ORDINANCE NO. 1292

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY, AMENDING TITLE 2 OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE SIMI VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE, CHANGING THE CITY'S ELECTORAL SYSTEM FROM AN AT-LARGE TO A BY-DISTRICT SYSTEM AND ADOPTING A MAP DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES, IDENTIFYING THE NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR EACH ELECTORAL DISTRICT, AND ESTABLISHING SEQUENCING OF ELECTIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the City of Simi Valley ("City") currently elects the members of the City Council using an at-large system of elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 34886, the City Council has the authority to adopt an ordinance changing the system of elections in the City from an at-large elections system to a by-district elections system, and desires to amend its current elections ordinance in the Simi Valley Municipal Code to a by-district election system; and

WHEREAS, the change in method of electing members of the City Council is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (Elections Code Section 14025, *et seq.*) and pursuant to Government Code Section 34886, and this purpose is so declared by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Elections Code Section 10010, the City Council on September 17, 2018, adopted a Resolution of Intention to transition to district-based elections and held the first of a series of four public hearings; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2018, the City held a Community Meeting to offer an additional opportunity for residents to become informed about the process and for the public to provide feedback on potential district composition and criteria; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Elections Code Section 10010, on October 15, 2018 the City Council held a second public hearing in order to receive testimony regarding the potential composition of City Council districts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Elections Code Section 10010, the City Council held a third public hearing during a special City Council meeting on November 14, 2018 and a fourth public hearing during a regular City Council meeting on November 26, 2018, regarding proposed draft maps and to receive proposed draft maps from members of the public; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2018 the City Council selected one of the proposed district maps to establish the City Council electoral districts in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to adopt this Ordinance to establish by-district elections in the City, and to adopt the map describing the boundaries and identifying numbers of each City Council district in the City as well as establishing the sequencing of elections within the districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

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

SECTION 2. Sections 2-4.03 is hereby amended, and Sections 2-4.04 through 2-4.06 are added to Title 2 of Chapter 4 of the City of Simi Valley Municipal Code as shown as Exhibit A, attached hereto.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, adjudicated to a final determination, the City Council finds that said voided part is severable, that the City Council would have adopted the remainder of this Ordinance without the severed and voided part, and that the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance or a summary hereof to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, published in the County of Ventura and circulated in the City, and if applicable, to be posted, in accordance with Section 36933 of the California Government Code; shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause a certified copy of this Ordinance, together with proof of publication, to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this City.

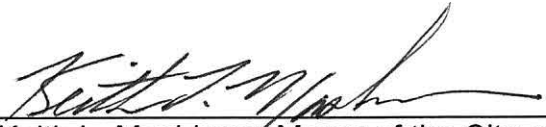SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first (31st) day after its passage.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 10th of December 2018.

Attest:

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Ky Spangler, City Clerk

Keith L. Mashburn, Mayor of the City of Simi Valley, California

Approved as to Form:

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Lonnie J. Eldridge, City Attorney

Approved as to Content:

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Eric J. Levitt, City Manager

CERTIFICATION

I, City Clerk of the City of Simi Valley, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Ordinance No. 1292 which was introduced on November 26, 2018 and adopted by the City Council of the City of Simi Valley, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 10th day of December 2018 by the following vote of the City Council:

AYES:	Council Members Luevanos, Judge, Mayor Pro Tem Cavanaugh and Mayor Mashburn
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Simi Valley, California, this 20th day of December 2018.

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Ky Spangler
City Clerk

2-4.03 - <u>Certain prior</u> T̶terms of office.

As a result of the change in election days as set forth in this chapter, the terms of all elected City officers, which terms would have expired in April 1984, shall be extended until no later than the fourth Tuesday after the day of the general municipal election.

2-4.04 - District-based electoral system.

(a)   Pursuant to the authority provided by Government Code Section 34886, members of the City Council shall be elected by-district in four (4) single-member districts. Members of the City Council shall be elected by-district as the term is defined in Government Code Section 34871, meaning one member of the City Council shall be elected from each district by the voters of that district alone. Each member of the City Council shall serve a four-year term until a successor is qualified or the member's seat becomes vacant. The Mayor shall continue to be separately elected on an at-large basis to a two-year term.

(b)   Pursuant to Government Code Section 34882, the City Council Member elected to represent a district must reside in that district and be a registered voter in that district, and any candidate for City Council must reside in, and be a registered voter in, the district in which he or she seeks election at the time nomination papers are issued, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10227.

2-4.05 - City Council districts established.

(a)   The boundaries and identifying number of each of the four (4) City Council districts shall be as described on the City Council District Map attached hereto as Attachment A, and incorporated herein by this reference.

(b)   The City Council districts herein established shall continue in effect until they are amended or repealed in accordance with law. The boundaries of City Council districts shall be reapportioned from time to time as required by the Elections Code, or any other applicable law.

2-4.06 - Implementation of by-district elections.

