



Transition to District Elections Public Hearing #1

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Background

- May 24, 2021, City receives demand letter alleging current at-large Council election system violates California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)
- June 21, 2021, Council adopts resolution of intent to transition to by-district elections
- July 19, 2021, Council approved transition schedule, with goal to complete process by Nov. 15, 2021
- Aug. 23, 2021, Council hosts first of five public hearings on the process
- First by-district City Council elections would be in November 2022



Virtual Public Hearing Schedule



Type of Meeting	Purpose	Date	Time
Public Hearing #1 (Special Meeting) →	Input from Communities of Interest (no map drawing)	8/23/21	6:00 pm
Public Hearing #2 (Special Meeting)	Input from Communities of Interest (no map drawing) and direction given on district composition	9/13/21	6:00 pm
Public Hearing #3 (Special Meeting)	Review and feedback of proposed draft maps and election sequencing	9/30/21	6:00 pm
Public Hearing #4 (Special Meeting)	Review and final direction on revised draft map and election sequencing	10/14/21	6:00 pm
Public Hearing #5 (Regular Meeting)	Introduction of ordinance (no map changes)	11/1/21	7:30 pm
Consent Calendar (Regular Meeting)	Adoption of ordinance	11/15/21	7:00 pm





In-Person Community Workshops

Type of Meeting	Purpose	Date	Time	Location
Community Workshop	Input from Communities of Interest	8/21/21	10:00 am	Main Library Oak Room 55 W. Third Ave.
Community Workshop (hosted in Spanish)	Input from Communities of Interest	8/21/21	2:00 pm	Martin Luther King Jr. Center 725 Monte Diablo Ave.
Community Workshop	Input on map drawing	9/25/21	2:00 pm	Main Library Oak Room 55 W. Third Ave.
Community Workshop (hosted in Spanish)	Input on map drawing	10/2/21	9:30 am	Congregational Church 225 Tilton Ave.
Community Workshop	Input on map drawing	10/2/21	1:00 pm	Senior Center 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas





Composition & Number of Districts

State law allows Council to consider the following options:

- By-districts in five, seven, or nine districts
- By-districts in four, six, or eight districts, with an elective mayor that could serve either a 2-year or 4-year term

Receive public input and begin discussion, final direction on number of districts sought in public hearing #2 on September 13, 2021.

The number of districts and election sequencing will be incorporated into an ordinance that would be considered by Council for adoption. Such an ordinance does not need to go to voters.

However, the City Charter currently calls for five at-large council members and a rotating mayor. An increase in the number of seats or a change to a directly-elected mayor would require a charter amendment at a future election.





REDISTRICTING PARTNERS



- City hired professional demographer to assist with the process
- Paul Mitchell will present on district formation criteria

Thank You

