City of Santa Clara

Meeting Agenda

Charter Review Committee

Thursday, August 15, 2019	**6:30 PM**	**Central Park Library**
		Redwood Room
		2635 Homestead Road
		Santa Clara, CA 95051

1.   Call to Order and Roll Call

2.   Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Committee on any matter not on the agenda. The law does not permit action on, extended discussion of, any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances.   Committee members or the staff liaison may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed and may request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting. Please limit your remarks to 2 minutes.

3.   Approval of the July 18, 2019 Charter Review Committee meeting minutes

> **19-925**   Action on the Charter Review Committee Minutes of the July 18, 2019 Meeting
>
> *Recommendation:*   Approve the Charter Review Committee Minutes of the July 18, 2019 meeting.

4.   Committee questions on California Voting Rights Act as it pertains to the question of districts

5.   Update on communication and outreach strategy

> **19-922**   Update on Communication and Outreach Strategy

6.   Initial discussion on support for pursuing 6-District model or some other number of districts model

a.   Verbal report from City Clerk on survey results and other feedback received to date

> **19-930**   OpenGov Survey Results as of August 12, 2019 at 1:44 PM

b.   Verbal report from Committee members on public input received to date

c.   Discussion on additional outreach opportunities

7.   Receive public input

8.   Adjournment

Next Meeting: Saturday, September 21, 2019, 12:00 – 2:00 PM – Northside Branch Library
Community Room - 695 Moreland Way, Santa Clara, CA 95054

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Pizza or sandwiches will be provided as a light dinner at each of the committee meetings.

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Agenda Report

19-925   **Agenda Date: 8/15/2019**

REPORT TO CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

SUBJECT
Action on the Charter Review Committee Minutes of the July 18, 2019 Meeting

RECOMMENDATION
Approve the Charter Review Committee Minutes of the July 18, 2019 meeting.

Approved by: Hosam Haggag, City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS
1. Draft Minutes - Charter Review Committee Meeting - July 18, 2019

Draft

City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Charter Review Committee

07/18/2019	**6:00 PM**	**City Hall - Council Chambers**
		1500 Warburton Avenue
		Santa Clara, CA 95050

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

City Clerk Haggag called the Charter Review Committee to order at 6:01 PM.

Present 7 - Member Benjamin Cooley, Member Steven Silva, Mayor Christine Koltermann, Member Katherine Almazol, Member Sudhanshu Jain, Member Stephen Ricossa, and Member Richard Bonito

2. Public Presentations

None.

3. Review of the Brown Act

City Attorney Doyle gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Brown Act.

4. Selection of Chair/Vice-Chair

City Clerk Haggag led the group through the process. Committee members nominated a fellow member for Chair and then the Committee voted. **City Clerk Haggag** also explained that the Chair's role is to run the meetings and the Vice-Chair would do the same in the absence of the Chair.

Committee members nominated Member Jain, Member Bonito and Member Ricossa for Chair. Each person accepted the nomination and gave a brief summary of why they should be Chair.

In the initial vote:

Member Jain received 3 votes
Member Silva received 3 votes
Member Ricossa received 1 vote

In the second vote:

Member Jain received 4 votes
Member Silva received 3 votes

Member Jain nominated Member Silva as Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by Member Koltermann seconded by Member Bonito, to approve Member Jain as Chair and Member Silva as Vice-Chair.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Member Silva, Mayor Koltermann, Member Almazol, Member Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

5. Background and Roles & Responsibilities

Member Jain took over as Chair of the meeting and **Member Silva** as Vice-Chair of the meeting.

[19-810](#)   Implementation of Voter Approved Measure N Relating to District Elections

**Recommendation:** Staff has no recommendation on this item.

City Clerk Haggag reviewed the background on district based elections including the court order then reviewed the limited cope of this Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to solicit input outlined in Measure N. **City Clerk Haggag** also emphasized the Committee's role is not to draw district boundaries, but to strictly focus on how many districts and how many council members.

Public Speaker(s): Public Speakers (5)

6. Discussion and Action on Outreach and Meeting Dates

[19-868](#)   Discussion and Action on Outreach and Meeting Dates

**Recommendation:** Alternative 1:
Approve the 3 dates and locations as outlined above; noting that the Saturday option and others may be added as needed and subject to room availability.

