

CITY OF BELLFLOWER

ORDINANCE NO. 1410

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING DISTRICT MAPS FOR THE CITY OF
BELLFLOWER'S BY-DISTRICT ELECTIONS**

THE CITY COUNCIL DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council finds and determines as follows:

- A. Public Hearings were held on April 26, 2021 and June 28, 2021, to receive public input regarding the composition of the City's voting districts before any draft maps were drawn;
- B. Public Hearings were then held on October 11, 2021 and October 25, 2021, where the public was invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft maps;
- C. On October 25, 2021, the City Council held a final public hearing on the proposal to establish district boundaries, reviewed additional public input, formally selected the voting district map and the election sequence attached to, incorporated in, and set forth in this Ordinance; and
- D. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Elections Code §§ 21600 – 21609 to provide for election of members of the City Council of the City of Bellflower by-district in five single-member districts as reflected in Exhibit "A" to this Ordinance to implement the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (Elections Code § 14025, *et seq.*) and protect the guarantees of the California Constitution.

SECTION 2. Council District Map; Implementation.

- A. A map showing the Council Districts is attached as Exhibit "A," and incorporated by reference.
- B. The City Clerk is authorized to make technical adjustments to the district boundaries that do not substantively affect the populations in the districts, the eligibility of candidates, or the residence of elected officials within any district. The City Clerk must consult with the City Manager and City Attorney concerning any technical adjustments deemed necessary and advise the City Council of any such adjustments required in the implementation of the districts.

SECTION 3. *Environmental Assessment.* The City Council finds that the Ordinance is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment. Adopting this Ordinance will not have the effect of deleting or substantially changing any regulatory standards or required findings. This Ordinance would not result in any development or changes to the physical environment. Following an evaluation of possible adverse impacts, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 4. *Construction.* This Ordinance must be broadly construed in order to achieve the purposes stated in this Ordinance. It is the City Council's intent that the provisions of this Ordinance be interpreted or implemented by the City and others in a manner that facilitates the purposes set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. *Enforceability.* Repeal of any provision of the BMC does not affect any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred before, or preclude prosecution and imposition of penalties for any violation occurring before this Ordinance's effective date. Any such repealed part will remain in full force and effect for sustaining action or prosecuting violations occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. *Validity of Previous Code Sections.* If this entire Ordinance or its application is deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, any repeal or amendment of the BMC or other city ordinance by this Ordinance will be rendered void and cause such previous BMC provision or other the city ordinance to remain in full force and effect for all purposes.

SECTION 7. *Reliance on Record.* Each and every one of the findings and determinations in this Ordinance are based on the competent and substantial evidence, both oral and written, contained in the entire record relating to the project. The findings and determinations constitute the independent findings and determinations of the City Council in all respects and are fully and completely supported by substantial evidence in the record as a whole.

SECTION 8. *Limitations.* The City Council's analysis and evaluation of the project is based on the best information currently available. It is inevitable that in evaluating a project that absolute and perfect knowledge of all possible aspects of the project will not exist. One of the major limitations on analysis of the project is the City Council's lack of knowledge of future events. In all instances, best efforts have been made to form accurate assumptions. Somewhat related to this are limitations on the City's ability to solve what are in effect regional, state, and National problems and issues. The City must work within the political framework within which it exists and with the limitations inherent in that framework.

SECTION 9. *Severability.* If any part of this Ordinance or its application is deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the City Council intends that such invalidity will not affect the effectiveness of the remaining provisions or applications and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

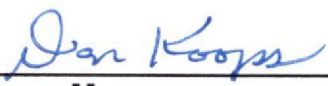
SECTION 10. *Electronic Signatures.* This Ordinance may be executed with electronic signatures in accordance with Government Code §16.5. Such electronic signatures will be treated in all respects as having the same effect as an original signature.

SECTION 11. *Summaries of Information.* All summaries of information in the findings, which precede this section, are based on the substantial evidence in the record. The absence of any particular fact from any such summary is not an indication that a particular finding is not based in part on that fact.

SECTION 12. The City Clerk, or her duly appointed deputy, is directed to certify the passage and adoption of this Ordinance; cause it to be entered into the City of Bellflower's book of original ordinances; make a note of the passage and adoption in the records of this meeting; and, within fifteen (15) days after the passage and adoption of this Ordinance, cause it to be published or posted in accordance with California law.


SECTION 13. *Effective Date.* This Ordinance will take effect on the 30th day following its final passage and adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 1410 HAD ITS FIRST READING ON OCTOBER 25, 2021, ITS SECOND READING ON NOVEMBER 8, 2021, AND WAS DULY PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER AT ITS REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2021.



