



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Agenda

### Charter Review Committee

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Thursday, October 17, 2019

7:00 PM

Northside Branch Library  
Community Room  
695 Moreland Way  
Santa Clara, CA 95054

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**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 Draft Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes**

**A. 19-1182 [Action on the Charter Review Committee Minutes of the September 21, 2019 Meeting](#)**

**Recommendation:** Approve the Charter Review Committee Minutes of the September 21, 2019 meeting.

**B. 19-1185 [Action on the Charter Review Committee Minutes of the September 26, 2019 Meeting](#)**

**Recommendation:** Approve the Charter Review Committee Minutes of the September 26, 2019 meeting.

**4. Receive Public Input**

**5. Verbal Report from City Clerk on Survey Results and Other Feedback Received to Date**

**19-1183 [Verbal Report from City Clerk on Survey Results and Other Feedback Received to Date](#)**

**6. Verbal Report from Committee members on Public Input Received to Date**

**7. Discussion and Action on Recommended Charter Amendment Language including:**

- Review of Potential Residency and Redistricting Language
- Review of Redistricting Language Options
- Potential Input on How Initial Districts will be Drawn

**19-1181** [Proposed Draft Charter Amendment Language Regarding District Elections](#)

**8. Adjournment**

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*Pizza or sandwiches will be provided at each meeting subject to availability.*



# City of Santa Clara

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## Agenda Report

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19-1182

Agenda Date: 10/17/2019

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### **REPORT TO CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**

#### **SUBJECT**

Action on the Charter Review Committee Minutes of the September 21, 2019 Meeting

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the Charter Review Committee Minutes of the September 21, 2019 meeting.

Approved by: Hosam Haggag, City Clerk

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft Minutes - Charter Review Committee Meeting - September 21, 2019



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Charter Review Committee

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09/21/2019

12:00 PM

Northside Branch Library, Community Room  
695 Moreland Way  
Santa Clara, CA 95054

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#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Chair Jain** called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

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

#### 2. Public Presentations

**Public Presentations:** **Chair Jain** provided comments about the City Attorney's attendance at the Charter Review Committee meeting. Chair Jain extended the public input time per speaker from 2 minutes to 3 minutes.

**City Clerk Haggag** noted that the City Attorney is available by phone if needed.

**Member Cooley** asked if public input could be moved to the end of the agenda as no members of the public were present. **Chair Jain** agreed.

#### 3. Approval of the August 15, 2019 Charter Review Committee meeting minutes

[19-1079](#) Action on the Charter Review Committee Minutes of the August 15, 2019 Meeting

**Recommendation:** Approve the Charter Review Committee Minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting.

**Chair Jain** noted that the minutes were missing the discussion about creating a FAQ. **Chair Jain** noted that he, **Member Almazol** and **Member Ricossa** made this request and **City Clerk Haggag** requested that Committee Members provide questions.

**Assistant City Clerk Pimentel** noted that the minutes are action minutes meaning only those items where the Committee took action are recorded, but that we would make a notation in the minutes.

**A motion was made by Member Almazol and seconded by Vice-Chair Silva to approve the August 15, 2019 meeting minutes as amended.**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Cooley, Vice Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

#### 4. Receive public input

**Chair Jain** opened the meeting for public input.

**Public Speaker(s):** None

#### 5. Verbal report from City Clerk on survey results and other feedback to date

[19-1131](#) Verbal report from City Clerk on survey results and other feedback to date Post Meeting Material

[19-1080](#) Verbal Report from City Clerk on Survey Results and Other Feedback Received to Date

**City Clerk Haggag** provided an update on the feedback received as of the day of the meeting including a brief summary of the survey results.

#### 6. Verbal report from Committee members on public input receive to date

**Committee Members** provided an overview of the outreach they had conducted and summaries of the feedback they had received as of the day of the meeting.

[19-1132](#) Verbal report from Committee members on public input receive to date Post Meeting Material

## 7. Discussion about the number of districts

**City Clerk Haggag** provided an overview of district model configurations and a discussion followed.

**Public Speaker(s):** Public Speakers (4)

**Chair Jain** polled the Committee members on the preferred number of districts.

**Chair Jain asked for a straw poll in favor of 6 districts.**

Those in favor: Chair Jain and Member Koltermann

Those opposed: Member Almazol, Member Bonito, Member Cooley, Member Ricossa and Vice-Chair Silva

**Chair Jain asked for a straw poll in favor of 3 districts.**

Those in favor: Member Almazol, Member Bonito, Member Cooley, Member Ricossa and Vice-Chair Silva

Those opposed: Chair Jain and Member Koltermann

**A motion was made by Member Cooley and seconded by Member Ricossa to place an agenda item to discuss different forms of three districts and transition on the next agenda.**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Cooley, Vice Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

## 8. Discussion of residency requirements for candidates in a district

**City Clerk Haggag** gave an overview of residency requirements and a discussion followed.

**Public Speaker(s):** None.

**A motion was made by Member Cooley and seconded by Member Ricossa to place an agenda item to discuss residency requirements, including the effects of redistricting and relocating (inside and outside city) during the term on the next agenda.**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Cooley, Vice Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

**A motion was made by Member Almazol and seconded by Member Cooley to place an agenda item to discuss possible language related to redistricting on the next agenda.**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Cooley, Vice Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, and Member Bonito

**Nay:** 1 - Member Ricossa

## **9. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Member Bonito and seconded by Vice-Chair Silva to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 PM.**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Cooley, Vice Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito



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## Agenda Report

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19-1185

Agenda Date: 10/17/2019

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### REPORT TO CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

#### SUBJECT

Action on the Charter Review Committee Minutes of the September 26, 2019 Meeting

#### RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Charter Review Committee Minutes of the September 26, 2019 meeting.

Approved by: Hosam Haggag, City Clerk

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes - Charter Review Committee Meeting - September 26, 2019





# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Charter Review Committee

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09/26/2019

7:00 PM

Mission Branch Library  
Community Room  
1098 Lexington St.,  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Chair Jain** called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

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

#### 2. Public Presentations

**Public Presentation(s):** **City Clerk Haggag** made a few meeting housekeeping announcements.

**Member Silva** asked that speakers note if they are residents of Santa Clara.

**Steve Chessin** noted he is not a resident of Santa Clara and informed the Committee that the County has signed a contract for new election equipment that can handle ranked choice voting in both single and multi-winner form.

**Public Speaker** noted he is a resident and gave an example of why it's important to have local representation.

**Public Speaker** noted she is a resident and in support of more districts because it allows for greater democracy as more people can run for office.