Chair Jain led the group in a discussion about outreach. It was noted that the locations of the meetings should be moved. Discussion occurred about meeting dates, possibly additional meeting dates and other events the Committee could attend to solicit input. **Vice-Chair Silva** asked Staff if a table at the Art & Wine festival is possible. **Assistant to the City Manager Sahid** stated that she would inquire about the possibility of having a table at the event.

The Committee took individual votes on each meeting date, location and time.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Silva, seconded by Member Ricossa, to approve August 15, 2019 at the Central Park Library.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Member Silva, Mayor Koltermann, Member Almazol, Member Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

A motion was made by Member Cooley, seconded by Member Almazol, to approve September 26, 2019 at the Northside Branch Library.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Member Silva, Mayor Koltermann, Member Almazol, Member Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

Member Ricossa asked if meeting times should be included in the motion. **Deputy City Attorney Fazely** answered yes.

The Committee then voted on meeting times for the first two meetings.

A motion was made by Member Ricossa, seconded by Member Almazol, to approve September 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Member Silva, Mayor Koltermann, Member Almazol, Member Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

A motion was made by Member Almazol, seconded by Member Koltermann, to approve August 15, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Member Silva, Mayor Koltermann, Member Almazol, Member Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

A motion was made by Member Koltermann, seconded by Member Ricossa, to approve October 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Northside Branch Library.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Member Silva, Mayor Koltermann, Member Almazol, Member Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

A motion was made by Member Almazol, seconded by Member Koltermann, to approve September 21, 2019 from 12:00 - 2:00 PM at Northside Branch Library.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Member Silva, Mayor Koltermann, Member Almazol, Member Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

Public Speaker(s): Public Speakers: 2

7. Public Hearing to Receive Input on District Elections

Deputy City Attorney Fazely noted that this item was incorrectly labeled "Public Hearing to Receive Input on District Boundaries." The agenda should have read "Public Hearing to Receive Input on District Elections."

This item has been updated to reflect the correct title.

Public Speaker(s):

Public Speaker 1 noted that the court order is only good through 2020. Any changes recommended by this Committee won't take effect until 2020. If anything like Ranked Choice Voting is considered, it should be part of a separate Charter amendment.

Public Speaker 2 supports six districts and likes having people from their neighborhood represent them.

Public Speaker 3 supports six districts.

Public Speaker 4 suggested that any outreach flyers be translated to help encourage participation.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made Chair Jain, seconded by Vice-Chair Silva, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Member Silva, Mayor Koltermann, Member Almazol, Member Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

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Agenda Report

19-922 **Agenda Date: 8/15/2019**

REPORT TO CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

SUBJECT
Update on Communication and Outreach Strategy

BACKGROUND
At the July 18, 2019 Charter Review Committee meeting, the Committee spent some time discussing various ways to outreach and engage with the community on the topic of District Elections.

DISCUSSION
Staff will provide a verbal report on the communication and outreach that has occurred to date or is scheduled to occur over the next couple of months, to help promote the public input opportunities on the topic of District Elections.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) in that it is a fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potential significant impact on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT
There is no fiscal impact other than staff time.

COORDINATION
This report has been coordinated with the City Attorney's office.

PUBLIC CONTACT
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Approved by: Hosam Haggag, City Clerk

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Agenda Report

19-930   **Agenda Date: 8/15/2019**

REPORT TO CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
SUBJECT
OpenGov Survey Results as of August 12, 2019 at 1:44 PM

BACKGROUND
At the direction of the Charter Review Committee at its July 18, 2019 meeting, the City released an OpenGov Survey titled "Help Shape the Future of Santa Clara District Elections" (Survey).

DISCUSSION
The Survey, based on questions developed and approved by designated Committee members, was released on July 30, 2019 at 9:47 AM. The Survey results as of August 12, 2019 at 1:44 PM are attached for reference in Attachment 1.

The City Clerk will provide a verbal report of the Survey results at the meeting. The verbal report will include updated results as of the day of the meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
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ATTACHMENTS
1. OpenGov Survey Results as of August 12, 2019 at 1:44 PM

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

August 12, 2019, 1:44 PM

Contents

Summary Of Responses

As of August 12, 2019, 1:44 PM, this forum had:

Attendees:	252
Responses:	185
Hours of Public Comment:	9.3

Topic Start

July 30, 2019, 9:47 AM

QUESTION 1

Are you a resident of the city of Santa Clara?