(a)   The by-district system of elections shall be implemented, beginning at the general municipal election held in November 2020, as follows:

(1)   Members of the City Council shall be elected in Districts 1 and 3 beginning at the general municipal election November 2020 to a four-year term, and every four years thereafter; and

(2)   Members of the City Council shall be elected in Districts 2 and 4 beginning at the general municipal election November 2022 to a four-year term, and every four years thereafter.

(b)   No term of any member of the City Council commencing on or before December 2018 shall be affected by the adoption of this Ordinance.

Simi Valley
2018 Districting

Map 404b

Big Sky Park

Mair Ranch

Oak Park

Simi Valley Sanitary Landfill

Houghton Schreiber Park

Township Ave

Yosemite Ave

Chumash Park

E Jefferson Way

Sand Canyon Rd

Atherwood Park

Ave Simi

Alamo St

Rancho Tapo Community Park

Simi Hills Neighborhood Park & Fishing Pond

Mayfair Park

118

E Cochran St

Cochran St

Sycamore Sq

1

118

Steamb St

Tierra Rejada Park

E Easy St

Union Pacific RR

Sycamore Plz

Sequoia Park

Verde Park

Kuehner Dr

118

Stargaze Park

Arroyo Park

E Los Angeles Ave

Patricia Ave

Center Point Plz

Tapo St

2

Crest Mobile Home Vlg

Foothill Park

3

Sycamore Drive Community Ctr

Darrah Volunteer Park

Corriganville Regional Pk

Royal Ave

Frontier Park

Suzana Woods Prestige Mobile Home Park

Ronald Reagan Presidential Lbry

Lincoln Park

Grasson Ave

Assumption Cmtry

Sycamore Park

Rancho Madera Community Park

Clubhouse

Sinaloa Rd

First St

4

Sunnydale Ave

Long Canyon Rd

Albertson Fire Rd

5

City of Simi Valley - Map 404b						
District		1	2	3	4	Total
Ideal	Total Pop	31,049	30,652	31,520	31,016	124,237
31,059	Deviation from ideal	-10	-407	461	-43	868
	% Deviation	-0.03%	-1.31%	1.48%	-0.14%	2.79%
Total Pop	% Hisp	18%	23%	36%	16%	23%
	% NH White	66%	63%	51%	71%	63%
	% NH Black	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
	% Asian-American	13%	10%	10%	9%	11%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	22,781	22,618	20,341	22,760	88,500
	% Hisp	15%	21%	28%	13%	19%
	% NH White	72%	67%	60%	79%	70%
	% NH Black	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	10%	8%	8%	7%	8%
Voter Registration (Nov 2016)	Total	18,575	18,092	15,351	19,708	71,726
	% Latino est.	13%	19%	24%	12%	17%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	12%	17%	22%	11%	15%
	% Asian-Surnamed	5%	3%	3%	4%	4%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% NH White est.	78%	74%	68%	82%	76%
	% NH Black	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2016)	Total	15,298	14,559	12,135	16,478	58,470
	% Latino est.	12%	18%	23%	12%	16%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	11%	16%	20%	11%	14%
	% Asian-Surnamed	5%	3%	3%	4%	4%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% NH White est.	79%	75%	70%	83%	77%
	% NH Black	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2014)	Total	8,317	7,158	5,755	8,916	30,146
	% Latino est.	9%	11%	15%	8%	11%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	8%	10%	14%	7%	10%
	% Asian-Surnamed	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% NH White est.	84%	83%	78%	87%	84%
	% NH Black est.	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
ACS Pop. Est.	Total	31,714	32,048	31,717	30,706	126,185
Age	age0-19	25%	25%	26%	24%	25%
	age20-60	54%	55%	58%	55%	55%
	age60plus	21%	20%	16%	21%	20%
Immigration	immigrants	17%	20%	22%	16%	18%
	naturalized	67%	59%	49%	68%	60%
Language spoken at home	english	79%	72%	66%	80%	74%
	spanish	10%	16%	26%	10%	15%
	asian-lang	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%
	other lang	5%	6%	4%	5%	5%
Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	6%	9%	13%	4%	8%
Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	58%	63%	63%	51%	59%
	bachelor	24%	20%	14%	27%	21%
	graduatedegree	12%	8%	8%	16%	11%
Child in Household	child-under18	34%	32%	36%	29%	33%
Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	63%	64%	66%	63%	64%
Household Income	income 0-25k	9%	14%	11%	7%	10%
	income 25-50k	14%	17%	16%	11%	14%
	income 50-75k	13%	18%	20%	14%	16%
	income 75-200k	51%	44%	47%	48%	47%
	income 200k-plus	14%	7%	7%	20%	12%
Housing Stats	single family	87%	80%	81%	85%	83%
	multi-family	13%	20%	19%	15%	17%
	rented	23%	33%	33%	22%	28%
	owned	77%	67%	67%	78%	72%

Total population data from the 2010 Decennial Census.

Surname-based Voter Registration and Turnout data from the California Statewide Database.

Latino voter registration and turnout data are Spanish-surname counts adjusted using Census Population Department undercount estimates. NH White and NH Black registration and turnout counts estimated by NDC. Citizen Voting Age Pop., Age, Immigration, and other demographics from the 2012-2016 American Community Survey and Special Tabulation 5-year data.