#### 3. Receive Public Input

**Chair Jain** opened the meeting for public input.

**Public Speaker(s):** None.

#### 4. Verbal Report from City Clerk on Survey Results and Other Feedback Received to Date

[19-1102](#)

Verbal Report from City Clerk on Survey Results and Other Feedback Received to Date

**City Clerk Haggag** reviewed the public input received as of the day of the meeting and the Committee members discussed.

#### 5. Verbal Report from Committee Members on Public Input Received to Date

**Committee Members** reported and discussed the public input they had received as of the day of the meeting.

19-1156

Post Meeting Material for Item 5, 6, and 7

#### 6. Discuss Different Forms of 3 Member Districts and Transition Plans

**City Clerk Haggag** noted the agenda item was incorrectly stated. The agenda item should have been different forms of 3 districts, not different forms of 3-member districts.

**City Clerk Haggag** delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the different forms of 3 districts and 6 districts.

**Committee Members** asked questions and discussed this item.

**City Clerk Haggag** delivered a PowerPoint presentation on transition plan options.

**Member Cooley** presented some information on election methods.

**Committee Members** asked questions and discussed the items.

**Public Speaker(s):** Public Speakers (6)

**A motion was made by Member Ricossa and seconded by Member Almazol to adopt 3 districts.**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Cooley, Vice Chair Silva, Member Almazol, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

**Nay:** 2 - Member Koltermann, and Chair Jain

**A motion was made by Member Koltermann and seconded by Chair Jain to adopt 6 districts.**

**Aye:** 2 - Member Koltermann, and Chair Jain

**Nay:** 5 - Member Cooley, Vice Chair Silva, Member Almazol, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

**A motion was made by Member Ricossa and seconded by Member Bonito to adopt the 3/3 election configuration.**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Chair Silva, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

**Nay:** 2 - Member Cooley, and Member Koltermann

**A motion was made by Member Cooley to adopt the 4/2 election configuration. Motion failed for lack of a second.**

#### **7. Discuss Residency Requirements, including Effects of Redistricting and Relocating (inside and outside city) During Term**

**City Clerk Haggag** provided some general guidance on this item.

**Committee Members** discussed the item.

**Public Speaker(s):** Public speakers (3)

**Chair Jain** asked the City Clerk to conduct a survey of neighboring Charter cities on residency requirements.

**A motion was made by Member Bonito and seconded by Member Cooley for the City Attorney to bring back two language options for Committee consideration related to residency requirements.**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Cooley, Vice Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

## 8. Discuss Possible Language Related to Redistricting

**City Clerk Haggag** presented some general questions to help guide the discussion.

**Committee Members** discussed the item and asked questions.

**City Attorney Doyle** provided information on the item and noted he would bring back some sample language for discussion purposes. He also asked if the Demographer could provide options on combining districts.

**Committee Members** chose to defer any remaining discussion to the next meeting pending additional information.

**Public Speaker(s):** Public Speakers (2)

## 9. Discussion and Action on Recommended Charter Amendment

**City Clerk Haggag** clarified that the earlier motions will suffice for direction under this item.

A discussion occurred regarding providing some initial map options for 3 districts.

**City Attorney Doyle** stated he would bring back language from Measure A on how initial districts will be drawn.

**Dr. Gobalet** stated she would provide information from her past work on Measure A for the Committee.

**Public Speaker(s):** Public speakers (3)

## 10. Adjournment

**A motion was made by Member Ricossa and seconded by Member Bonito to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Cooley, Vice Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito



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## Agenda Report

19-1183

Agenda Date: 10/17/2019

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### REPORT TO CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

#### **SUBJECT**

Verbal Report from City Clerk on Survey Results and Other Feedback Received to Date

#### **DISCUSSION**

The City Clerk will provide a verbal report on the survey results and other feedback received to date.

The survey results as of October 11, 2019 at 11:38 AM are attached for reference in Attachment 1. A total of 240 surveys have been received. The verbal report will include updated survey results as of the day of the meeting.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This is an information report only and no action is being taken by the City Council and no environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") is required.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact other than staff time.

#### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

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Approved by: Hosam Haggag, City Clerk

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. OpenGov Survey Results as of October 11, 2019 at 11:38 AM



# HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

October 11, 2019, 11:38 AM

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## 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?

### Summary Of Responses

<b>As of October 11, 2019, 11:38 AM, this forum had:</b>	<b>Topic Start</b>
Attendees: 364	July 30, 2019, 9:47 AM
Responses: 240	
Hours of Public Comment: 12.0	

#### QUESTION 1

**Are you a resident of the city of Santa Clara?**

		<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
Yes		97.5%	234
No		2.5%	6

#### 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?**

		<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
Yes		65.5%	150
No		34.5%	79



#### QUESTION 3

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

		<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district		58.8%	57

## 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?

		%	Count
2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district		21.6%	21
Some other district configuration? Please insert any additional comments in question No. 5 below.		19.6%	19

### QUESTION 4

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

		%	Count
Yes		94.5%	225
No		5.5%	13

### 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	97
Skipped	143



## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

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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.**

## 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?

### Individual Responses

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#### 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

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#### 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.....

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#### 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.

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#### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

July 31, 2019, 10:56 AM

##### Question 1

- Yes

##### Question 2

- No

## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

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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.

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### 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

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### 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.

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### Diane Harrison

inside Santa Clara

August 1, 2019, 12:35 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

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.

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### 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. I would also support having 7 districts.

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### 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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**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.

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**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

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**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.

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**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

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**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 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!

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### 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 3 districts.

### 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

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### 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!!!!

## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

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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.

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### 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

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### 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

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### Name not available

August 2, 2019, 4:47 PM

## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

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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.

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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

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### Name not available

August 2, 2019, 7:20 PM



## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA CLARA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

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### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

No response

### Question 3

No response

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

No response

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### John Michnowicz

inside Santa Clara

August 2, 2019, 9:34 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

No response

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

No response

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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

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### 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!

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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.

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### Name not available

August 9, 2019, 6:44 AM

### Question 1

- No

### 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

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

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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

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### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

August 9, 2019, 8:43 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

No response

### Question 5

No response

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### 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 ethnic member.

The current engineered voting system is rigging the vote-unconstitutional.

BruceD

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### Name not available

August 9, 2019, 8:47 AM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- Yes

### Question 3

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

No response

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### 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.

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### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

August 9, 2019, 8:59 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

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.

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### 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 their 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.

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### 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!

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### 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

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!