		%	Count
Yes		97.3%	180
No		2.7%	5

QUESTION 2

Should the City Charter be changed to adopt the six Council district plan currently in place for electing its six Councilmembers by district?

		%	Count
Yes		66.9%	117
No		33.1%	58

QUESTION 3

If you answered No to question No. 2, would you like to see:

		%	Count
3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district		57.7%	41

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

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	%	Count
2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district	23.9%	17
Some other district configuration? Please insert any additional comments in question No. 5 below.	18.3%	13

QUESTION 4

Should Councilmembers be required to live in the district they represent?

	%	Count
Yes	95.1%	174
No	4.9%	9

QUESTION 5

Please tell us if you have any additional comments that you would like the Charter Review Committee to consider in making a recommendation on a City Charter amendment about district elections.

Answered	74
Skipped	111

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Survey Questions

QUESTION 1

Are you a resident of the city of Santa Clara?

- Yes
- No

QUESTION 2

Should the City Charter be changed to adopt the six Council district plan currently in place for electing its six Councilmembers by district?

- Yes
- No

QUESTION 3

If you answered No to question No. 2, would you like to see:

- 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district
- 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district
- Some other district configuration? Please insert any additional comments in question No. 5 below.

QUESTION 4

Should Councilmembers be required to live in the district they represent?

- Yes
- No

QUESTION 5

Please tell us if you have any additional comments that you would like the Charter Review Committee to consider in making a recommendation on a City Charter amendment about district elections.

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Individual Responses

Name not available
July 31, 2019, 8:30 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
July 31, 2019, 9:22 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

• Some other district configuration? Please insert any additional comments in question No. 5 below.

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

suggestion: 4 district representatives (4 districts), 2 at-large representatives, 1 at-large mayor otherwise keep it the same as now...the

2 options presented above with either 2 or 3 districts don't really meet the idea of getting more distributed representation across the city.....but the larger problem is that the councilmembers, both current and past, generally ignore their constituents, with the exception of special interests (realators, businesses, etc).......council members and majoy ought to be paid and required to hold town halls in their districts......

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
July 31, 2019, 9:23 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

I live in District 4 and its borders make no sense at all: homes east of Central Park are in one district, and homes west of Central Park are in a different district which includes the park. All district borders should be re-examined to make sure they are logical.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
July 31, 2019, 10:56 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

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Question 3

- Some other district configuration? Please insert any additional comments in question No. 5 below.

Question 4

- Yes

Question 5

would like to see other configurations and ABSOLUTELY what ever is decided the councilperson should live in their district while still representing all of the city

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Name not available
July 31, 2019, 2:52 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

- No

Question 3

- 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

- Yes

Question 5

I would like more than one council person pre district, this give me a choice on who represent us. You can be stuck will one person for 8 years if re-elected. When we elected at large we had several choices and now we should go to our district representatives. Spitting the city in 1/3 give us a choice.

Name not available
July 31, 2019, 10:41 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

- Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

- Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 1, 2019, 11:56 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

- Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

- Yes

Question 5

Keeping things the way they are is unacceptable. Stacking the deck by reducing the number of districts or otherwise disenfranchise minority voters is also not acceptable.

Diane Harrison
inside Santa Clara
August 1, 2019, 12:35 PM

Question 1

- Yes

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Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Frankly, we haven't given the current districts a chance. Our first district councilpersons were elected less than a year ago, and that was in only 2 of the districts. We should give the current districts AT LEAST four full years of trial before starting over again. What you should be doing at this juncture instead is implementing ranked choice voting. That will truly make elections more fair since the majority will elect a councilperson, or mayor, not a minority, in the case of 3 or more candidates. Should you wish me to address your committee with an explanation of ranked choice voting, I would be happy to do so. From what I've heard from folks is that those who are against it don't understand it.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 1, 2019, 2:39 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

I really like th district elections! I am honored to know my representative and feel a connection to the city this way. Keep the districts we have in place! It's fair and equitable.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 1, 2019, 3:19 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

I strongly support keeping the existing system with 6 districts, and redistricting minimally as needed moving forward.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 1, 2019, 6:59 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

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The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Name not available
August 1, 2019, 10:30 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

I want the city to stop spending money on something a judge has ruled we have to do. Please move on with this issue.

