

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA, ADDING
CHAPTER 1.17 ENTITLED “CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICTS” TO THE MERCED MUNICIPAL
CODE**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES ORDAIN
AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF CHAPTER 1.17. Chapter 1.17 “City Council Districts” is added to the Merced Municipal Code to read as follows:

**“CHAPTER 1.17
CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS**

Sections:

- 1.17.010 Manner of Drawing City Council Districts.**
1.17.020 Drawing of City Council Districts.
1.17.030 Election Dates for City Council Districts.

1.17.010 Manner of Drawing City Council Districts.

Pursuant to Section 400(E) of the Charter, the City is required to draw Council districts by ordinance. Pursuant to Section 400(A) of the Charter, there are to be six single-member districts with the Council Members elected by district and the Mayor elected at-large.

1.17.020 Drawing of City Council Districts.

A. The City Council hereby selects the [*Belluomini North Adjusted* OR *NDC C North Adjusted*] Plan as the boundaries for the three City Council districts for that portion of the City of Merced located north of the

Burlington/Santa Fe Railroad. A true and correct copy of the [*Belluomini North Adjusted* OR *NDC C North Adjusted*] Plan shall remain on file in the City Clerk's Office.

B. The City Council hereby selects the [*NDC C South Adjusted* OR *Palma South Adjusted*] Plan as the boundaries for the three City Council districts for that portion of the City of Merced located south of the Burlington/Santa Fe Railroad. A true and correct copy of the [*NDC C South Adjusted* OR *Palma South Adjusted*] Plan shall remain on file in the City Clerk's Office.

C. City staff is directed to prepared legal descriptions that are consistent with the [*Belluomini North Adjusted* OR *NDC C North Adjusted*] Plan and the [*NDC C South Adjusted* OR *Palma South Adjusted*] Plan and shall forward said legal descriptions to the County of Merced for use in subsequent City of Merced City Council elections. No subsequent City Council action shall be necessary to confirm the validity of these legal descriptions.

1.17.030 Election Dates for City Council Districts

A. The initial election date for District 1 shall be in [*2016* or *2018*] and every four years thereafter.

B. The initial election date for District 2 shall be in [*2016* or *2018*] and every four years thereafter.

C. The initial election date for District 3 shall be in [*2016* or *2018*] and every four years thereafter.

D. The initial election date for District 4 shall be in [*2016* or *2018*] and every four years thereafter.

E. The initial election date for District 5 shall be in [*2016* or *2018*] and every four years thereafter.

F. The initial election date for District 6 shall be in [2016 or 2018] and every four years thereafter.”

SECTION 2. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT MAPS.

A. The [*Belluomini North Adjusted* OR *NDC C North Adjusted*] Plan for the City Council district boundaries north of the Burlington/Santa Fe Railroad is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

B. The [*NDC C South Adjusted* OR *Palma South Adjusted*] Plan for the City Council district boundaries south of the Burlington/Santa Fe Railroad is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 3. FORWARDING CERTIFIED COPY OF ORDINANCE TO COUNTY OF MERCED. City staff is directed to provide a certified copy of this Ordinance to the County of Merced for use in subsequent City of Merced City Council elections.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION. The City Clerk is directed to cause a summary of this Ordinance to be published in the official newspaper at least once within fifteen (15) days after its adoption showing the vote thereon.

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The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Merced on the ____ day of _____, 2015, and was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2015, by the following called vote:

AYES: **Council Members:**

NOES: **Council Members:**

ABSTAIN: **Council Members:**

ABSENT: **Council Members:**

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:
JOHN M. BRAMBLE, CITY CLERK

BY: _____
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RANDOLPH S. HOM, CITY ATTORNEY