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**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

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**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

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**Name not available**

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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

- Yes

### Question 2

- Yes

### Question 3

- 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

No response

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### 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

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### 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

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### Name not available

August 9, 2019, 10:06 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

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.

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### 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

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### 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!!!

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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

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### 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 should be abandoned.

The last charter committee looked at all forms of districting and 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.

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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

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### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

## 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 9, 2019, 2:07 PM

### 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 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

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### 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.

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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

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#### 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?

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#### 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.

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### 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

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### 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



## 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, 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.

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**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

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**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

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?

### 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

### 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

### 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

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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

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### 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

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

No response

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### 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.

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### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

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.

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### 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

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### Debbie Tryforos

inside Santa Clara

August 10, 2019, 9:18 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

- 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 possibly put a person in that is not necessarily someone with the greater interest of all of Santa Clara.

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

August 11, 2019, 10:47 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?

- Yes

### Question 3

No response

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

No response

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

## 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

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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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

- 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

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

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### Name not available

August 12, 2019, 1:54 PM

### 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 12, 2019, 4:25 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- Yes

### Question 3

No response

### Question 4

- No

### Question 5

No response

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### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

August 12, 2019, 5:45 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- No

### Question 3

- 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

I believe that you started with a false premise. The city voted down breaking up into districts. This is forced on the city by a county judge and not the wishes of the residents. The problem is the same city council people have been in place for too many terms and then patched by drawing a line too late and thinking that it would bandage the situation. If you have to divide and conquer the city please use the fewest districts possible so the residents can have the greatest representation. I would like to say that I am proud to live in Santa Clara and not that I live in district \_. If you have to district can you wait until after the census so we can have an accurate picture of our demographics.

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### Name not available

August 12, 2019, 8:32 PM

### 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

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### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

August 12, 2019, 10:00 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- Yes

### Question 3

No response

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

Consider staggering the election cycles for districts so that not all council members stand or cycle off at the same time.

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### Patricia Starmack

inside Santa Clara

August 13, 2019, 10:47 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 13, 2019, 5:41 PM

### 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 13, 2019, 6:30 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

No response

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

No response

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### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

August 13, 2019, 8:29 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- Yes

### Question 3

No response

### Question 4

- No

### Question 5

No response

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### Fawad Sarwar

inside Santa Clara

August 13, 2019, 9:32 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- Yes

### Question 3

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### Name not available

August 14, 2019, 2:15 AM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

No response

### 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 14, 2019, 8:08 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- No

### Question 3

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

## 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

Many of my neighbors are senior citizens and may or may not vote. Even more of my neighbors are foreign born and may not vote. I am concerned that there are not enough registered voters in my neighborhood/district so... Very few people would be electing my district's city Council member. I'm not sure if that is the best way to govern

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### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

August 14, 2019, 10:56 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

honestly I would like no districts we are so small we should have no districts

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### Ammy Woodbury

inside Santa Clara

August 15, 2019, 1:39 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- Yes

### 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 15, 2019, 4:52 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- Yes

### Question 3

No response

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

No. But I would like to know why is this change being adopted.

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### Name not available

August 15, 2019, 9:01 PM

### 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

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### Andrea Puck

inside Santa Clara

August 16, 2019, 10:00 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 16, 2019, 12:45 PM

### 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 16, 2019, 2:16 PM

### 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 17, 2019, 7:49 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

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### Name not available

August 17, 2019, 4:06 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- No

### Question 3

No response

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

seems totally unnecessary  
city is becoming more homogeneous, the whole concept seems bad

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### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

August 17, 2019, 10:29 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- No

### Question 3

- 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

Would like to see a balance redistricting for the city of Santa Clara, with 3 districts and 2 Council members elected per district. I believe it will balance the redistricting with the numbers of 2 Council members per district. With 2 Council members the district has better opportunity to address concerns. I would like to contribute and make suggestion for the betterment of life in the City of Santa Clara.

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### Name not available

August 18, 2019, 1:37 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 20, 2019, 12:20 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

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### Name not available

August 21, 2019, 3:00 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- No

### Question 3

- 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

Six district is to many and two seems not enough. Would like to vote for council person every two years instead for one person every four years. Or change a council term to two years. Also like the mayor separate from the council "no rotating Mayor" otherwise I prefer election at large the way it was. Three districts with two council person in each districts. I can vote for comprising change.

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### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

August 23, 2019, 4:49 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- Yes

### Question 3

No response

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

No response

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### Name not available

September 2, 2019, 11:07 AM

### 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

September 2, 2019, 11:23 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

- 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

6 districts is proving to be too divisive.

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### Name not available

September 2, 2019, 11:24 AM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- No

### Question 3

- 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

Six isn't working.

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### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

September 2, 2019, 2:06 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- No

### Question 3

- 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

I am concerned that the direction of the committee is changing. This isn't right. Council gave direction. It should be adhered to.

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### Name not available

September 2, 2019, 2:30 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

September 2, 2019, 4:35 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

- No

### Question 5

All seats should be open to everyone to vote on.

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### Name not available

September 2, 2019, 9:41 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- Yes

### Question 3

No response

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

No response

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### Name not available

September 3, 2019, 9:00 AM

### 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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### David Baldwin

inside Santa Clara

September 5, 2019, 7:40 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- Yes

### Question 3

No response

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

I'd have preferred if Santa Clara's city council had remained a system of six at-large council seats. With district representation I'm concerned we may end up with councilmembers that, like San Jose's, often look out for their own district at the expense of the city as a whole.

Because, however, that is no longer possible, having each of the six City Councilmembers represent one specific district appears best. Dividing the city into two or three districts with multiple councilmembers would seem to have a greater potential for infighting and backroom deals than a one-district-one-representative system. And if you represent a district you should live in the district to better understand it.

Having said the above, I hope the City's Charter Review Committee critically reviews the peer reviewed literature on the subject, and, when applicable, uses that as a basis for their recommendations. I have no data. I'm just another longtime citizen of Santa Clara with an opinion.

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### Name not available

September 6, 2019, 10:21 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

- No

### Question 2

- Yes

### Question 3

No response

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

No response

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### Name not available

September 6, 2019, 12:16 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

Personally I would like to see 7 districts with a rotating mayor. I have seen over the years where the mayor now has too much power and imposes a personal agenda. Handpicks and campaigns for those that will support that agenda. Both Matthews and Gillmor are guilty of this.

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### Name not available

September 6, 2019, 2:44 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- Yes

### Question 3

No response

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

I would like us to continue with six districts and review in a couple of years.

