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## BEFORE THE ELECTION COMMISSION, TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK, COLORADO

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### 2018 REDISTRICTING PLAN AND EXPLANATION OF PLAN

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#### A. Background.

1. The Election Commission is a non-partisan commission established by Section 4-5 of the Town Charter. It consists of five registered electors appointed by the Town Council.
2. Among the Commission's responsibilities is to establish and change the boundaries of the Town's election districts if necessary to meet the requirements of the Charter.
3. At a special election held on May 15, 2018, the Town's voters approved an amendment to the Town Charter to provide a transition plan to an at-large Mayor and Six Council Districts, as set forth in Section 17-14 of the Town Charter. The Election Commission is required to establish these new district boundaries based on available election records regarding the number of registered electors on May 1, 2018, and is required to establish the new districts by not later than July 31, 2018.
4. As set forth in Section 17-14, the establishment of these six new district boundaries shall not create a vacancy during the term of any Councilmembers in office as of the date the boundaries are drawn by the Election Commission. Additionally, Section 17-14 requires the Election Commission to designate the two district seats to be filled at the November 2018 regular election. The at-large Mayor and these two Councilmembers will be elected to four-year terms at the November 2018 regular election, and an election to fill the other four Councilmember districts for four-year terms will be held at the November 2020 regular election.
5. On April 30, 2018, the Election Commission held a meeting at which the Town's GIS staff provided a demonstration of software that could be utilized to establish the new districts, and the Election Commission reviewed the transition plan and redistricting requirements contained in Section 17-14 of the Town Charter, which Council had referred to the voters for approval.
6. The election records reflect as of May 1, 2018, there were 45,528 registered voters within the Town; and when evenly divided, was 7,588 registered voters per district
7. On May 30, 2018, the Election Commission held a meeting at which four proposed redistricting plans were reviewed, and Town GIS staff assisted with the Commission's consideration of various revisions to such proposed plans.
8. Following review of various options, the Commission directed preparation of a proposed redistricting map titled "Scenario 2A," to bring back to the Commission for its review and consideration at a meeting to be held on June 11, 2018.

9. Commission meetings were open to the public and held in compliance with the Election Commission's Regulation Concerning Changes in the Boundaries of Election Districts Pursuant to Section 4-5 of the Castle Rock Charter Rules, adopted by the Commission on January 21, 2015. These Rules establish meeting procedures assure public participation and set forth legal criteria for the redistricting.

**B. Standards for redistricting.**

1. In considering district boundary changes, the Commission was guided by the following legal criteria:
  - a. "Contiguous and compact" requirements of Section 4-5(c) of the Charter;
  - b. The requirement of Charter Sections 4-5(b) and 17-14 that the number of registered electors in the district with the lowest number of registered electors cannot be less than 85% of the number of registered electors in the district with the highest number of registered electors;
  - c. The requirement that each district have approximately the same number of registered electors; and
  - d. Any other requirements that the Commission must consider in accordance with constitutional requirements.
2. The Commission also kept in mind some practical issues:
  - a. Compactness and contiguity of districts are important legal criteria under the Charter. The Commission has done its best to meet all legal criteria, given challenging conditions created by the irregular borders of the Town.
  - b. Contiguity has been achieved because no one part of any district is completely separated from any other part of that district. Although districts may appear to have non-contiguous portions due to the coloring on Exhibit A, those portions are actually connected across unincorporated areas by means of roadways.
  - c. As to compactness, the reality of the Town's overall municipal boundaries is that they are spread out unevenly and jaggedly in several directions; they certainly do not resemble the boundaries of any of the fifty states. The population concentrations within these areas also are very uneven; some areas are densely populated, and others are sparsely populated.
  - d. It is desirable to keep district boundaries consistent with natural or man-made geographical boundaries (such as streets, parks, drainage ways, etc.) where feasible; it would be confusing, for instance, if one side of a street was in one district, and the other side of the same street was in another.
  - e. Communities of interest should be preserved where possible. For example, when reviewing the proposed district boundaries set forth in Scenario 2A, the Commission considered several factors with the intent of maintaining

communities of interest, including but not limited to keeping together voters in District 2 who share an elementary school and keeping the downtown area of the Town together, with districts building outward from this central point.

**C. 2018 Redistricting Plan.**

1. The map of the 2018 redistricting plan approved herein is attached as Exhibit A and a map showing current boundary districts overlaid the district boundaries created by the 2018 redistricting plan is attached as Exhibit B.
2. The 2018 redistricting plan makes required changes to the district boundaries to decrease the Town's election districts from seven to six districts.
3. Number of registered electors per district as a result of the 2018 redistricting plan:

District 1:	7,488
District 2:	8,075
District 3:	7,766
District 4:	7,743
District 5:	7,247
District 6:	7,209

4. The difference between the district with the highest number of registered electors and the district with the lowest number of registered electors is now 11%.

**D. Comments from citizens.**

No comments were received from citizens, nor did any citizens attend any Election Commission meetings at which the 2018 redistricting plan was considered.

**E. Conclusion.**

1. Based on the foregoing, the map (Exhibit A) showing the 2018 Redistricting Plan is approved, adopted, and made an order of the Election Commission of Castle Rock, Colorado, and the redistricting accomplished herein shall take effect immediately this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018.
2. The two district seats to be filled at the November 2018 regular election for four-year terms are District 3 and District 5.

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Ryan Reilly  
Chair, Castle Rock Election Commission

ATTEST:

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Lisa Anderson, Town Clerk