

**ORDINANCE NO. 2934**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL BY SIX DISTRICTS, ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES AND IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF EACH DISTRICT, ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION ORDER OF EACH DISTRICT AND ADDING SECTIONS 2-2 TO 2-3.5 TO THE OXNARD CITY CODE**

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 34886 permits the City Council of any city to change the city's method of election by ordinance to a "by-district" system in which each member of the City Council is elected only by the voters in the district in which the candidate resides, and permits the mayor to continue to be elected at-large, in accordance with Government Code Section 34871, subdivision (c); and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Elections Code Section 10010, a city that changes from an at-large City Council method of election to a by-district City Council method of election requires a total of five public hearings, including at least two public hearings regarding potential district boundaries prior to the release and consideration of any draft district maps, and two public hearings following the release of draft district map(s); and

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oxnard held on November 27, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 15,608 that initiated the process of establishing a by-district election system and adopting the schedule therefore; and

WHEREAS, at the regular and special meeting of the City Council on December 12, 2017 and January 3, 2018, respectively, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010(a)(1), the City Council held public hearings where the public was invited to provide input regarding the composition of the City's districts before any draft maps were drawn, and the City Council considered and discussed the same; and

WHEREAS, at special meetings of the City Council held on January 17, 2018, January 29, 2018 and February 7, 2018 and at a regular meeting of the City Council held on February 20, 2018, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010(a)(2), the City Council held public hearings where the public was invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft maps that had been released at least seven (7) days before each meeting, and the proposed sequence of elections, and the City Council considered and discussed the same; and

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the City Council held on February 20, 2018, the City Council directed staff to draft an ordinance adopting the district map known as Map 635 (attached hereto as Exhibit A) and providing specific sequencing of elections in each of the six districts; and

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the City Council held on February 27, 2018, the City Council held a final public hearing on the proposal to establish district boundaries, reviewed additional public input, formally selected the district map and the election sequence attached to, incorporated into, and set forth in this Ordinance, which was introduced for a first reading at the same regular meeting of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, throughout the foregoing process, the City engaged in a significant amount of public outreach and engagement above and beyond the public hearings and other procedures required by Elections Code Section 10010, including, but not limited to, two additional public hearings, one public workshop and one presentation on the districting process and draft maps to the City's Inter-Neighborhood Council Organization; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to enact, pursuant to California Government Code Section 34886, an ordinance providing for the election of members of the City Council of the City of Oxnard by-district in six single-member districts as reflected in Exhibit A to this Ordinance, with the Mayor continuing to be elected at-large, in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 14025) of Division 14 of the Elections Code) and to implement the guarantees of the California Constitution.

The City Council of the City of Oxnard hereby ordains as follows:

**Section 1.**     Code Amendment. Sections 2-2 through 2-3.5 are hereby added to the Oxnard City Code to read as follows:

"2-2 Declaration of Purpose Regarding District Elections. The City Council of the City of Oxnard hereby declares that the change of method of electing members of this City Council is being made in furtherance of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001.

"2-2.5 City Council Districts Established. Six City Council districts are hereby established in the City of Oxnard. The boundaries and identifying number of each district shall be as described on Map 635 attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated hereby by this reference.

"2-3 Election of Members of the City Council by District.

a.       Following the March 6, 2018 effective date of this Ordinance and upon the commencement of "by district" elections in the order established in Section 2-3.5 of this Code, members of the City Council shall be elected "by district" as defined in California Government Code Section 34871 or any successor statute. No term of any member of the City Council that commenced prior to March 6, 2018 shall be affected by the adoption of Sections 2-2 to 2-3.5 of the Code. The Mayor shall continue to be separately elected on an at-large basis to a two-year term.

b.       Registered voters signing nomination papers or voting for a member of the City Council shall be residents of the geographical area making up the district from which the Member is to be elected.

c.       Except as otherwise provided in Section 2-3.5(B), the terms of the office of each Member elected to the City Council shall remain four (4) years.

“2-3.5 Commencement of District Elections.

(A) Commencing with the general municipal election in November of 2018 and thereafter, the voters in Districts 1, 2 and 5 shall elect members of the City Council by district for full four (4) year terms.

(B) For the general municipal election in November of 2018 only, the voters in District 6 shall elect their Member of the City Council by district for a two-year term.

(C) Commencing with the general municipal election in 2020 and thereafter, the voters in Districts 3, 4 and 6 shall elect Members of the City Council by district for full four (4) year terms.

(D) Pursuant to Elections Code Section 21606, the term of office of any Councilmember who has been elected and whose term of office has not expired shall not be affected by any change in the boundaries of the district from which he or she was elected.”

**Section 2. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect. The Council of the City of Oxnard hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unenforceable.

