ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ANTELOPE VALLEY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT ESTABLISHING VOTING DISTRICTS AND A SEQUENCE OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, Antelope Valley Healthcare District ("AVHD") is a California health care district duly organized and existing pursuant to Health & Safety Code sections 32000 *et seq.* and the laws of the State of California;

WHEREAS, Health & Safety Code section 32100.1 provides that a health care district board of directors may adopt a resolution or ordinance to divide the district into zones and number the zones consecutively, to be final and effective for the next district election for which there is time to implement the zones and elections within the zones;

WHEREAS, the Board contracted with National Demographics Corporation to assist the Board with gathering demographic and other data about the demographic, population, and geographic factors of the entire area of the health care district, providing information to the community at public hearings, and creating voting district maps for the Board's consideration;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Elections Code section 10010(a)(1), before drawing the draft map or maps of the proposed voting districts, the Board held public hearings on February 26, 2025, and March 26, 2025 at which the public was invited to provide input regarding the composition of the districts and maps;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Elections Code section 10010(a)(2), AHVD published draft maps and held three additional public hearings on April 30, 2025, May 28, 2025, and June 25, 2025, at which the public was invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft maps;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Elections Code section 10010(a)(2), AVHD published a potential sequence of elections for the purpose of staggered terms of office on the AVHD website starting on June 25, 2025, and July 23, 2025;

WHEREAS, AVHD published the map and the sequence of elections being proposed for adoption on the AVHD website no later than July 23, 2025, which proposed map and sequence of elections were continuously publicly available on the AVHD website up through the date of this ordinance's approval;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Elections Code section 21130(b), AVHD conducted an analysis to determine whether is possible to create an election district or districts in which a minority group is sufficiently large and geographically compact to constitute a majority in a single-member district, and published the analysis on the AVHD website on or before July 23, 2025;

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this AVHD Board of Directors to establish voting districts for AVHD that comply with the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, and that use the criteria and order of priority set forth in Elections Code section 21130(c);

- WHEREAS, in accordance with Elections Code section 10010(b), in determining the final sequence of the district elections, the AVHD Board of Directors gave special consideration to the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, and took into account the preferences expressed by members of the districts;
- WHEREAS, this Board now desires to adopt this ordinance establishing voting districts for AVHD which shall be effective for subsequent AVHD elections, commencing with the next statewide general election occurring on November 3, 2026.
- **NOW, THEREFORE,** this Board of Directors of AVHD does hereby find, ordain, and order as follows:
- Section 1. The five voting districts of AVHD and their geographic boundaries, as set forth in the map attached hereto as Exhibit A (and known as map (Olive C), are hereby approved and adopted and shall be used for subsequent elections. The voting districts provide for voter representation in accordance with demographic, including population, and geographic factors of the entire area of AVHD. (Health & Saf. Code, § 32100.1.)
- Section 2. At the expiration of the terms of office of the members of the board of directors then in office, and thereafter, these members of the board of directors shall be elected by zones, otherwise known as voting districts. One member of the Board shall be elected by the electors of each of the voting districts. No person shall be eligible to hold the office of member of the Board unless they have been a resident of the voting district from which they are elected for thirty (30) days next preceding the date of the election. (Health & Saf. Code, § 32100.1.)
- Section 3. Board members Don Parazo, M.D., Doddanna Krishna, M.D., and Steven Hofbauer all hold office until their successor is elected and takes office as a result of the general election occurring in November of 2026. Board members Abdallah Farrukh, M.D. and Kristina Hong, NP shall hold office until their successor is elected and takes office as a result of the general election occurring in 2028.
- Section 4. Board seats in voting districts C (renaming to District 3), and E (renaming to District 5) on Exhibit A shall be eligible for election at the general election occurring in November 2026. Board seats in voting districts A (renaming to District 1) and B (renaming to District 2) D (renaming to District 4) shall be eligible for election at the general election occurring in November 2028. Board member terms of office shall be four years. (Health & Saf. Code, § 32100.)
- Section 5. Edward Mirzabegian, as Chief Executive Officer for AVHD, and Troy Schell, as legal counsel for AVHD, or their designee(s), acting alone or together, are hereby authorized and directed to take or cause to be taken all such other actions as may be required to fulfill the purposes of this ordinance. If necessary to facilitate the implementation of this ordinance, these individuals or their designees are authorized to make technical adjustments as necessary to the district boundaries that do not substantively affect the population in the voting areas and shall report to the Board regarding any such adjustments.
 - Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

IT IS SO ORDAINED. APPROVED, ADOPTED AND SIGNED ON THIS 30^{TH} DAY OF JULY 2025.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, <u>Don Parazo</u>, M.D., Secretary of the Board of Directors of Antelope Valley Healthcare District, a California healthcare district, County of Los Angeles, California, hereby certify as follows:

The attached is a full, true, and correct copy of the ordinance duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Antelope Valley Healthcare District, which was duly held on July 30, 2025 at which meeting a quorum of the members of the Board of Directors was present; and at such meeting such ordinance(s) was/were adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Doddanna Krishna, M.D.

I have carefully compared the same with the original minutes of such meeting on file and of record in my office; the attached ordinance is a full, true, and correct copy of the original ordinance adopted at such meeting and entered in such minutes; and such ordinance has not been amended, modified, or rescinded since the date of its adoption, and the same is now in full force and effect.

WITNESS my hand this 30th day of July 2025.

Don Parazo, M.D., Secretary

Antelope Valley Healthcare District

EXHIBIT A

[VOTING DISTRICT MAP]