Name not available
August 2, 2019, 2:19 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available

August 2, 2019, 8:28 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

• Some other district configuration? Please insert any additional comments in question No. 5 below.

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Simply put the Court's ordered districts into the Charter.

Tom Freitas
inside Santa Clara
August 2, 2019, 10:31 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown

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The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

inside Santa Clara
August 2, 2019, 10:49 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Just document the Court Order and stop there!

Name not available
August 2, 2019, 11:50 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 2, 2019, 11:14 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

• Some other district configuration? Please insert any additional comments in question No. 5 below.

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

There should be at least 4 districts.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 2, 2019, 12:35 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Voter registration should be addresses only, no po boxes. Only property tax payers should be allowed to vote on city taxation changes/updates/laws not renters!!!!

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Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 2, 2019, 3:37 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

I feel this is a good compromise all having high tech. and bedroom communities.

Name not available
August 2, 2019, 3:44 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 2, 2019, 3:53 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 2, 2019, 4:06 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 2, 2019, 4:47 PM

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Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

I think 6 would be fine, but the districts should overlap, so every election 100% of the city gets to vote for one person. By 6, I mean 3 elected one year then rotate those 3 halfway to elect 3 more then next cycle.

Name not available
August 2, 2019, 4:48 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 2, 2019, 4:50 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

I like 6, but more like 3 per election cycle. So 3 districts in the city on the first election then 3 districts that overlap the 2 adjacent districts (a 50% rotation) for the next. Thus everyone get to vote for one member each election and every house is in 2 districts.

Name not available
August 2, 2019, 5:31 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 2, 2019, 7:20 PM

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Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 2, 2019, 7:24 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 2, 2019, 9:11 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 2, 2019, 9:11 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

John Michnowicz
inside Santa Clara
August 2, 2019, 9:34 PM

Question 1

• Yes

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

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Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 2, 2019, 10:11 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Rob Jerdonek
inside Santa Clara
August 2, 2019, 10:11 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Santa Clara is too small of a city for 6 voting districts. The population of Santa Clara is around 120,000.   San Jose has a population of around 1 million, and has 10 voting districts.   Regarding the current use of 6 single-member districts in Santa Clara, that results in a very small district size that is equivalent to having 50 districts in San Jose and 50 council members!

I live on the Northside of Santa Clara (north of 101.) In the districting effort, the Northside should be considered to be one community. With 6 districts, we have seen that there is no way to draw district lines without splitting up the Northside neighborhoods.

As a compromise, I support having 3 districts in Santa Clara, with 2 councilmembers elected per district. This would allow the Northside to be together in one district, as it should be. 3 districts would also result in less "slicing and dicing", and less contentious ongoing redistricting battles in the southern areas of the city.

Finally, I also support Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) to elect the members in each district. This will avoid the problems of vote splitting, encourage more candidates to run for office, and help ensure proportional representation for under-represented minority groups - whether they are racial, ethnic, or political minorities.
Allowing Ranked Choice Voting should be a separate ballot question, separate from the ballot question to enact district elections.

Name not available
August 3, 2019, 10:13 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Question 3

No response

Question 4

 • Yes

Question 5

No response

James Breeding
inside Santa Clara
August 3, 2019, 10:16 AM

Question 1

 • Yes

Question 2

 • No

Question 3

 • 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

 • Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 3, 2019, 12:17 PM

Question 1

 • No

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

 • Yes

Question 5

1. No matter the number of districts, the City should use ranked choice voting to elect all City officials.

2.The City should establish an independent redistricting commission for the 2020 census redistricting and beyond.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 3, 2019, 1:06 PM

Question 1

 • Yes

Question 2

 • Yes

Question 3

 • 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

 • Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 3, 2019, 1:40 PM

Question 1

 • Yes

Question 2

No response

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Benjamin Johansen
inside Santa Clara
August 3, 2019, 2:39 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 3, 2019, 4:45 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 4, 2019, 7:37 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 4, 2019, 1:22 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

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- Some other district configuration? Please insert any additional comments in question No. 5 below.

Question 4

- Yes

Question 5

Montague area (district 2) should be part of district 1.

