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MEMORANDUM

To: Clerk of the Board

From: Supervisor Donald P. Wagner, Third District

Date: September 16, 2025

RE: **Item for September 23, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting**

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Please add this as a supplemental calendar item to the September 23, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting:

Resolution Opposing Proposition 50 on the November 2025 Ballot

Purpose of Resolution:

In 2008 and 2010, California voters approved two ballot measures that stopped partisan gerrymandering by delegating the drawing of both state legislative and congressional district lines to a nonpartisan Citizens Redistricting Commission. Since its creation, the Commission has made district lines fairer and more balanced, while also attempting to keep communities together.

Proposition 50 would reverse those two votes of the people and undermine 15 years of progress in ensuring that our congressional districts are drawn fairly and not by politicians with an eye to their own political future. This Resolution opposes the gerrymandering of Proposition 50.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE ADOPTING A POSITION OF OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 50 ON THE NOVEMBER 2025 BALLOT

WHEREAS, Proposition 50, appearing on the November 2025 California ballot, proposes to amend the California Constitution to alter the process for drawing congressional districts; and

WHEREAS, the current process, established by voters, assigns the responsibility for drawing congressional districts to the independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission, designed to operate in a non-partisan manner; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50 would transfer the authority to draw congressional districts from the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission was created to ensure fair and impartial district boundaries, including safeguards to keep cities, counties, and local communities together; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50 would remove existing safeguards intended to maintain the integrity of local communities in the redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50 proposes dividing communities, forcing some cities and counties to be split among multiple congressional districts under the measure's new maps and diminishing their voice in Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of maintaining a transparent and independent redistricting process to uphold public trust in electoral systems; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Supervisors believes that Proposition 50 undermines the voter-approved framework for fair redistricting in California;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Orange hereby adopts an official position of opposition to Proposition 50 on the November 2025 ballot.