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### Name not available

September 7, 2019, 10:29 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 to see 3 districts with boundaries running north and south.

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### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

September 8, 2019, 2:12 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

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### Name not available

September 9, 2019, 9:45 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

I think that Santa Clara is way too small of a city to have districts. It should be the old way that we had, it is much better than having districts -- that way each council member will have the best interests of Santa Clara in mind. Having districts is just going to end up with council members trying to get as many goodies for this district, just like with state and federal districts.

However, if the courts are forcing us to have districts, then I would have 2

districts (North/South) to keep this problem to a minimum.

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### Name not available

September 9, 2019, 3:36 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

Keep the current districts.

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### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

September 9, 2019, 4:09 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- No

### Question 3

- 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

## 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?

I think it's important to have each district with more than one representative. So that there is more than one official looking out for the greater good of the district and getting to know the people. I also think it's important to not divide the city into 6 little cities because there are major differences in many different neighborhoods in regards to the balance of commercial/residential and the contributions each of those pockets of Santa Clara contribute to the overall growth, tax basis, schools, residents etc. I fear for the people of the Northside if it's only left with 1 representative against 5 others who don't have a physical stake in regards to their elections to protect the balance of services in the area.

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**Name not available**

September 9, 2019, 5:14 PM

**Question 1**

- Yes

**Question 2**

- Yes

**Question 3**

No response

**Question 4**

- Yes

**Question 5**

No response

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**Name not available**

September 9, 2019, 10:04 PM

**Question 1**

- Yes

**Question 2**

- Yes

**Question 3**

- 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

**Question 4**

- Yes

**Question 5**

No response

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**Mojgan Mahdizadeh**

inside Santa Clara

September 9, 2019, 10:06 PM

**Question 1**

- Yes

**Question 2**

- Yes

**Question 3**

- 2 districts with 3 Councilmembers elected per district

**Question 4**

- Yes

**Question 5**

No response

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**Name not available**

September 10, 2019, 7:55 PM

**Question 1**

- Yes

**Question 2**

- No

**Question 3**

- 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

**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?

- No

### Question 5

Our cities are too small to make it one per a small district.

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### Name not available

September 11, 2019, 12:40 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- Yes

### Question 3

No response

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

No response

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### Name not available

September 12, 2019, 11:04 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

September 12, 2019, 12:22 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- Yes

### Question 3

No response

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

appealing the court's decision looks terrible. you lost. stop wasting our time and money and do the right thing.

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### Name not available

September 15, 2019, 1:55 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

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### Question 5

No response

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### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

September 16, 2019, 4:11 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- Yes

### Question 3

No response

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

Please urge the council to stop appealing the case, it's a complete waste of time and money. The courts have repeatedly ruled against at-large council members (both in Santa Clara and elsewhere) and provided a remedy for it, stop trying to weasel your way around the ruling and the will of the people as evidenced in the ballot measure passing by an overwhelming majority.

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### Marjorie ` Banko

inside Santa Clara

September 21, 2019, 12:53 PM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- Yes

### Question 3

No response

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

No response

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### john sontag

inside Santa Clara

September 28, 2019, 5:47 AM

### Question 1

- Yes

### Question 2

- No

### Question 3

- 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

Having 3 districts with 2 council members per district on staggered terms allow each district to participate equally in every election cycle, and keeps the districts relatively compact.

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### Name not shown

inside Santa Clara

October 4, 2019, 12:28 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?

- 3 districts with 2 Councilmembers elected per district

### Question 4

- Yes

### Question 5

No response



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## Agenda Report

19-1181

Agenda Date: 10/17/2019

### REPORT TO CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

#### **SUBJECT**

Proposed Draft Charter Amendment Language Regarding District Elections

#### **DISCUSSION**

Attachment 1 provides proposed draft charter amendment language regarding district elections. The draft language considers the feedback received at the September 26, 2019 Charter Review Committee meeting and provides optional language regarding the redistricting process.

As additional information, Attachment 2 provides sample residency requirement language excerpts from the City of San Jose Charter. The City Attorney will provide a verbal update on the recently signed California Assembly Bill 849 (AB 849) related to City and County redistricting (Attachment 3).

While this Committee is not charged with drawing district lines in this process, a map showing a potential three district configuration is included for reference as Attachment 4. This map was previously drawn for past Charter Review Committee use and shown to the public.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This is an information report only and no action is being taken by the City Council and no environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") is required.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact other than staff time.

#### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Charter Review Committee agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, email [clerk@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov) or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

Hosam Haggag, City Clerk

Approved by: Brian Doyle, City Attorney

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Draft Charter Amendment Language Regarding District Elections
2. Sample Residency Requirement Language - Relevant Excerpts from City of San Jose Charter
3. Draft AB 849
4. Potential Three District Configuration Map





**Attachment 1**  
**Proposed Draft Charter Amendment Language Regarding District Elections**

**Charter Amendment – Council Districts**

**Sec. 600 City elected officers.**

No person shall be eligible to hold ~~any~~ the elective office ~~in the City including~~ of Mayor, ~~City Council~~, or Chief of the Police Department and City Clerk, unless he or she is a resident and a qualified registered elector of the City. No person shall be eligible to hold the elective office of City Council Member other than Mayor unless he or she is a qualified elector of the City and a resident in the district represented by the Council Member office.

The elective officers of the City shall consist of a City Council composed of seven members and the Chief of the Police Department. The members of the City Council, (which includes the office of the Mayor) and the Chief of the Police Department and the City Clerk shall be elected from the City ~~at large~~ at the times and in the manner provided in this Charter. Except as otherwise herein provided, a person elected to an office for other than an unexpired term shall serve a term of four years and shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified. The term shall commence on the date the City Council certifies the canvass of the election returns submitted to it by the County Registrar of Voters.

The person receiving the most votes cast for a particular City office shall be declared duly elected. Ties shall be broken as provided from time to time by ordinance.

The office of Mayor shall be separately voted upon and is a separate office. The person elected at any election to the office designated “Mayor” shall be deemed elected, both as a Mayor and as a member of the Council. Although the Mayor is a Council member, his or her election does not change the number of Council members from seven.

No person shall be a candidate for both Mayor and a City Council seat at the same election. However, an incumbent member of the City Council may run for the elective office of Mayor, and the Mayor may run for the separate office of Mayor or other City Council office. However, at no time shall a member of the Council, including the Mayor, hold more than one City elective office. Except as otherwise provided elsewhere in this Charter, no incumbent member of the City Council while serving in such office with an unexpired term of more than six months shall be a candidate for any ~~numbered~~ Council seat other than the one which he or she holds.