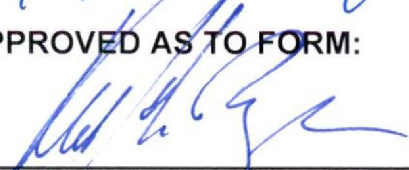
Dan Koops, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karl H. Berger, City Attorney

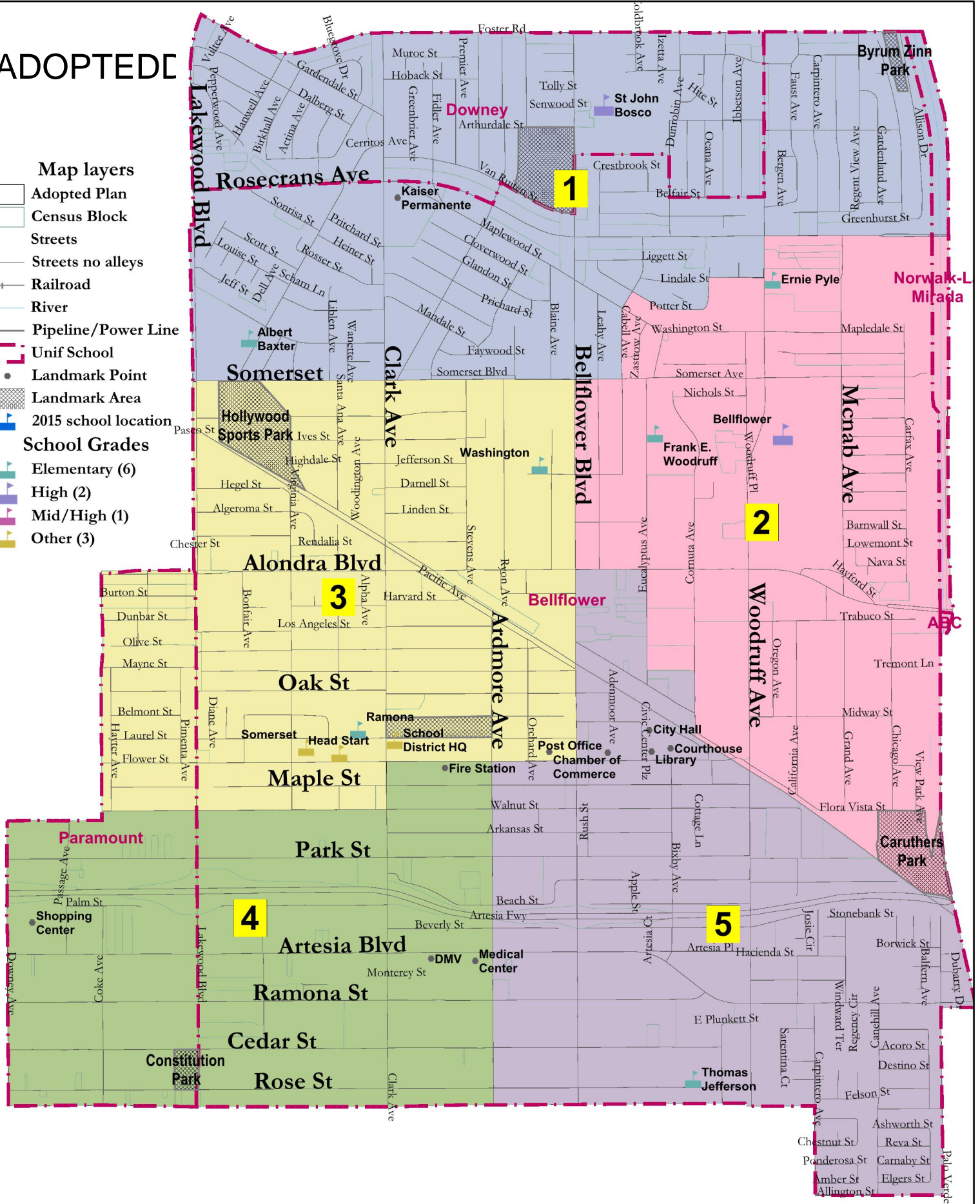
ATTACHMENT:

Exhibit A – Council District Map

CITY OF BELLFLOWER

ADOPTED PLAN

- Map layers**
- Adopted Plan
 - Census Block
 - Streets
 - Streets no alleys
 - Railroad
 - River
 - Pipeline/Power Line
 - Unif School
 - Landmark Point
 - Landmark Area
 - 2015 school location
- School Grades**
- Elementary (6)
 - High (2)
 - Mid/High (1)
 - Other (3)




STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF BELLFLOWER)

I, **Mayra Ochiqui**, City Clerk of the City of Bellflower, California, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Ordinance No. 1410 had its first reading on October 25, 2021, its second reading on November 8, 2021, and was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its Regular Meeting of November 8, 2021, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Council Members – Santa Ines, Dunton, Hamada, Sanchez and Mayor Koops

Ordinance No. 1410 was posted at City Hall, the Clifton M. Brakensiek Library, the Bellflower Sheriff's Substation, John S. Simms Park, Ruth Caruthers Park, and T. Mayne Thompson Park; and the title, effective date, and vote will be published on Thursday, November 18, 2021, in the Public Notices Section of the *Herald American*, pursuant to Government Code Section 36933.

Dated: November 9, 2021



Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk
City of Bellflower, California

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