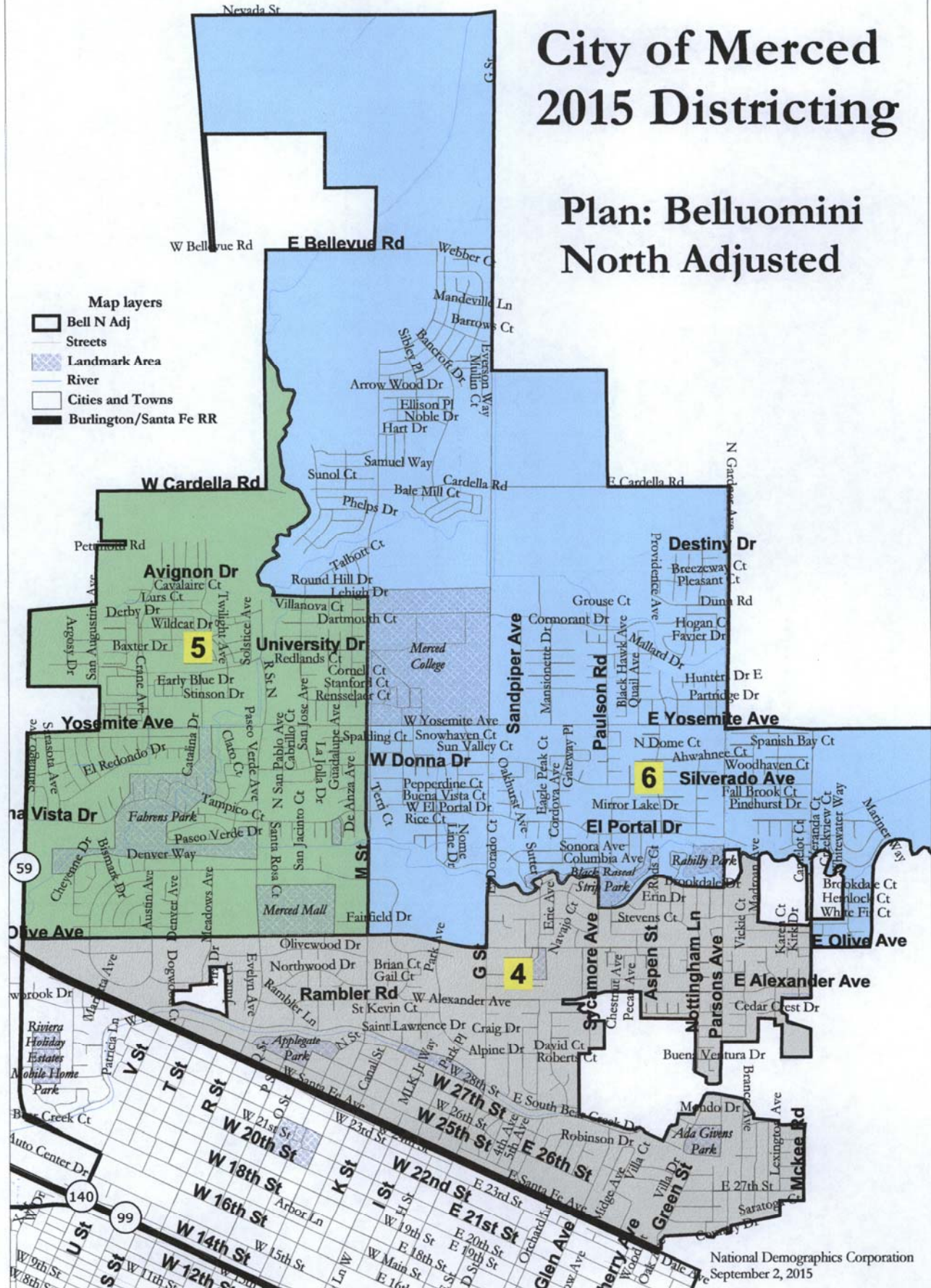
Ra Agel *9/24/15*
City Attorney **Date**

Exhibit A

[Note: Both the Belluomini North Adjusted and NDC C North Adjusted Plans for the City Council district boundaries north of the Burlington/Santa Fe Railroad are attached behind this page for reference purposes only. Once the City Council selects one of the district boundary maps for this area, then that particular map selected by the City Council will be included as Exhibit A in the executed version of this Ordinance.]