**Attachment 1**  
**Proposed Draft Charter Amendment Language Regarding District Elections**

**Section 700.1** of the Charter of the City of Santa Clara is amended to be entitled and to read as follows:

**Sec. 700.1 Elections – City Council ~~Designation of seats.~~**

Members of the City Council, excepting the Mayor, shall be elected by district. There shall be three districts to be known as District 1, District 2 and District 3, with elections to be conducted as follows:

- a. Each District shall be represented by two (2) Council Members.
- b. In the election to be held in November 2020, the voters of Districts 1 and 2 shall each nominate and elect one (1) Council Member who meets the qualifications set forth in Section 600 of this Charter for four year terms each.
- c. In the election to be held in November 2020, the voters of District 3 shall nominate and elect two (2) Council Members who meet the qualifications set forth in Section 600 of this Charter. The candidate who receives the greatest number of votes shall be elected to a four year term; and the candidate who receives the second greatest number of votes shall be elected to a two year term.
- d. In the election to be held in November 2022 and each district election held thereafter, the voters of each District shall nominate and elect one (1) Council Member who meets the qualifications set forth in Section 600 of this Charter for a four year term.

**Sec. 700.2 Council Districts**

The method by which Districts are to be drawn and redrawn and the method of voting for City Council shall be enacted by ordinance of the City Council.

(Alternate section) The method by which Districts are to be drawn and redrawn shall be enacted by ordinance of the City Council in accordance with Elections Code Section 23003.

Upon any redistricting pursuant to the provisions of this section of the Charter or the ordinances enacted hereunder, each incumbent member of the Council will continue, during the remainder of the member's term, to hold office and represent the district by which the member was elected prior to such redistricting, notwithstanding any provision of Section 600 requiring a member to be a resident of the district represented by such member.

## Attachment 2

### Sample Residency Requirement Language Relevant Excerpts from City of San Jose Charter

From Section 403:

Upon any redistricting pursuant to the provisions of this Charter, each incumbent member of the Council will continue, during the remainder of the member's term, to hold office and to represent the District by which the member was elected prior to such redistricting, notwithstanding any provision of Section 404 requiring a member to be a resident of the District represented by such member.

#### **SECTION 404. Eligibility.**

A person shall not be eligible to take office as a member of the Council, including Mayor, unless the person satisfies all of the following conditions:

- (a) The person must have been a citizen of the United States for at least one year immediately preceding the commencement of the term for which the person is elected or the date upon which the person is appointed.
- (b) The person must have been a resident of the City of San José and, excepting the Mayor, of the District represented by the person as member, for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the last day specified by law for the filing of nomination papers with the City Clerk for such office or, if appointed, preceding the date of the person's appointment to fill a vacancy.
- (c) If elected to office at a Regular Municipal Election, the person must have been a registered elector of the City of San José on the last day specified by law for the filing of nomination papers with the City Clerk for such office.
- (d) If appointed to such office, the person must have been a registered elector of the City of San José at the time of the person's appointment.

A person shall not be eligible to be a candidate at any election for any Council office, if the person would not be eligible under the above provisions of this Section to take office if elected. Any determination as to whether a person has met the eligibility requirements shall be made at the time the nomination papers are filed and at the time of taking office.

The incumbent must, at all times, during the term of office continue being:

- (a) a citizen of the United States;
- (b) a resident of the City of San José and, except as provided in Section 403, of the District which he or she represents;
- (c) and a registered elector of the City.

**Assembly Bill No. 849**

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Passed the Assembly September 10, 2019

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Passed the Senate September 9, 2019

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

An act to amend Sections 21500, 21501, 21506, 21507, 21600, 21601, 21606, and 21607 of, to add Sections 21500.1, 21507.1, 21508, 21509, 21605, 21607.1, 21608, 21609, 21622, 21623, 21625, 21626, 21627, 21627.1, 21628, and 21629 to, to repeal Sections 21502, 21504, and 21604 of, and to repeal and add Sections 21503, 21602, 21603, 21620, and 21621 of, the Elections Code, and to amend Sections 34874, 34877.5, 34884, and 34886 of the Government Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 849, Bonta. Elections: city and county redistricting.

Existing law establishes criteria and procedures pursuant to which cities and counties adjust or adopt council and supervisorial district area boundaries, as applicable, for the purpose of electing members of the governing body of each of those local jurisdictions.

This bill would revise and recast these provisions. The bill would require the governing body of each local jurisdiction described above to adopt new district boundaries after each federal decennial census, except as specified. The bill would specify redistricting criteria and deadlines for the adoption of new boundaries by the governing body. The bill would specify hearing procedures that would allow the public to provide input on the placement of boundaries and on proposed boundary maps. The bill would require the governing body to take specified steps to encourage the residents of the local jurisdiction to participate in the redistricting process. By increasing the duties of these local jurisdictions, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the Fair And Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities And Political Subdivisions (FAIR MAPS) Act.

SEC. 2. Section 21500 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

21500. (a) Following each federal decennial census, and using that census as a basis, the board shall adjust the boundaries of any or all of the supervisorial districts of the county so that the supervisorial districts shall be substantially equal in population as required by the United States Constitution.

(1) Population equality shall be based on the total population of residents of the county as determined by that census.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), an incarcerated person, as that term is used in Section 21003, shall not be counted as part of a county's population, except for an incarcerated person whose last known place of residence may be assigned to a census block in the county, if information about the last known place of residence for incarcerated persons is included in the computerized database for redistricting that is developed in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 8253 of the Government Code, and that database is made publicly available.

(b) The board shall adopt supervisorial district boundaries that comply with the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10301 et seq.).

(c) The board shall adopt supervisorial district boundaries using the following criteria as set forth in the following order of priority:

(1) To the extent practicable, supervisorial districts shall be geographically contiguous. Areas that meet only at the points of adjoining corners are not contiguous. Areas that are separated by water and not connected by a bridge, tunnel, or regular ferry service are not contiguous.

(2) To the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division. A "community of interest" is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single supervisorial district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.

Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

(3) To the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of a city or census designated place shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.

(4) Supervisorial district boundaries should be easily identifiable and understandable by residents. To the extent practicable, supervisorial districts shall be bounded by natural and artificial barriers, by streets, or by the boundaries of the county.

(5) To the extent practicable, and where it does not conflict with the preceding criteria in this subdivision, supervisorial districts shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness in a manner that nearby areas of population are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations.

