

City of Santa Rosa



Legislation Details

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Title: PUBLIC HEARING - DISTRICT BASED CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AND FINAL MAP FOR COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTS (CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT) - FINAL OF SIX 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).

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. In accordance with law, the first two public hearings were held prior to the drafting of any proposed district maps. These two initial public hearings, held on February 6, 2018 and February 13, 2018, provided the public an opportunity to provide input regarding the criteria for and composition of voting districts, as well as the sequence of elections.

On March 6, 2018, proposed maps were posted for public review on the City's website. A public hearing was held on March 13, 2018 for the public to comment on the proposed maps. On April 3, 2018, an additional public hearing was held to offer residents an additional opportunity to comment. On April 10, 2018, an additional public hearing was held, after which Council introduced an ordinance establishing district-based elections, selecting a final map and determining the sequence of district elections.

This will be the sixth and final public hearing on the matter. It is anticipated that after the public hearing, the Council will adopt an ordinance amending the City Code to establish district-based election of Council members, including adoption of a map to describe the boundaries of each district, and determination of the sequence of district elections.

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.

Sponsors: City Attorney, City Council

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Code sections:

Attachments: 1. Staff Report, 2. Attachment 1, 3. Ordinance, 4. Ordinance Districts_FINAL, 5. Exhibit A, 6. Exhibit B - Figures 1-1 through 1-7 (uploaded 4/19/2018), 7. Presentation (Added 4/17/2018)

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