

# City of Santa Rosa



## Legislation Details

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**Title:** PUBLIC HEARING - DISTRICT BASED CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS: REVIEW OF DRAFT MAPS AND COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTS (CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT) - FOURTH 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. On March 13, 2018, Council held a public hearing to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed district maps, to offer alternatives, and to weigh in on an appropriate sequencing of elections.

On March 30, 2018, additional proposed maps will be posted for public review on the City's website. On April 3, 2018, Council is adding an additional public hearing, the fourth of six, to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the additional proposed district maps, to offer alternatives, and to weigh in on an appropriate sequencing of elections.

The final two public hearings regarding the proposed maps and sequence of elections (the fifth and sixth in the series) will be held on April 10th and April 17th. At the conclusion of the final public hearing, it is anticipated that the City Council will adopt an ordinance establishing district-based elections.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the City Attorney that the City Council hold a public hearing to receive comments from the community regarding composition of new voting districts, draft maps, and the sequencing 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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