(d) The board shall not adopt supervisorial district boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

SEC. 3. Section 21500.1 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21500.1. (a) This chapter applies only to counties electing members of the board of supervisors by districts or from districts.

(b) This chapter shall not be interpreted to limit the discretionary remedial authority of any federal or state court.

SEC. 4. Section 21501 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

21501. The boundaries of the supervisorial districts shall be adopted by the board no earlier than August 1, 2021, and August 1 in each year ending in the number one thereafter, but no later than 151 days before the county's next regular election occurring after March 1, 2022, and after March 1 in each year ending in the number two thereafter. However, this section does not prohibit the board from holding public hearings or workshops on the placement of supervisorial district boundaries before August 1.

SEC. 5. Section 21502 of the Elections Code is repealed.

SEC. 6. Section 21503 of the Elections Code is repealed.

SEC. 7. Section 21503 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21503. (a) After redistricting or districting pursuant to Section 21500, a board shall not adopt new supervisorial district boundaries until after the next federal decennial census, except under the following circumstances:



(1) A court orders the board to redistrict.

(2) The board is settling a legal claim that its supervisorial district boundaries violate the United States Constitution, the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10301 et seq.), or this chapter.

(3) The boundaries of the county change by the addition or subtraction of territory.

(b) This section does not prohibit a board from adopting supervisorial districts between federal decennial censuses if the board is adopting supervisorial districts for the first time, including when a board adopts supervisorial districts for the purpose of transitioning from electing its supervisors in at-large elections to elections by districts or from districts.

SEC. 8. Section 21504 of the Elections Code is repealed.

SEC. 9. Section 21506 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

21506. (a) The term of office of any supervisor who has been elected and whose term of office has not expired shall not be affected by any change in the boundaries of the district from which the supervisor was elected.

(b) At the first election for county supervisors in each county following adoption of the boundaries of supervisorial districts, a supervisor shall be elected for each district under the new district plan that has the same district number as a district whose incumbent's term is due to expire.

(c) A change in the boundaries of a supervisorial district shall not be made between the direct primary election and the general election.

(d) The successor to the office of supervisor in a supervisorial district for which the district boundaries have been changed shall be a resident and voter of that supervisorial district.

SEC. 10. Section 21507 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

21507. Before adjusting the boundaries of a district pursuant to Section 21501 or 21503, or for any other reason, the board shall hold public hearings on the proposal in accordance with Section 21507.1. This section does not apply when a county transitions from at-large to district-based elections.

SEC. 11. Section 21507.1 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21507.1. (a) Before adopting a final map, the board shall hold at least four public hearings at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of one or more supervisorial districts.

(1) At least one public hearing shall be held before the board draws a draft map or maps of the proposed supervisorial district boundaries.

(2) At least two public hearings shall be held after the board has drawn a draft map or maps of the proposed supervisorial district boundaries.

(b) At least one public hearing or public workshop shall be held on a Saturday, on a Sunday, or after 6 p.m. on a weekday Monday through Friday.

(c) Public hearing buildings shall be accessible to persons with disabilities.

(d) If a public hearing is consolidated with a regular or special meeting of the board that includes other substantive agenda items, the public hearing shall begin at a fixed time regardless of its order on the agenda, except that the board may first conclude any item being discussed or acted upon, including any associated public comment, when that time occurs. The time of the public hearing shall be noticed to the public.

(e) The board may have county staff or a consultant conduct one or more public workshops in lieu of holding one of the public hearings required by paragraph (1) of subdivision (a).

(f) The board may establish an advisory redistricting commission pursuant to Section 23002 to hold the public hearings required by paragraph (1) of subdivision (a).

SEC. 12. Section 21508 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21508. (a) The board shall take steps to encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities, to participate in the redistricting public review process. A good faith effort satisfies the requirements of this subdivision. These steps shall include the following:

(1) Providing information to media organizations that provide county news coverage, including media organizations that serve language minority communities.

(2) Providing information through good government, civil rights, civic engagement, or community groups or organizations that are active in the county, including those active in language minority

communities, or that have requested to be notified concerning county redistricting.

(b) The board shall arrange for the live translation in an applicable language of a public hearing or workshop held pursuant to this chapter if a request for translation is made at least 72 hours before the hearing or workshop, unless less than five days' notice are provided for the hearing or workshop, in which case the request shall be made at least 48 hours before the hearing or workshop.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 54954.2 of the Government Code, the board shall publish the date, time, and location for any public hearing or workshop on the internet at least five days before the hearing or workshop. However, if there are fewer than 179 days until the county's next regular election, the board may publish the agenda on the internet for at least three days before the hearing or workshop.

(d) (1) A draft map shall be published on the internet for at least seven days before being adopted as a final map by the board provided that, if there are fewer than 179 days until the county's next regular election, the draft map may instead be published on the internet for at least three days.

(2) Each draft map prepared by a member of the board or by employees of the county shall be accompanied by information on the total population, citizen voting age population, and racial and ethnic characteristics of the citizen voting age population of each proposed supervisorial district, to the extent the county has that data.

(e) The board shall allow the public to submit testimony or draft maps in writing and electronically.

(f) The county shall either record or prepare a written summary of each public comment and board deliberation made at every public hearing or workshop held pursuant to this article. The county shall make the recording or written summary available to the public within two weeks after the public hearing or workshop.

(g) The board shall establish, and maintain for at least 10 years after the adoption of new supervisorial district boundaries, an internet web page dedicated to redistricting. The web page may be hosted on the county's existing internet website or another internet website maintained by the county. The web page shall include, or link to, all of the following information:

(1) A general explanation of the redistricting process for the county, in English and applicable languages.

(2) The procedures for a member of the public to testify during a public hearing or to submit written testimony directly to the board, in English and applicable languages.

(3) A calendar of all public hearing and workshop dates. A calendar listing that includes the time and location of the public hearing or workshop meets the notice required by subdivision (c).

(4) The notice and agenda for each public hearing and workshop.

(5) The audio or audiovisual recording and adopted minutes of each public hearing.

(6) Each draft map considered by the board at a public hearing.

(7) The adopted final map of supervisorial district boundaries.

(h) For purposes of this section, “applicable language” means any language in which ballots are required to be provided in the county pursuant to Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10503).

(i) This section does not apply when a county transitions from at-large to district-based elections.

(j) The Secretary of State shall publish on the internet a template explaining the county redistricting process that meets the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2), inclusive, of subdivision (g). The Secretary of State shall publish the template in all of the languages into which ballots are required to be translated in the state pursuant to Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10503). The template shall be published in a conspicuous location on the Secretary of State’s internet website.

