1. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: a conceptual redistricting timeline for proposed Commission District maps.

Summary: In anticipation of this year’s Redistricting Process, County Administration gathered the pertinent County interested parties, including the School District and Palm Beach County departments: Administration, Attorney’s Office, Public Affairs, County Information Systems Services and the Planning Division to discuss the 2021 Redistricting Process. Staff is coordinating with the legal consultant who has worked on previous redistricting updates for the County and will be bringing forward a contract to the Board. The redistricting team drafted a conceptual timeline for this year’s Redistricting Process. The Census Bureau previously announced that the statutory deadline for the delivery of apportionment data was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and anomalies found in the census data. The redistricting data used for redrawing districts was originally scheduled for release by April 1, 2021 but is now anticipated to be released no later than September 2021. This delay will significantly compress the timeline for Staff and the Consultant to develop updated Commission District boundaries, which is required by Florida Statute to be completed in an odd-numbered year. This conceptual timeline provides a guideline for anticipated events this year. Countywide (RPB)

Background & Policy Issues: Chapter 124, Florida Statutes requires County Commissioners from time to time to amend the boundaries of Commission Districts to maintain them as nearly equal in proportion to population as possible, provided changes made in the boundary of Commission Districts, pursuant to Statute, shall be made only in odd-number years. Redistricting data was originally anticipated to be released by April 1, 2021, but is now expected in September 2021. Thus far the State Legislature has not proposed an extension to the deadline for the adoption of new Commission District boundaries. Staff has coordinated with the Palm Beach School District and developed an analysis of population trends for each Commission District using American Community Survey (ACS) data in preparation for release of the 2020 Census data.

Attachments: 1. Conceptual Redistricting Timeline

Recommended By: Assistant County Administrator

Approved By: County Administrator

Date: 4/28/21

Date: 4/30/21
II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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Is Item Included in Current Budget?  Yes  No X
Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes  No X

Budget Account No:
Fund  Agency  Organization  Object

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

B. Legal Sufficiency

Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review

Department Director

(This SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)
Conceptual Redistricting Timeline

2018-2020 Previous Events:

- **Summer 2018 - October 15, 2020**: County staff preparation for the 2020 Census, including outreach efforts and municipal support to increase response rates, utilize local knowledge, expertise and influence and bring together community members

- **October 15, 2020**: 2020 Census response deadline

- **February – April 2021**: Staff coordination with partners, including the Palm Beach County School District and analysis of population trends in each Commission District between 2010 and 2019

2021 Conceptual Timeline:

- **June 8 or 15, 2021 (BCC Regular Meeting)**: BCC approval of contract for consulting services for proposed Commission District boundaries and Board direction regarding redistricting criteria to be use

- **Summer/Fall 2021**: Staff and Consultant establish redistricting program and parameters

- **September 2021**: U.S. Census Bureau releases 2020 Census Redistricting Data

- **November 2, 2021 (BCC Regular Meeting)**: BCC review of conceptual maps

- **November 23, 2021 (BCC Workshop)**: Permission to advertise an ordinance amending Commission District boundaries

- **December 7, 2021 (BCC Regular Meeting)**: BCC adoption of an ordinance amending Commission District boundaries