City of Merced 2015 Districting

Plan: Belluomini North Adjusted



Plan: NDC C
North Adjusted

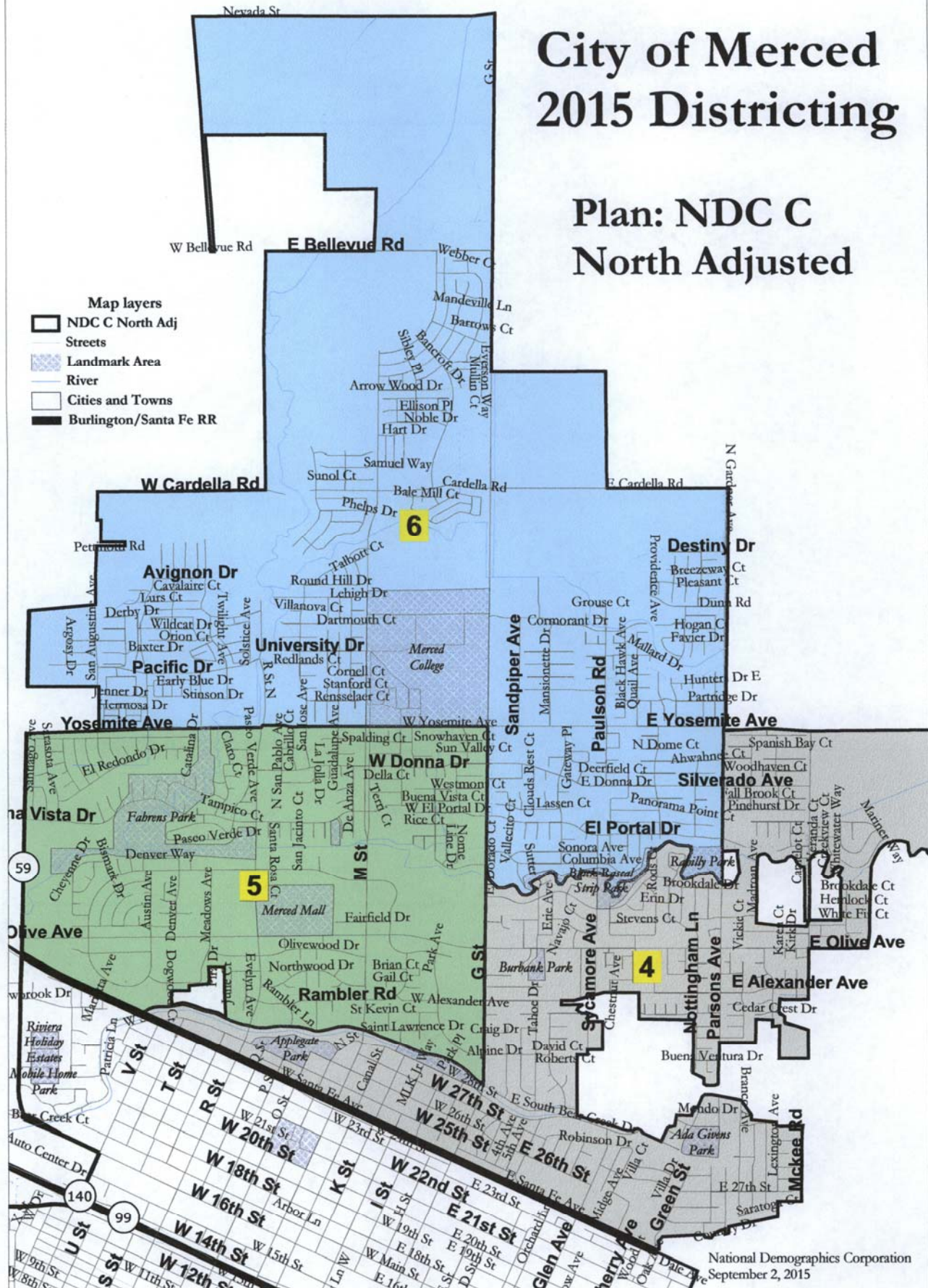


Exhibit B

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