



CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT

ESTABLISHMENT OF VOTING DISTRICTS AND SEQUENCE OF ELECTIONS

SIXTH PUBLIC HEARING

City Council Meeting
April 17, 2018

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Background

- ❖ Last August, Council determined to initiate proceedings to transition the City to a district-based election system.
- ❖ Sixth and final public hearing regarding that transition.
- ❖ Ordinance introduced April 10, 2018.
- ❖ To ensure transition is completed in time for November 2018 election, it is recommended that Council adopt an ordinance to establish final map of voting districts and confirm sequence of elections.

Public Hearing Process

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010:

- ❖ Two public hearings held prior to drafting of maps:
 - February 6, 2018
 - February 13, 2018

- ❖ Three public hearings to review draft maps:
 - March 13, 2018
 - April 3, 2018
 - April 10, 2018

- ❖ Final public hearing prior to adoption of ordinance establishing district elections:
 - April 17, 2018

Voting Districts

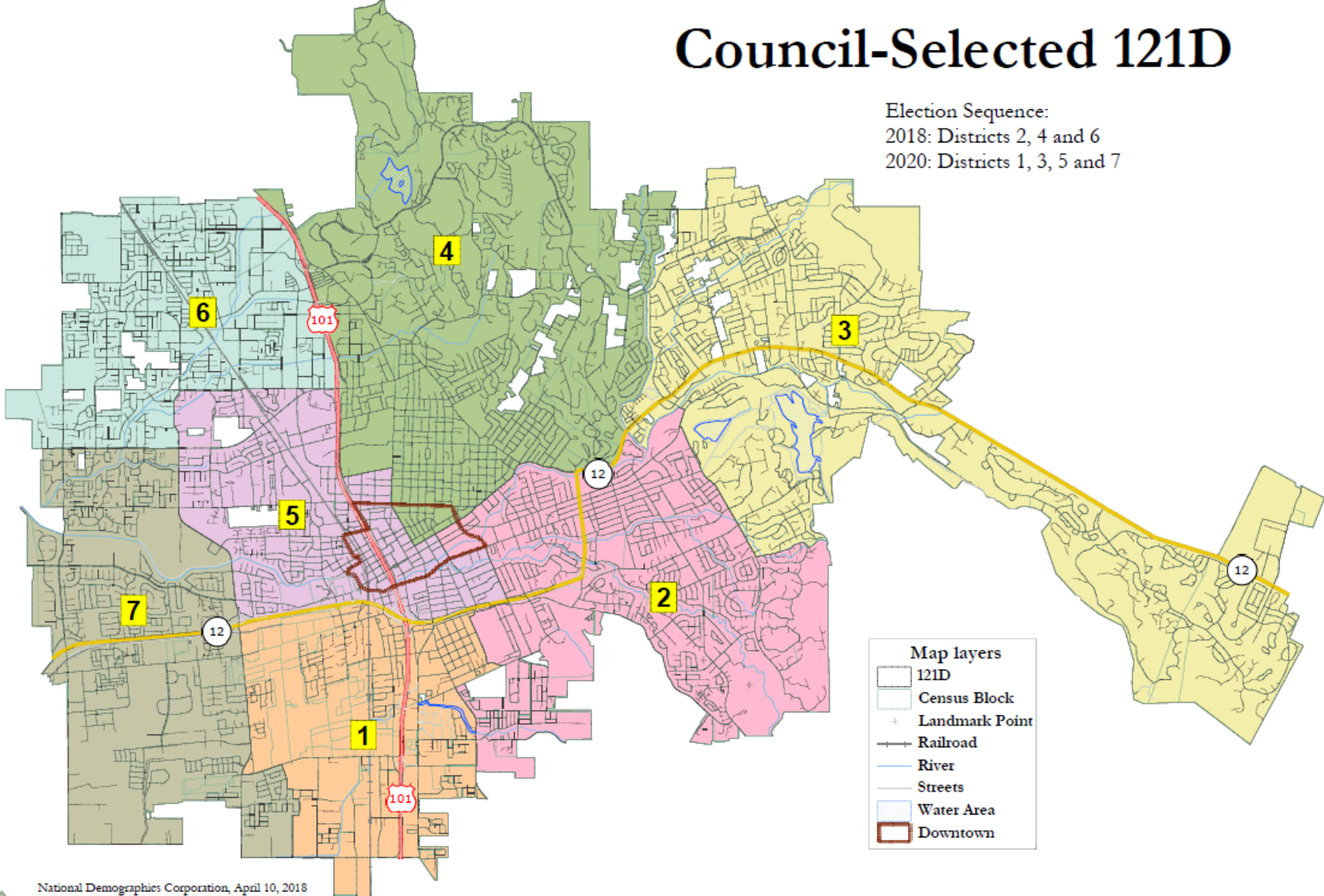
Santa Rosa 2018 Districting

Council-Selected 121D

Election Sequence:

