City of Santa Rosa

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

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. 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, and the composition of the proposed districts. 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 hold a public hearing to receive input from the community regarding the composition of new voting districts to be established for the district-based election of Council members beginning in 2018, in accordance with Elections Code Section 10010.

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