Mark Apton
inside Santa Clara
August 4, 2019, 2:58 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

- Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

- Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 4, 2019, 4:08 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

- No

Question 3

- 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

- Yes

Question 5

Would prefer 3 districts electing 2 Council Members because with 6 districts the smaller population along with smaller voter turn out seems too small of a representation electing someone to make decisions for the entire City.

Name not available
August 4, 2019, 6:03 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

- Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 4, 2019, 6:23 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

- Yes

Question 3

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Leonne (Lee) Broughman
inside Santa Clara
August 4, 2019, 8:56 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

I want to vote for a council person every election. There was extensive support for the 2 district system provided by Demographer Dr Gobalet last year. It allowed for adjustment every census year.... It takes too few vote to become a council person now. We have large issues that would be voted on by a small voting population.. City wide voting allowed for everyones input. Regards, Lee Broughman

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Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 4, 2019, 9:04 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

If making changes, please avoid more litigation.

Name not available
August 5, 2019, 3:19 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Multiple representatives per district make no sense, which is why very few cities, counties, or states do it that way. There should be multiple districts, and representatives should be legally required to reside (and not just own a home) in their represented district in order to be aware of their district-specific issues and to be accountable to their neighbors. Whether or not racial diversity in the representatives occurs in the future remains to be seen, but the larger issue of a working representative form of government is crucial and demands the change to the six-district system and not the ill-conceived and illogical two and three-district systems proposed by the city. Furthermore, the city should stop wasting tax dollars on a court fight that is not in the interests of representative government and cannot be won based on historical precedent.

Name not available

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

August 5, 2019, 9:16 AM

Question 1

  • Yes

Question 2

  • Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

  • Yes

Question 5

No response

Joe Nufer
inside Santa Clara
August 5, 2019, 10:45 AM

Question 1

  • Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

  • Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 5, 2019, 11:20 AM

Question 1

  • Yes

Question 2

  • Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

  • Yes

Question 5

Why is the City wasting time and resources on this when the election structure has been imposed by the Court? Even if the Committee came up with another recommendation about district elections it would have to pass judicial review.

Name not available
August 5, 2019, 4:15 PM

Question 1

  • Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I have no idea what the "six Council district plan currently in place " is. Council candidates "should" live in the district they represent IF there are qualified candidates available, otherwise NOT required.

Name not shown

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

inside Santa Clara
August 5, 2019, 6:12 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

If we truly were considering all possible alternatives, we should also consider 7 districts without a directly elected mayor.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 5, 2019, 8:42 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 5, 2019, 9:26 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 5, 2019, 10:15 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Just leave this issue alone and move on!

Name not available
August 5, 2019, 10:51 PM

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 7, 2019, 10:33 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• No

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 4:15 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 4:43 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 5:47 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• No

Question 5

No response

Ana Segovia
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 5:47 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

District-based council members will have a better feel of issues relevant to our specific area of residence.

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 5:56 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 6:05 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 6:15 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

• No

Question 3

• Some other district configuration? Please insert any additional comments in question No. 5 below.

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Keep it the way it is.

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 6:19 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 6:26 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 6:34 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

too bad everything had to change and make it harder and so confusing . I like the old way better without all this mess of who lives in what district. the old way worked best. too bad cant fix it. I wont vote anymore too confusing.

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 6:44 AM

Question 1

• No

Question 2

• Yes

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

I lived in san francisco when they made a similar change. I think that district representatives understand the people they represent better

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Name not available
August 9, 2019, 6:55 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• No

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 6:57 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 6:58 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• No

Question 5

Districting should be automated. No gerrymandering.

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 7:01 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 7:02 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

We have a ruling from a judge. Stop wasting time and money on this.

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 7:11 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

The mayor should be selected from the council like in Mountain View. That would mean having either 5 or 7 districts.

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 7:19 AM

Question 1

• No

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

I took the survey now twice because I misunderstood the first time

I think the current system works well....up to a point, it is better to have more granular representation.

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 7:19 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Please audit the voter rolls to purge any registered voters that are actually ineligible- those that have died or moved, those that are not citizens, or do not actually live here etc. as voter fraud is rampant especially in California.

Roger March
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 7:23 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

The 6 district system seems one of the best ways to end the political cronyism that the city has fallen into for so long.

