

City of Santa Rosa



Legislation Details

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Title: PUBLIC HEARING - DISTRICT BASED CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS: COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTS (CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT) - FIRST OF FIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS

BACKGROUND: On August 29, 2017, the City Council adopted a resolution declaring its intent to initiate proceedings to transition the City from at-large to district-based Council member elections pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010 and Government Code Section 34886 (RES-2017-13).

The Council's resolution set forth a schedule of public hearings in connection with the drawing of the electoral districts. The first of those public hearings took place on October 3, 2017. The remaining public hearings were postponed due to the impacts of the wildfires that swept into the City beginning on October 8, 2017.

The City is now ready to resume proceedings to transition the City to district-based Council member elections. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010, the City Council is required to hold at least five public hearings in connection with the establishment of electoral districts, before the Council moves to consider an ordinance to transition the City to district-based elections. Two of the public hearings must be held before any map or maps of the boundaries of the proposed voting districts are drawn. These two initial public hearings provide the public an opportunity to provide input regarding the criteria for the composition of the proposed districts and the sequencing of district elections. This is the first of those two initial public hearings. Two additional public hearings will be held after the proposed maps are drawn, to allow for public comment on the draft maps. A final public hearing will be held in connection with the Council's adoption of an ordinance establishing district-based elections.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the City Attorney that the City Council (1) adopt a resolution confirming the schedule for public hearings under the California Voting Rights Act; and (2) hold a public hearing to receive input from the community regarding the composition of new voting districts and sequence of elections to be established for the district-based election of Council members beginning in 2018, in accordance with Elections Code Section 10010..

Sponsors: City Attorney

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Attachments: 1. Staff Report, 2. Attachment, 3. Resolution, 4. Presentation, 5. Demographer Presentation - Revised 2/6/2018, 6. Public Notice

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2/6/2018	1	City Council	to waive reading of the text and adopt	Pass