

ABSENT:   None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Buenaventura, California.

Antoinette M. Mann, City Clerk
City of San Buenaventura, California

November 8, 2017
Date Attested