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 7:39 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

term limits, no more than two terms.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 7:42 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 7:47 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 7:47 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
outside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 7:52 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 7:59 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 8:01 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 8:08 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 8:16 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• No

Question 5

Council s/b honoring what is good for our city as a whole, not just a particular area in the city. Hopefully those decisions will satisfy all residents if done honorably.

Howard Myers
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 8:22 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Matt Heintz
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 8:23 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

• Yes

Question 5

Regarding living within the district, there should be a period of time where this is phased in so existing council members have a few years to transition to being elected into their proper district

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 8:27 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 8:32 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Each person must run Separately not in any group or pair. No attempt to build up a position.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 8:37 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 8:43 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 8:43 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

The Court took my Voting rights away by reducing the candidates I can vote for. I believe voting for "seats" allowed me to express my views as a community member not as an ethic member.
The current engineered voting system is rigging the vote-unconstitutional.
BruceD

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 8:47 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 8:48 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

The results of the last election are evidence that district elections work to reduce or eliminate racially biased voting in our city.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 8:59 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

 • Yes

Question 5

Council members should be required to live in the district for some period before running for election - they should not move to district within a few days of running for office. I would suggest at least 6 months and preferably at least 1 year. That way they would truly be residents of the district they seek to represent.

Lu Palermo
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 9:09 AM

Question 1

 • Yes

Question 2

 • Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

 • Yes

Question 5

They should also have a mixture of both women and men, with different nationalities, and ages coming from different income "social statuses". If possible, as close to even as possible. 6 districts, then 3 women & 3 men. Though it's not supposed to matter the political party they affiliate with should be known because it does influence there thoughts and actions in today's society. We need people that want have lived here in Santa Clara County Valley for the most of their lives. They will make the best decisions to better Santa Clara and the people. Over development it not helping this city or this planet. All the revenue coming from the Levi Stadium, needs to be put to good use as it should be. For the people in the City of Santa Clara. All the power should not be put in the hands of one person. Unfortunately it's in our nature, with money comes greed and power. Absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Name not shown

inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 9:18 AM

Question 1

 • Yes

Question 2

 • No

Question 3

 • Some other district configuration? Please insert any additional comments in question No. 5 below.

Question 4

 • Yes

Question 5

ONE District is the best. Multiple Districts were forced on the citizens of Santa Clara — by a guy in a black robe, who doesn't even live in the city!

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 9:30 AM

Question 1

 • Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

 • Yes

Question 5

I'm not really sure how I feel about this change; however the one thing I do feel strongly about is that the Councilmembers must live in the district they represent; regardless of how you decide to split things up or not.

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Name not available

August 9, 2019, 9:34 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

August 9, 2019, 9:36 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• No

Question 5

No response

Name not available

August 9, 2019, 9:39 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• Some other district configuration? Please insert any additional comments in question No. 5 below.

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Just go back to the old system. It made way more sense!

Name not available

August 9, 2019, 9:44 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• No

Question 5

No response

Name not available

August 9, 2019, 9:46 AM

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 10:01 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 10:06 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Gary Meegan
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 10:07 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 10:14 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

How are the districts divided up? By population? It's seems that they should all be equal, whatever the criteria is, so each council member has equal say in decisions.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 10:15 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Michael Bierman
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 10:17 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

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william eserini
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 10:18 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

why is to be changed,,, i thought we desided to vote with the districts already,, leave it alone,, that way it is up to the voters not the city council who is picked!!!! quit spending out tax dollars on stupid things!!!

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 10:24 AM

Question 1

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Jane Casamajor
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 10:29 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 10:30 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

The entire city will be involved by electing a Councilmember in every election.

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 10:31 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

To live in the district they represent, means this is actually their primary address and residence and not some temporary or rental to be used just to fool the voting public.

