

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 50 TO TEMPORARILY AUTHORIZE CHANGES TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS AND AFFIRM CALIFORNIA'S COMMITMENT TO FAIR, NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING NATIONWIDE

WHEREAS, fair and equitable representation is fundamental to the health and integrity of democratic institutions at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has recently enacted an unprecedented partisan mid-decade redistricting plan that threatens to undermine democratic principles and to create unfair advantages for political interests with respect to the federal 2026 midterm elections; and

WHEREAS, other states have similarly threatened to engage in partisan mid-decade redistricting to unfairly skew and create advantages for political interests with respect to the federal 2026 midterm elections; and

WHEREAS, in response to such actions, the California Legislature has placed Proposition 50 on the statewide ballot as a legislative constitutional amendment to ensure California's congressional districting process advances fairness with respect to the 2026 midterm elections; and

WHEREAS, if adopted, Proposition 50 would temporarily mandate the use of congressional district maps approved by the California Legislature in August 2025

effective until the California Citizens Redistricting Commission draws new maps in 2031, as a measure to uphold equitable congressional representation; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50 retains California's Citizens Redistricting Commission, an independent body established to promote impartiality and prevent gerrymandering, and requires the Commission to resume drawing congressional maps following the 2030 census and every ten years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50 also affirms California's leadership in promoting national standards for redistricting by establishing a state policy in support of fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo believes that upholding fair and representative electoral processes is critical to ensure that every resident has an equal voice in government, and this Board supports Proposition 50 as a necessary response to actions in other states that attempt to unfairly skew the 2026 federal midterm elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo hereby supports Proposition 50 and affirms California's leadership in advancing the principles of fairness, accountability, and nonpartisanship in redistricting both within the state and across the nation.

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