

City of  
Santa Clara

Ad-hoc Advisory Districting Committee

First Public Hearing  
July 3, 2018



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# Background

- On June 26, the City received a Court Order regarding its current election system that requires the City to take the following actions (dates slightly modified based on Court direction from July 2):
  - a) Hold two public hearings before July 9<sup>th</sup>
  - b) July 6<sup>th</sup> the parties shall serve and file proposed district maps
  - c) Between July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 22<sup>nd</sup>, hold two additional public hearings
  - d) Court will hold an evidentiary hearing on remedies commencing July 18<sup>th</sup>
  - e) Court expects to make a final decision on remedies on or before July 23<sup>rd</sup>



## Council Action & Committee

- On June 26, Council gave City Manager authority to convene a committee to hold the four public hearings, and authority to take actions as required by the court order to meet deadlines
- Members of the former Ad-hoc Advisory Districting Committee were available to reconvene and will hold these hearings



# Role of the Committee

- The role of the Committee is to:
  - Hold the required 4 public hearings
  - Listen to and consider all the input received from the public
  - Review the demographer's recommendations, and
  - Provide a recommendation on a draft map and on the sequence of the elections.



# Public Meetings

- **Tuesday, July 3, 2018** – 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers, 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara
- **Thursday, July 5, 2018** – 4:30 p.m. Central Park Library, Redwood Room, 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara
- **Wednesday, July 11, 2018** – 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers, 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara
- **Saturday, July 21, 2018** – 11:00 a.m. Northside Library Community Room, 695 Moreland Way, Santa Clara



# Districts

- Although the court order did not specify the number of districts, the City requests public input on the boundaries of six districts in the City, with the Mayor, Police Chief, and City Clerk continuing to be elected at-large



# Districting: Statutory Criteria

- Districts shall contain a nearly equal population;
- Complies with the Federal Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution; and
- In establishing boundaries of the districts, the council may give consideration to the following factors: (1) topography, (2) geography, (3) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory, and (4) community of interest of the districts.





# Districting: Statutory Criteria

- **Must hold 4 public hearings (Election Code Section 10010):**
  - 2 prior to map boundary being drawn (within 30 days)
  - 2 after the map boundary is drawn (within 45 days)





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