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 10:34 AM

Question 1

• Yes

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Question 2

 • Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

 • Yes

Question 5

District boundaries should be drawn so that they coincide with major roads, (El Camino Real, San Tomas Expressway, Lafayette Road, or Scott Boulevard), highways (US 101), CalTrain tracks, or creeks (Calabasas, San Tomas) so as to avoid splitting neighborhoods. Boundaries should be drawn so that they make sense, rather than drawn oddly to allow existing council members to remain in office.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 10:43 AM

Question 1

 • Yes

Question 2

 • Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

 • Yes

Question 5

No response

Kirk Vartan
outside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 10:43 AM

Question 1

 • No

Question 2

 • No

Question 3

 • 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

 • Yes

Question 5

Santa Clara is too small to have six districts. It is also starting to fracture the council approach on looking at the city holistically. Just because you are in a district doesn't mean you are the expert in an issue in that area. Of course they can be included or even the point person, but others should be encouraged to help. Every council member should care about the whole city, not just their little area. Six districts is a bad idea and sold be abandoned.

The last charter committee looked at all forms of districting Ave decided that two was the correct balance. That allows the council members to closely work together and focus on half of the city, while still being engaged in the entire city.

The at large voting for council members was the issue, but districts. Unfortunately, districts became the rushed solution.

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 10:44 AM

Question 1

 • Yes

Question 2

 • Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

• Yes

Question 5

No response

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Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 11:02 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

• Some other district configuration? Please insert any additional comments in question No. 5 below.

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Keep the 6 districts. Santa Clara politics seem to be a tight circle of influence. If we do two big districts, or three for that matter, I can see it staying in tact. Let's keep our city honest.

Also, this survey is bias— including "interim court-mandated six districts" and having only the 3 district/2 district as options on your survey will totally persuade whomever takes this survey to choose only one of those two options instead of the third.

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Name not available
August 9, 2019, 11:08 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

6 districts is overkill for a city the small size of Santa Clara. Let's use three districts, two councilmembers each. Require that candidates live in their district.

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Name not available
August 9, 2019, 11:12 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

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Guo Chen
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 11:15 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Question 3

• 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 11:17 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 11:25 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Douglas Berry
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 11:29 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 11:53 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 12:23 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 12:29 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 12:39 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 1:05 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Question 5

No response

Clysta Seney
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 1:08 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• Some other district configuration? Please insert any additional comments in question No. 5 below.

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Citizens were not given a choice about having an elected mayor option. District options were dictated by the Council. The Charter Review Committee may only look at what is proscribed by the current Mayor and Council. So, it is not really a citizens committee about reviewing our charter. Today it's about vetting the options this Council wants. I prefer having seven districts representing seven areas of Santa Clara and having a rotating mayor so no area of the city is favored. I prefer having a Charter Review Committee elected by districts. I prefer having a Police Chief vetted by the City Manager who can source candidates from outside the City. Such options are especially important in a fast growing city like ours with 1) a university that concentrates a voting block whose amenities are more than any Santa Clara neighborhood has and 2) a high-powered NFL stadium which hosts a seating capacity that exceeds the number of citizens voting in the city's elections. I would like to see this Committee set forward recommendations about making future Charter Review Committees advocates for citizens' POVs instead of the existing Council's POVs.

James Stott
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 1:44 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

• Some other district configuration? Please insert any additional comments in question No. 5 below.

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

I would like to have the old quad split up and merged into surrounding districts. Redraw the lines to allow for 6 districts but with the old quad split up.

Janine Bates
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 2:01 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

August 9, 2019, 2:07 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 2:29 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Steve Kelly
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 2:34 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

By leaving it at 6 districts it is more likely more residents would consider running for office but I would be okay with 3 districts as well.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 2:35 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 3:21 PM

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 3:58 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 4:12 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 4:29 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• Some other district configuration? Please insert any additional comments in question No. 5 below.

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

current model is good. In small district council member should be know the residents and can work better for their needs.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 4:48 PM

Question 1

• Yes

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Move up the 95054 district as the stadium authority has NO ONE from the local zip code. Enough.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 4:58 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

The current boundaries for the six districts were drawn by an independent entity (the court) and should be adopted by the Charter Review Committee. They are free from any partisan considerations and are unlikely to be successfully challenged in court.

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 6:00 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 6:02 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

I thought we were son this system as of a year or so ago. That isn't time enough to test it out. Also, what is the point of the district system if the candidate can be from another district?

Anthony Becker
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 6:48 PM

Question 1

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

The ballot measure is essentially a waste of money when the judge already ordered it to happen therefore we should be able to adapt our charter legally. We need 6 districts, it splits up the power and stops super majorities bought and paid for. It gives more local control and bringing all council members to make big decisions for the city as a whole. Mayor continues to be elected separately but is only considered 1 vote like a council member. The current format of 6 districts works and can be adaptable after the 2020 census is conducted. It's fair, it gives new voices, and takes power away from career politicians.

