AGENDA
CITY OF EL CENTRO
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

City Hall | **Special Meeting** | **3:30 PM**

CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1275 MAIN STREET
EL CENTRO, CA 92243

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor Pro-Tem and 2 Members of the City Council of the City of El Centro have called a Special Meeting of the El Centro City Council to consider the item(s) on this agenda.

Mayor and Council Members may be reached at (760) 336-8989.

Mayor:	**Sonia Carter**	**Acting City Manager: Robert Sawyer**
Mayor Pro-Tem:	**Marty Ellett**	**City Attorney: Elizabeth Martyn Evans**
Council Members:	**Sylvia Marroquin**	**City Clerk: Norma Wyles**
	Claudia Camarena	
	Michael Crankshaw	

3:30 PM CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE ROOM "A":

ROLL CALL (OPEN SESSION):

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:
Any person wishing to address the City Council on any matter on this agenda is asked to complete a "Speaker Slip" and submit it to the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. No comments on non-agenda items will be heard at this special meeting.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION
CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVT. CODE SECTION 54956.9(a):
Sonia Carter v. City of El Centro

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVT. CODE SECTION 54957(b):
Public Employee Appointment — City Manager

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is a public meeting. If there is an item on the agenda on which you wish to be heard, you are asked to complete a blue speaker slip and submit it to the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. **Persons wishing to address the Council are not required to identify themselves (Gov't Code § 54953.3); however, this information assists the Mayor by ensuring that all persons wishing to address the Council are recognized and also assists the City Clerk in preparing the City Council meeting minutes.** When the item is announced and your name is called by the Mayor, please step to the podium and state your name for the record. Unless the Mayor extends the time, there is a three (3) minute time limit for each public presentation. If you wish to address the Council concerning any other matter not appearing on the agenda, you may do so during the public comment portion of the agenda. **However, you may not show a visual presentation without review of that material. If you do so, you will be considered out of order.**

* Any information provided on the "Speaker Slip" is voluntary and will be public record

7:30 OPEN SESSION:

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND MAY VARY:

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INVOCATION:

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:

(TIME MAY VARY) PUBLIC COMMENTS:
The City Council welcomes your input. At this time, members of the public may address the City Council on any matter not listed on the posted agenda. Pursuant to the Brown Act, no action will be taken on any issue brought forth under Public Comments. We ask that you please complete a "Speaker Slip" and submit it to the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. Although you are not required to identify yourself (Gov't Code §54953.3); this information on the "Speaker Slip" assists the Mayor that all persons wishing to address the Council are recognized and also assists the City Clerk in preparing the City Council meeting minutes. Unless the Mayor extends the time, there is a three (3) minute time limit for each public presentation. * Any information provided on the "Speaker Slip" is voluntary and will be public record.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution Opposing Proposition 50

   Presentation: Marty Ellett, Council Member

   Recommendation:
   Adopt Resolution No. 25- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO OPPOSING PROPOSITION 50.

ADJOURNMENT:

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the City Council after distribution of the agenda packet will be available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 1275 Main Street, El Centro, California 92243, Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the office of the City Clerk at (760) 337-4515. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangement to assure accessibility to this meeting.

Resolution Opposing Proposition 50

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt Resolution No. 25- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO OPPOSING PROPOSITION 50.

FISCAL IMPACT:

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROGRAM 2022-2027 RELATION:

DUE DILIGENCE CHECK FOR CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS: DID THE DEPARTMENT VERIFY CURRENT EL CENTRO BUSINESS LICENSE, CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE, REFERENCE CHECKS, INSURANCE, ETC.:

BACKGROUND:

DISCUSSION:

CONCLUSION:
Adopt Resolution No. 25- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO OPPOSING PROPOSITION 50.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. RESOLUTION NO. 2025- EC - PROPOSITION 50 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO OPPOSING CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 50, THE USE OF LEGISLATIVE CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING MAP AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, California voters approved Proposition 11 (2008) and Proposition 20 (2010) to establish the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, a 14-member independent, nonpartisan body tasked with drawing district lines for the State Legislature, Board of Equalization, and U.S. Congressional districts, to remove political influence and restore public trust in the redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, redistricting occurs once every ten years following the United States Census, with the most recent process completed in 2021 using 2020 Census data, ensuring districts are based on accurate and current population figures; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50 seeks to suspend the authority of the Citizens Redistricting Commission and transfer the power to draw Congressional maps to Politicians in the California State Legislature, thereby overturning voter-approved reforms; and

WHEREAS, mid-decade redistricting has no historical precedent in California, and adopting it now sets a dangerous precedent that could allow future Legislatures to manipulate district lines for partisan or incumbent advantage; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50 will trigger a statewide special election on November 4, 2025, with estimated costs exceeding $250 million statewide and tens of millions of dollars in additional costs at the county level, even as local governments face fiscal pressures and competing demands for essential services; and

WHEREAS, the rushed legislative process used to advance Proposition 50 bypassed the ordinary 30-day public review period for constitutional amendments, undermining transparency and public input; and

WHEREAS, as of August 2025, it remains unclear who authored the proposed Congressional maps, raising concerns about the lack of accountability, the loss of constitutional protections designed to keep communities whole, and the potential reintroduction of gerrymandering practices that California voters have twice rejected; and

WHEREAS, California has been recognized nationally for expanding voting rights and pioneering independent redistricting, and Proposition 50 would reverse this progress by returning control of Congressional boundaries to the very politicians the voters intended to remove from the process.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City Council of the City of El Centro strongly opposes California Proposition 50, the Use of Legislative Congressional Redistricting Map Amendment, and reaffirms support for the nonpartisan Citizens Redistricting Commission as the appropriate authority to draw Congressional district boundaries in California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California, held on the 14th day of October, 2025.

CITY OF EL CENTRO

By _____
Sonia Carter, Mayor

ATTEST:

By _____
Norma Wyles, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the City Attorney

By _____
Elizabeth L. Martyn, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL) ss
CITY OF EL CENTRO)

I, Norma Wyles, City Clerk of the City of El Centro, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 25- was duly and regularly adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California, held on the 14th day of October, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

By_____
Norma Wyles, City Clerk