

EXHIBIT B
DISTRICTING CRITERIA

The Council shall determine the number of districts and the issue of an elected Mayor at-large. Thereafter

1. The boundaries of the electoral districts shall be established so that the electoral districts are equal in population as defined by law.
2. The boundaries of the electoral districts shall not be gerrymandered in violation of the principles established by the United States Supreme Court in *Shaw v. Reno*, 509 U.S. 630 (1993), and its progeny.
3. The boundaries of the electoral districts shall be established so that the electoral districts do not result in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen to vote on account of race or color as provided in Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act.
4. The boundaries of the electoral districts shall observe communities of interest as identified in public comment or identified by the City Council, including, but not social interests; agricultural, industrial or service industry interests; residential and commercial areas, location of city facilities and historical sites, and the like, insofar as practical.
5. The boundaries of the electoral districts shall be compact, insofar as practical.
6. The boundaries of the electoral districts shall be created to contain cohesive, contiguous territory, insofar as practical.
7. The boundaries of the electoral districts may observe topography and geography, such as the existence of mountains, flat land, forest lands, man-made geographical features such as major roadways as natural divisions between districts, insofar as practical.
8. Unless otherwise required by law, the electoral districts shall be created using whole census blocks, insofar as practical.
9. The boundaries of the electoral districts may avoid the “pairing” of incumbents in the same electoral district, insofar as this does not conflict with the constitution and laws of the State of California and the United States.
10. The boundaries of the electoral districts shall comply with such other factors which become known during the districting process and are formally adopted by the City Council.