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 7:36 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 7:55 PM

Question 1

• No

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 9, 2019, 9:48 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

• Some other district configuration? Please insert any additional comments in question No. 5 below.

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 10:23 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Draw district boundary lines using expressways, freeways or major streets without residents.

Name not available
August 9, 2019, 11:24 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available

August 10, 2019, 6:27 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

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sriram palapudi
inside Santa Clara
August 10, 2019, 6:56 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Having only one per district prevents 2 passionate and competent people from the same small district from representing. A slight larger district enables that.

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

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Ken Mignosa
inside Santa Clara
August 10, 2019, 7:46 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

I'd be grateful for the city council and mayor to stop wasting taxpayer money and government resources on the futile effort to perpetuate a voting plan that has already been deemed unconstitutional, illegal, discriminatory and disenfranchising throughout California and the US. The city should comply with court orders on this subject and immediately setup per district representation. The voters cannot overrule the current voting system that is ***unconstitutional*** without an amendment to the state constitution, and, for that matter, the US constitution.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 10, 2019, 8:45 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

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Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 10, 2019, 11:15 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

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Name not available
August 10, 2019, 12:14 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City is seeking input from the community on the number of districts. Is the current six-district model working or would some other model be preferred?

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 10, 2019, 12:23 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 10, 2019, 12:41 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

It is important that Santa Clara city government reflect the racial, ethnic and income diversity of our city. Not every Asian or Latino is the same it has the same interests, or interests that are different than other people's, but they are likely to have different perspectives and insights into the range of challenges and opportunities we face as a fast growing city.
I am embarrassed that while South Asian and East Asian households make up a majority in our city, it took district elections to see even one non-white member on our council. We can and must do better than this to ensure that we share a sense of inclusion and common purpose going forward.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 10, 2019, 12:49 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 10, 2019, 1:23 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

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Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 10, 2019, 1:24 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

The way the district is drawn for district 5 and 4 with that jog around the Mariani property is Bizarre. I remember the discussion that it was an option because of the way NextDoor had outlined neighborhoods. District 5 is mainly the Old Quad and representative(s) in the district might well only focus on the old quad needs. Thank goodness that I feel the Mayor represents ALL of Santa Clara.

Name not available
August 10, 2019, 2:07 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

P refer returning to an "at large" system. Santa Clara is not so large as to require " boroughs ". All council members should be accountable to all Santa Clarans.

Name not available
August 10, 2019, 8:19 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Debbie Tryforos
inside Santa Clara
August 10, 2019, 9:18 PM

Question 1

• Yes

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

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Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

My concern is the participation in certain districts if we keep it to six different ones. The districts that have the lowest turnout rates could possible put a person in that is not necessarily someone with the greater interest of all of Santa Clara.

Name not available
August 10, 2019, 11:38 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 11, 2019, 5:10 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 11, 2019, 10:32 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 11, 2019, 10:47 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 11, 2019, 10:49 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 11, 2019, 11:13 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 11, 2019, 2:27 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Though I agree with districts - I do not agree with the current zoning of the six districts

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Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 11, 2019, 3:36 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

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Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

Would prefer 7 districts, Mayor becomes non-voting member of city council.

Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 11, 2019, 10:55 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Lisa Eckstein
inside Santa Clara
August 12, 2019, 12:06 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 12, 2019, 9:05 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

Name not available
August 12, 2019, 11:21 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

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Question 4

• No

Question 5

No response

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Name not available
August 12, 2019, 11:22 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• No

Question 5

No response

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Name not shown
inside Santa Clara
August 12, 2019, 1:25 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

The nomination for District Council Member should be well-publicized and open for residents to become familiar with those seeking the office. The deliberations of the Charter Review Committee should be available publicly, as well as the identity of these Members.

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Christine Swanson
inside Santa Clara
August 12, 2019, 1:38 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• No

Question 3

• 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

Question 4

• Yes

Question 5

No response

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Name not available
August 12, 2019, 1:44 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• Yes

Question 3

No response

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

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Question 4

- Yes

Question 5

No response