**Section 3.** The City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the summary thereof to be published within fifteen calendar (15) days of the adoption and shall post a certified copy of this Ordinance, including the vote for and against the same, in the office of the City Clerk, in accordance with Government Code Section 36933. Ordinance No. 2934 was first read on February 27, 2018, finally adopted on March 6th, 2018, to become effective immediately thereafter.

AYES: Councilmembers Flynn, Ramirez, MacDonald and Madrigal.

NOES: Councilmember Perello.

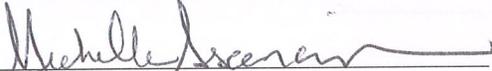
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



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Tim Flynn, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Michelle Ascencion, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

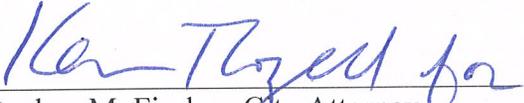
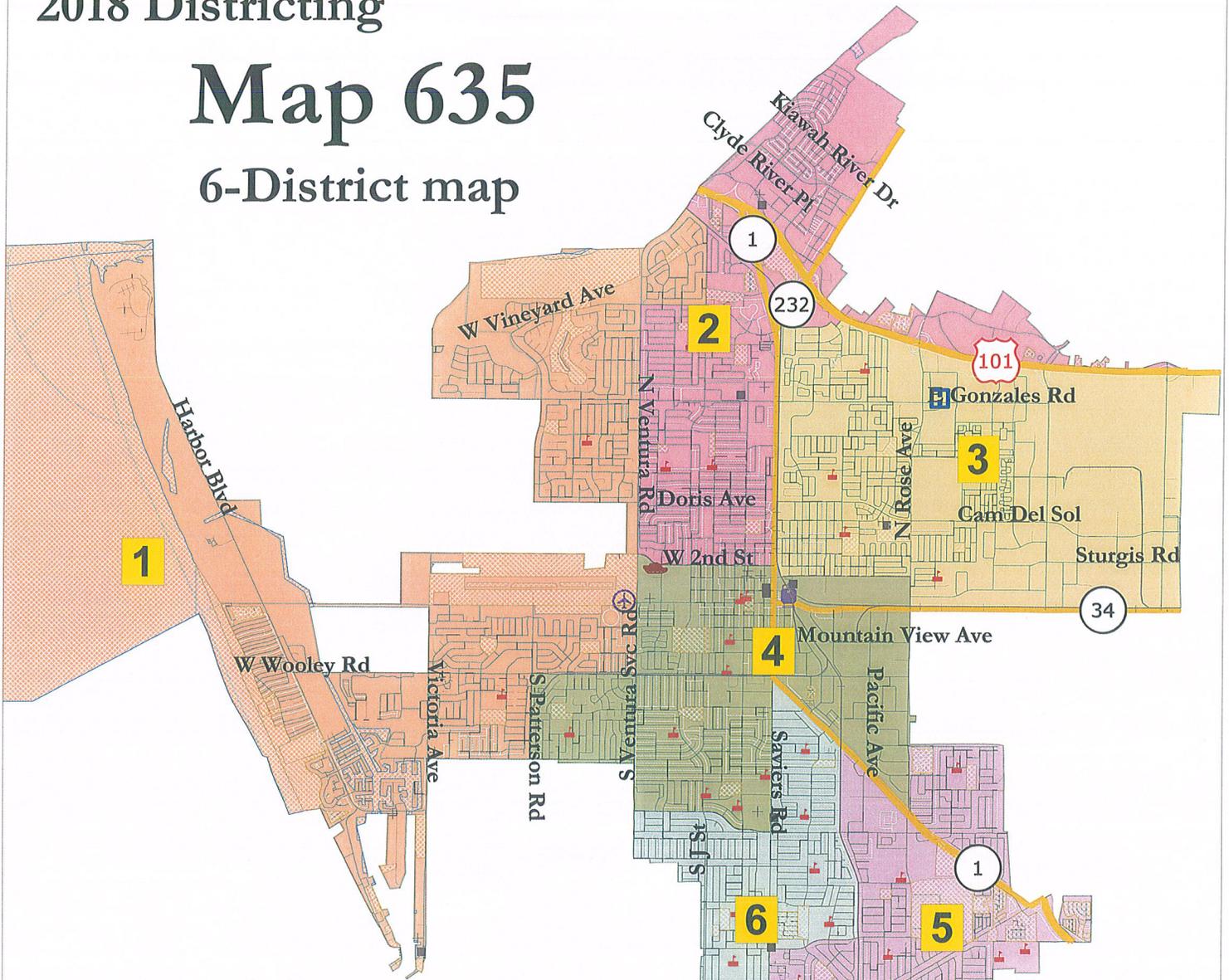
  
Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney

Exhibit A

# City of Oxnard 2018 Districting

## Map 635 6-District map



Map layers	
	635
	Census Block
	Water Area
	Streets
	Landmark Point
	Landmark Area
	Pipeline/Power Line
	Railroad