MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD JULY 19, 2011.

Mayor Guidi called the City Council meeting to order jointly and concurrently at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the City Hall, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Juarez, Lambert, Vargas, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: Councilmember English (excused).

Mayor Pro Tem Vargas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Guidi started the special meeting with item number 2, the presentation letting the public know why it is important for citizens of Hawthorne to become involved in the California Citizens Redistricting Commission as it relates to including the City of Hawthorne with the other South Bay cities in the same congressional district.

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Under Oral communications **Estela Villanueva** spoke in opposition of redistricting with the South Central Congressional District**. Patricia Donaldson**, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, took a poll and reported that 63% of businesses in Hawthorne want to stay with the South Bay, 17% did not know exactly what was going on and 20% were not able to be reached. **Jason Gromski** spoke in support of Resolution 7391. **Olivia Valentine** spoke in support of Resolution 7391. **James O'Grady** expressed concern about how redistricting would affect the current quality of life in Hawthorne. **Gordon Mego** spoke in support of Resolution 7391. **Katrina Manning** opposes current map that does not include Hawthorne with the South Bay cities. **Alex Monteiro** supports Resolution 7391, but stated that you also need to look at the alternative which is the 35th Congressional District. **Francis Stiglich** spoke in support of going with the South Bay. **Sean Walsh** spoke on perception, resources and representation. **Steven Johnson** stated that the Fusion HOA wants to stay as part of the South Bay. **Karen Frazier** stated that she and her husband are in support of Resolution 7391. **Joel Reeves** expressed concern that we would be associated with other groups or parts in the city that don't have the same goals and aspirations as that of the South Bay. **Chris Reiker** spoke on how Hawthorne is closely knit with the rest of the South Bay. **Daniel Mills** stated that people have worked too hard to live in Hawthorne to be put back in another district. **Raquel Amezquita** stated that to separate us from the South Bay would not make sense and would change the identity of what Hawthorne is. **Darlene Love** stated that she would hate to see us put under anything other than the South Bay. **Allen Richards** spoke on how major hotels in the city advertise as Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, LAX therefore giving us a tie to those cities. **John L. Jefferson** stated that on behalf of Del Aire Baptist Church that they support Hawthorne being part of the South Bay instead of being redistricted with other cities that are not connected with us. **Jerry Orleman** spoke on the tremendous, thankless task that the redistricting commission has to do. Clarified that we are not part of the South Bay districts as we are. We are separate from El Segundo, Redondo Beach and Manhattan Beach. We want to be in our district so that our district encompasses what is the South Bay instead of continuing to be separated out from the South Bay. Encourages everyone to be heard by the commission in order to get what we want. **Ryan Aquino** stated that he takes pride in being able to say that he lives in the South Bay and would not like that to be taken away. **Kyle Orleman** thanked Coucil, staff, the community and everyone for their work and involvement regarding this redistricting issue and explained how this whole issue came about. Emails on the issue should be sent to **votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov** and to monitor activities online, go to wedrawthelines.com. Clarified that we are not currently in the South Bay Congressional District but this is our chance to do it right in order to be moved into it. **Thierry Lubenec** spoke on the city's many ties to the South Bay. **Rosalinda Martinez** spoke in opposition of the redistricting of Hawthorne. **Ruben Sanchez** spoke in opposition. **Gloria Ramos** offered school district resources to get the message out. **Renee O'Neal** supports leaving the city in the South Bay. **Jaime Ramirez** offered to pass on information via his real estate organization.

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CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

a. Including the City of Hawthorne in the same congressional district as the other South Bay Cities since Hawthorne is geographically contiguous with those cities. Direct staff to initiate letter writing campaign to the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Discussion on this took place concurrently with oral communications.

RESOLUTION NO. 7391

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING THE INCLUSION OF HAWTHORNE INTO THE SAME CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AS THE OTHER SOUTH BAY CITIES OF REDONDO BEACH, MANHATTAN BEACH, EL SEGUNDO AND TORRANCE. Motion to adopt.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 7391 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Juarez, Lambert, Vargas, Mayor Guidi.
NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember English.

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Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 5: 15 p.m.

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Norbert Huber
City Clerk