



**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY**  
**MORENO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
**CITY AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR THE**  
**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF**  
**THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY**  
**MORENO VALLEY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**January 9, 2018**

**STUDY SESSION – 6:00 PM**

**City Council Study Sessions**

Second Tuesday of each month – 6:00 p.m.

**City Council Meetings**

Special Presentations – 5:30 P.M.

First & Third Tuesday of each month – 6:00 p.m.

**City Council Closed Session**

*Will be scheduled as needed at 4:30 p.m.*

City Hall Council Chamber – 14177 Frederick Street

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Victoria Baca, Mayor Pro Tem  
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Dr. Yxstian A. Gutierrez, Mayor

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**\*THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVES A SEPARATE STIPEND FOR CSD  
MEETINGS\***

**STUDY SESSION – 6:00 PM  
JANUARY 9, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA ONLY**

There is a three-minute time limit per person. Please complete and submit a BLUE speaker slip to the City Clerk. All remarks and questions shall be addressed to the presiding officer or to the City Council.

**A. BUSINESS**

- A.1. Discussion on General Plan Update Purpose and Process (Report of: Community Development)
- A.2. CONCEPTUAL DISCUSSION REGARDING OPTIONS TO EXPAND THE MORENO VALLEY CITY COUNCIL (Report of: City Manager)
- A.3. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**(ITEMS MAY BE DEFERRED BY COUNCIL IF TIME DOES NOT PERMIT FULL REVIEW.)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Pat Jacquez-Nares, City Clerk of the City of Moreno Valley, California, certify that 72 hours prior to this Study Session, the City Council Agenda was posted on the City's website at: [www.moval.org](http://www.moval.org) and in the following three public places pursuant to City of Moreno Valley Resolution No. 2007-40:

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25075 Fir Avenue

Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC & CERA  
City Clerk

Date Posted: January 4, 2018



## Report to City Council

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**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Thomas M. DeSantis, City Manager  
Thomas M. DeSantis, City Manager

**AGENDA DATE:** January 9, 2018

**TITLE:** CONCEPTUAL DISCUSSION REGARDING OPTIONS TO  
EXPAND THE MORENO VALLEY CITY COUNCIL

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

#### **Recommendation:**

1. That the City Council receive the information presented in this report and provide guidance to staff as may be deemed appropriate by the Council.

### **SUMMARY**

This report has been prepared to facilitate City Council discussion regarding potential options to expand the Moreno Valley City Council to comprise six Council Members along with the Directly Elected Mayor.

The item has been agendized at the request of two members of the City Council, consistent with the Rules of Procedure for City Council Meetings which were in effect prior to adoption of Resolution 2017-47 on August 15, 2017.

### **DISCUSSION**

In November 2014, Moreno Valley voters created the office of Citywide directly-elected Mayor, along with a Redistricting plan that divides the City into four City Council Districts. The City Council has been constituted in this manner since the general election of 2016.

Govt. Code §34871 et seq. allows the City Council of a General Law City to be comprised of a Directly Elected Mayor along with either four, six or eight Council Members. To modify the current configuration of Moreno Valley's City Council, the law requires that certain ballot questions and an ordinance be submitted to the voters for

their approval. That ordinance “shall state the number of legislative districts, describe the boundaries of each, number them, and state whether members of the legislative body shall be elected ... by or from districts except for an elective mayor,” who shall be elected at large. (Govt. Code § 34871-34872)

### **Process**

Before being presented to voters, any proposed Ordinance to amend the City Council’s current five-member configuration must first be submitted to the Planning Commission to make the following findings by resolution within ninety (90) days of submission of the proposed ordinance to the City Clerk:

1. The boundaries of each proposed district close.
2. No legislative district is eliminated prior to the termination of office of the sitting Council Member from that district; and
3. The effect of the proposed redistricting does not result in a greater number of Council Members serving concurrently than authorized by the proposed ordinance [Govt. Code §§ 34875-34876].

Following the action by the Planning Commission, the proposed ordinance would be brought to the City Council, along with proposed ballot measures, for direction to submit the measures to the Riverside County Registrar of Voters to be included in the next municipal general election, or special election held for that purpose. The City Council would be required to take such an action no later than 88 days prior to the date of the election. (Govt. Code § 34871; Elections Code § 9222)

If voters were to approve a measure to reconfigure the City Council at a municipal general election, any additional City Council seats would be added at the next succeeding municipal general election. Additional actions may also be required to ensure that the number of Council Members up for election (via staggered terms) at each municipal general election remains equalized pursuant to Government Code section 34906.

Should the City Council wish to pursue this process, staff would provide the specific list of steps and associated timelines required to place a measure on the ballot and to institute a new structure if approved by a majority of voters.

### **Cost Factors**

Redistricting: Costs for consultant work to develop revised City Council districts are estimated at approximately \$45,000 to \$59,000 based upon the City’s most recent redistricting process in 2014. The scope of these services will ultimately determine costs, and the extent to which the effort would be consistent with the previous process. Updated projections could be developed as the scope of work is refined. Because funding for a redistricting effort has not been included in the adopted Budget, an appropriation from Reserves would be

required.

**Election:** The Registrar of Voters has informed the City Clerk that election costs could range from \$59,000 to \$69,000.

**New Council**

**Districts:** In 2010, City staff developed costs estimates for costs associated with various reorganization scenarios. The information presented under "Scenario 2" in Attachment 1 includes a table of proposed costs estimated at that time. One-time costs were estimated at just over \$40,000 for construction of additional offices and acquisition of associated furnishings. Ongoing costs were estimated at approximately \$175,000 to reflect costs for salaries and benefits for additional Council Members as well as administrative staff required to support a larger number of elected officials.

It must be stressed that the 2010 cost data has not been updated, but is provided solely to give the City Council a general idea as to the ongoing costs associated with an expanded City Council. Should the City Council wish to pursue this concept, staff would undertake a detailed analysis to provide refined cost projections.

Staff is fully prepared to undertake additional research and provide specific implementation recommendations should the City Council wish to pursue expansion of the Moreno Valley City Council to comprise six Council Members along with the Directly Elected Mayor.

### **PREPARATION OF STAFF REPORT**

Department Head Approval:  
Thomas M. DeSantis  
City Manager

### **CITY COUNCIL GOALS**

None

### **CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

- 1. Economic Development**
- 2. Public Safety**
- 3. Library**
- 4. Infrastructure**
- 5. Beautification, Community Engagement, and Quality of Life**
- 6. Youth Programs**

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

**APPROVALS**

Budget Officer Approval	<u>✓ Approved</u>	1/04/18 1:19 PM
City Attorney Approval	<u>✓ Approved</u>	1/04/18 2:01 PM
City Manager Approval	<u>✓ Approved</u>	1/04/18 12:29 PM