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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
and
County Commissioners

FROM: Jeffrey J. Newton, County Attorney *JJN*
Shonda White, Assistant County Attorney
Contact: (407) 836-7320

DATE: September 30, 2025

RE: **Public Hearing for Board Meeting on October 14, 2025**
An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners
Pertaining to Elections in Orange County, Florida

I. EXPLANATION & SUMMARY:

During the November 2024 General Election, the voters of Orange County approved an amendment to the Orange County Charter that increased the number of commission districts from six (6) to eight (8). To effectuate this change, the Board of County Commissioners ("BCC") established the Mid-Decennial Redistricting Advisory Committee ("MRAC") to develop a non-binding recommendation on how the existing districts should be reconfigured. On September 16, 2025, the MRAC's two (2) recommended proposals were presented to the BCC during its regularly scheduled meeting.

The BCC must now select a redistricting proposal to adopt, along with an Ordinance amending Section 2-26 (Districts) of Orange County Code.

Individual briefings on this request for an ordinance approval have been scheduled. If any additional information is needed, please contact Shonda White directly at 6-5659.

II. ACTION REQUESTED:

- (A) Approval and adoption of a Map Proposal, inclusive of any modifications that are made during the Public Hearing;
- (B) Approval and Adoption of an Ordinance adopting the new Commission District boundaries, including any amendments that are made during the Public Hearing;

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- (C) Authorize Staff to make any non-substantive changes to boundary lines to account for anomalies identified by the Supervisor of Elections;
- (D) Authorize Staff to make any non-substantive changes to boundary lines to account for Census Block anomalies;
- (E)- Direction to the County Surveyor to prepare legal descriptions for each of the new District boundaries;

Attachment

c: Byron W. Brooks, AICP, County Administrator
Lavon Williams, Esq., AICP, Deputy Director, Community and Family Services Division
Scott Skraban, Deputy Director, Planning, Environmental and Development Services