SEC. 13. Section 21509 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21509. (a) If the board does not adopt supervisorial district boundaries by the deadlines set forth in Section 21501, the board shall immediately petition the superior court of the county for an order adopting supervisorial district boundaries. If the board does not petition the superior court within five days after the deadline, any resident of the county may file that petition and shall be entitled to recover the resident’s reasonable attorney’s fees and costs from the county for doing so.

(b) (1) Upon finding that a petition filed pursuant to subdivision (a) is valid, the superior court shall adopt supervisorial district boundaries in accordance with the criteria set forth in Section 21500, which shall be used in the county’s next regular election.

The superior court may also order the adjustment of electoral deadlines as necessary to implement the new supervisorial district boundaries in the next regular election.

(2) The superior court may appoint a special master to assist the court with adopting the supervisorial district boundaries. The county shall pay the cost for the special master and associated costs.

(3) The superior court or the special master shall hold one or more public hearings before the superior court adopts the supervisorial district boundaries.

(4) Subject to the approval of the superior court, the special master may employ redistricting experts or other consultants or counsel, independent experts in the field of redistricting and computer technology, and other necessary personnel to assist them in their work. In addition, the special master may seek the full cooperation of the county in producing and using whatever data, computer models and programs, and technical assistance that was made available to the board and county personnel who are knowledgeable in the mechanics of drafting redistricting legislation. The superior court may assist the special master in securing the necessary personnel and the physical facilities required for their work, and to prepare for the prompt submission to the county of a request for county funding for the necessary expenses of the special master and the special master's staff.

(5) The supervisorial district boundaries adopted by the superior court shall be immediately effective in the same manner as if the court's order were an enacted resolution or ordinance of the board.

SEC. 14. Section 21600 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

21600. (a) This article applies only to general law cities electing members of the legislative body by districts or from districts, as defined in Section 34871 of the Government Code.

(b) This article shall not be interpreted to limit the discretionary remedial authority of any federal or state court.

SEC. 15. Section 21601 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

21601. (a) Following each decennial federal census, and using that census as a basis, the council shall, by ordinance or resolution, adopt boundaries for any or all of the council districts of the city

so that the council districts shall be substantially equal in population as required by the United States Constitution.

(1) Population equality shall be based on the total population of residents of the city as determined by that census.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), an incarcerated person as that term is used in Section 21003, shall not be counted as part of a city's population, except for an incarcerated person whose last known place of residence may be assigned to a census block in the city, if information about the last known place of residence for incarcerated persons is included in the computerized database for redistricting that is developed in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 8253 of the Government Code, and that database is made publicly available.

(b) The council shall adopt council district boundaries that comply with the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10301 et seq.).

(c) The council shall adopt district boundaries using the following criteria as set forth in the following order of priority:

(1) To the extent practicable, council districts shall be geographically contiguous. Areas that meet only at the points of adjoining corners are not contiguous. Areas that are separated by water and not connected by a bridge, tunnel, or regular ferry service are not contiguous.

(2) To the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division. A "community of interest" is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

(3) Council district boundaries should be easily identifiable and understandable by residents. To the extent practicable, council districts shall be bounded by natural and artificial barriers, by streets, or by the boundaries of the city.

(4) To the extent practicable, and where it does not conflict with the preceding criteria in this subdivision, council districts shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness in a manner that

nearby areas of population are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations.

(d) The council shall not adopt council district boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

SEC. 16. Section 21602 of the Elections Code is repealed.

SEC. 17. Section 21602 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21602. The boundaries of the council districts shall be adopted by the council no earlier than August 1, 2021, and August 1 in each year ending in the number one thereafter, but not later than 151 days before the city's next regular election occurring after March 1, 2022, and after March 1 in each year ending in the number two thereafter. However, this section does not prohibit the council from holding public hearings or workshops on the placement of council district boundaries before August 1.

SEC. 18. Section 21603 of the Elections Code is repealed.

SEC. 19. Section 21603 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21603. (a) If the boundaries of a city expand by the addition of new territory, including through annexation of unincorporated territory or consolidation with another city, the council shall add that new territory to the nearest existing council district without changing the boundaries of other council district boundaries.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the council may adopt new boundaries for each council district under the circumstances described in subdivision (a) if both of the following conditions are met:

(1) There are more than four years until the council is next required to redistrict pursuant to Section 21601.

(2) The population of the new territory being annexed or consolidated is greater than 25 percent of the city's population, as determined by the most recent federal decennial census.

SEC. 20. Section 21604 of the Elections Code is repealed.

SEC. 21. Section 21605 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21605. (a) After redistricting or districting pursuant to Section 21601 or 21603, a council shall not adopt new council district boundaries until after the next federal decennial census, except under the following circumstances:

(1) A court orders the council to redistrict.

(2) The council is settling a legal claim that its council district boundaries violate the United States Constitution, the federal

Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10301 et seq.), or this article.

(3) The boundaries of the city expand by the addition of new territory pursuant to Section 21603.

(b) This section does not prohibit a council from adopting council districts between federal decennial censuses if the council is adopting council districts for the first time, including when a city adopts council districts for the purpose of transitioning from electing its council members in at-large elections to elections by districts or from districts.

SEC. 22. Section 21606 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

21606. (a) The term of office of any council member who has been elected and whose term of office has not expired shall not be affected by any change in the boundaries of the district from which the council member was elected.

(b) At the first election for council members in each city following adoption of the boundaries of council districts, a council member shall be elected for each district under the new district plan that has the same district number as a district whose incumbent's term is due to expire.

(c) The successor to the office in a council district for which the boundaries have changed shall be a resident and voter of that council district.

SEC. 23. Section 21607 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

21607. Before adopting the boundaries of a council district pursuant to Section 21601, 21603, or 21604, or for any other reason, the council shall hold public hearings on the proposal in accordance with Section 21607.1. This section does not apply when a city transitions from at-large to district-based elections.

SEC. 24. Section 21607.1 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21607.1. (a) Before adopting a final map, the council shall hold at least four public hearings at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of one or more council districts.

(1) At least one public hearing shall be held before the council draws a draft map or maps of the proposed council boundaries.



(2) At least two public hearings shall be held after the council has drawn a draft map or maps of the proposed council boundaries.

(b) At least one public hearing or public workshop shall be held on a Saturday, on a Sunday, or after 6 p.m. on a weekday Monday through Friday.

(c) Public hearing buildings shall be accessible to persons with disabilities.

