

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE TAKING A POSITION ON PROPOSITION 50 (“ELECTION RIGGING RESPONSE ACT”), A STATE BALLOT MEASURE THAT IS QUALIFIED FOR THE CALIFORNIA SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2, Clause 3, of the United States Constitution mandates a census to be completed every ten years; and

WHEREAS, after the United States Census is completed, states typically draw new congressional district maps to reflect their number of House representatives and where each person lives, in a process known as “redistricting;” and

WHEREAS, in August 2025, the Texas Legislature passed a bill to complete an unprecedented mid-decade redistricting process which would adopt new maps for the 2026 elections; and

WHEREAS, lawmakers in other states, including Florida and Missouri, are considering similar mid-decade redistricting efforts which dilutes the representation of California residents in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the outcome of the 2026 elections for United States House of Representatives will determine control of Congress and shape critical policies affecting the nation, California, and each political subdivision therein; and

WHEREAS, in response to the bill signed into law in Texas and the efforts of other states, the California Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom have called for a special

election and placed Proposition 50, the Election Rigging Response Act, on the November 4, 2025, ballot; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50 would replace California's current congressional district maps with new, legislatively drawn maps, in accordance with federal law; and

WHEREAS, under Proposition 50, California would utilize the legislatively drawn maps for congressional elections starting in 2026 until the California Citizens Redistricting Commission draws new district maps, following the 2030 U.S. Census; and

WHEREAS, the San José City Council desires to formally memorialize support for Proposition 50 ahead of the November 4, 2025, statewide special election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City Council hereby takes the following position on a State ballot measure that is qualified for the California special election on November 4, 2025:

Proposition 50: Authorizes temporary changes to congressional district maps in response to Texas' partisan redistricting. Legislative Constitutional Amendment. ("Election Rigging Response Act") – SUPPORT.

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ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

MATT MAHAN
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, MMC
City Clerk