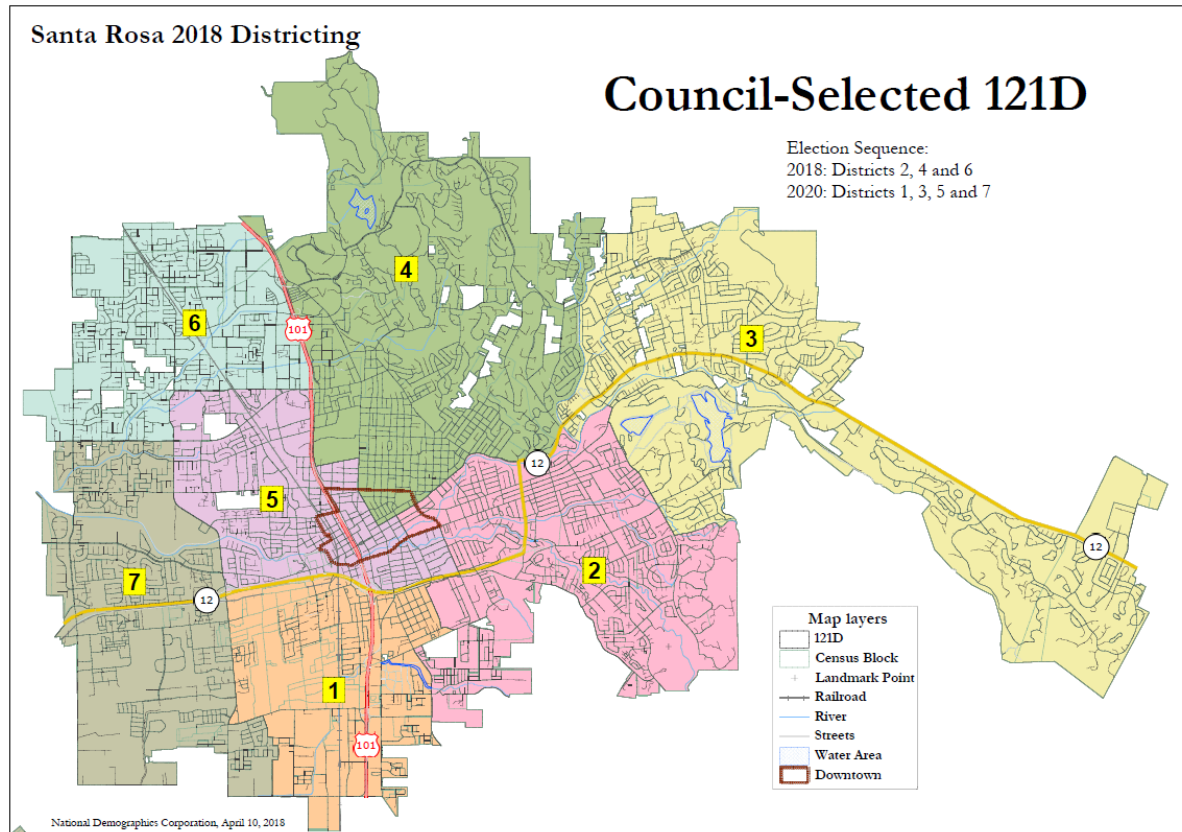
2018: Districts 2, 4 and 6

2020: Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7



Sequence of Elections

- ❖ November 2018: Districts 2, 4 and 6
- ❖ November 2020: Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7



Recommendation

It is recommended by the City Attorney that the City Council 1) hold a public hearing regarding the composition of new voting districts and the sequencing of elections to be established for the district-based election of Council members beginning in 2018, and 2) adopt an ordinance to establish district-based election of Council members, adopting a final district map and establishing the sequence of district elections, in accordance with Elections Code Section 10010.

QUESTIONS?