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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Dylan Reingold, County Attorney

DATE: August 9, 2021

SUBJECT: County Commissioner Districts – Proposed 2021 Redistricting Plan

At the July 13, 2021 meeting, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) held its first discussion of the redistricting process. A schedule was adopted which called for the first public hearing by the Board to be held on August 17, 2021, to discuss redistricting plans and criteria, to solicit public input, and to adopt a final plan setting forth the criteria upon which the new districts will be based. Attached to this memo is the proposed redistricting plan. The primary purpose of the plan is (1) to list the criteria to be used by staff in preparing preliminary and final district boundaries, and (2) to inform the public of the redistricting process, criteria and schedule.

The criteria listed in the proposed plan are those commonly used by counties throughout Florida. Using these criteria, the plan calls for an equalization of population among the districts, with deviations of no more than 3% from the ideal population (total population of the county divided by five) and 6% from the smallest to the largest district. The plan incorporates the schedule adopted at the July 13, 2021 meeting.

The next step in the redistricting process will be to have County staff, working with the Supervisor of Elections and municipal representatives who wish to participate, develop conceptual district maps. This will be followed by a second public hearing held by the Board to discuss the conceptual maps, solicit public input, and provide final instructions to staff for the development of a final proposed map, with the goal of adopting that final plan on December 7, 2021.

FUNDING.

Work will be performed by County and Supervisor of Elections staff. The Supervisor of Elections has already included anticipated redistricting costs in the proposed FY 2021 – 2022 budget.

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RECOMMENDATION.

The County Attorney recommends that the Chairman open the public hearing, take input from the public, and then close the public hearing, and that the Board then consider adoption of the proposed redistricting plan.

ATTACHMENT(S).

Proposed Redistricting Plan