



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Candelas
Councilmember Cohen
Councilmember Ortiz
Councilmember Campos
Councilmember Tordillos

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 10/09/2025

APPROVED:

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT ON STATE PROPOSITION 50

RECOMMENDATION

Direct the City Attorney to draft resolution of support on behalf of the San Jose City Council for State Proposition 50 (*The Election Rigging Response Act*).

ANALYSIS:

As the largest city in Silicon Valley and one of California's most diverse communities, the City of San Jose should protect the principle of fair representation. We believe strongly that the city should stand up for democracy and take an official stand in support of Proposition 50 on the November 2025 ballot, also known as the *Election Rigging Response Act*. Proposition 50 offers a countermeasure: a temporary, emergency legislative redrawing of California's congressional districts in response to these assaults on representative democracy. San Jose, and California more broadly, should not be passive observers while other states weaponize the redrawing of electoral lines to silence or diminish the power of certain communities. We're encouraged by cities and counties endorsing Proposition 50 such as the Counties of Marin, Napa, San Mateo, San Francisco and the Cities of Palo Alto and Los Angeles.

Proposition 50 would apply only to the congressional maps for the 2026, 2028, and 2030 elections. After the 2030 census, redistricting authority would revert to the independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission. This measure does not permanently dismantle the commission — it is a targeted and time-limited response to extraordinary circumstances.

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As a city, San Jose has long championed open governance, equitable civic participation, and responsiveness by public officials. Supporting Proposition 50 is consistent with those values.

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