(d) If a public hearing is consolidated with a regular or special meeting of the council that includes other substantive agenda items, the public hearing shall begin at a fixed time regardless of its order on the agenda, except that the council may first conclude any item being discussed or acted upon, including any associated public comment, when that time occurs. The time of the public hearing shall be noticed to the public.

(e) The council may have city staff or a consultant conduct one or more public workshops in lieu of holding one of the public hearings required by paragraph (1) of subdivision (a).

(f) The council may establish an advisory redistricting commission pursuant to Section 23002 to hold the public hearings required by paragraph (1) of subdivision (a).

SEC. 25. Section 21608 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21608. (a) The council shall take steps to encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities, to participate in the redistricting public review process. A good faith effort satisfies the requirements of this subdivision. These steps shall include the following:

(1) Providing information to media organizations that provide city news coverage, including media organizations that serve language minority communities.

(2) Providing information through good government, civil rights, civic engagement, or community groups or organizations that are active in the city, including those active in language minority communities, or that have requested to be notified concerning city redistricting.

(b) The council shall arrange for the live translation of a public hearing or workshop held pursuant to this article in an applicable language if a request for translation is made at least 72 hours before the hearing or workshop, unless less than five days' notice are provided for the hearing or workshop, in which case the request shall be made at least 48 hours before the hearing or workshop.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 54954.2 of the Government Code, the council shall publish the date, time, and location for any public hearing or workshop on the internet at least five days before the hearing or workshop. However, if there are fewer than 179 days until the city's next regular election, the council may publish the agenda on the internet for at least three days before the hearing or workshop.

(d) (1) A draft map shall be published on the internet for at least seven days before being adopted as a final map by the council provided that, if there are fewer than 179 days until the city's next regular election, the draft map may instead be published on the internet for at least three days.

(2) Each draft map prepared by a member of the council or by employees of the city shall be accompanied by information on the total population, citizen voting age population, and racial and ethnic characteristics of the citizen voting age population of each proposed council district, to the extent the city has that data.

(e) The council shall allow the public to submit testimony or draft maps in writing and electronically.

(f) The city shall either record or prepare a written summary of each public comment and council deliberation made at every public hearing or workshop held pursuant to this article. The city shall make the recording or written summary available to the public within two weeks after the public hearing or workshop.

(g) The council shall establish, and maintain for at least 10 years after the adoption of new council district boundaries, an internet web page dedicated to redistricting. The web page may be hosted on the city's existing internet website or another internet website maintained by the city. The web page shall include, or link to, all of the following information:

(1) A general explanation of the redistricting process for the city in English and any applicable language.

(2) The procedures for a member of the public to testify during a public hearing or to submit written testimony directly to the council in English and any applicable language.

(3) A calendar of all public hearing and workshop dates. A calendar listing that includes the time and location of the public hearing or workshop satisfies the notice required by subdivision (c).

(4) The notice and agenda for each public hearing and workshop.

(5) The recording or written summary of each public hearing and workshop.

(6) Each draft map considered by the council at a public hearing.

(7) The adopted final map of council district boundaries.

(h) For purposes of this section, “applicable language” means any language that is spoken by a group of city residents with limited English proficiency who constitute 3 percent or more of the city’s total population over four years of age for whom language can be determined. Before January 1, 2021, and before January 1 in every year ending in the number one thereafter, the Secretary of State shall post the applicable languages for each city in a conspicuous location on the Secretary of State’s internet website. To determine the applicable languages for each city, in 2020 and in each year ending in the number zero thereafter, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Statewide Database, shall request a special tabulation from the United States Bureau of the Census of the most recent data on limited English proficiency from the bureau’s American Community Survey that satisfies this subdivision. If the bureau is unable to produce that data, the Secretary of State shall base the Secretary of State’s determination on the table from the American Community Survey enumerating the number of residents with limited English proficiency that has the largest number of languages included, that is publicly available, and that was produced within the previous ten years.

(i) This section does not apply when a city transitions from at-large to district-based elections.

(j) Before January 1, 2021, and before January in each year ending in the number one thereafter, the Secretary of State shall publish on the internet a template explaining the city redistricting process that meets the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2), inclusive, of subdivision (g). The Secretary of State shall publish the template in all of the languages into which ballots are required to be translated in the state pursuant to subdivision (h). The template shall be published in the same conspicuous location on the Secretary of State’s internet website that is described in subdivision (h).

SEC. 26. Section 21609 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21609. (a) If the council does not adopt council district boundaries by the deadlines set forth in Section 21602 or subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 21604, the council shall

immediately petition the superior court in the county in which the city is located for an order adopting council district boundaries. If the council does not petition the superior court within five days after the deadline, any resident of the city may file that petition and shall be entitled to recover the resident's reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the city for doing so.

(b) (1) Upon finding that a petition filed pursuant to this subdivision is valid, the superior court shall adopt council district boundaries in accordance with the criteria set forth in Section 21601, which shall be used in the city's next regular election. The superior court may also order the adjustment of electoral deadlines as necessary to implement the new council district boundaries in the next regular election.

(2) The superior court may appoint a special master to assist the court with adopting the council district boundaries. The city shall pay the cost for the special master and associated costs.

(3) The superior court or the special master shall hold one or more public hearings before the superior court adopts the council district boundaries.

(4) Subject to the approval of the superior court, the special master may employ redistricting experts or other consultants or counsel, independent experts in the field of redistricting and computer technology, and other necessary personnel to assist them in their work. In addition, the special master may seek the full cooperation of the city in producing and using whatever data, computer models and programs, and technical assistance that was made available to the council and city personnel who are knowledgeable in the mechanics of drafting redistricting legislation. The superior court may assist the special master in securing the necessary personnel and the physical facilities required for their work, and to prepare for the prompt submission to the city of a request for city funding for the necessary expenses of the special master and the special master's staff.

(5) The council district boundaries adopted by the superior court shall be immediately effective in the same manner as if the court's order were an enacted resolution or ordinance of the city council.

SEC. 27. Section 21620 of the Elections Code is repealed.

SEC. 28. Section 21620 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21620. (a) This article applies to charter cities that elect members of the charter city’s legislative body by districts or from districts, as defined in Section 34871 of the Government Code.

(b) This article shall not be interpreted to limit the discretionary remedial authority of any federal or state court.

SEC. 29. Section 21621 of the Elections Code is repealed.

SEC. 30. Section 21621 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21621. (a) Following each federal decennial census, and using that census as a basis, the council shall, by ordinance or resolution, adopt boundaries for all of the council districts of the city so that the council districts shall be substantially equal in population as required by the United States Constitution.

(1) Population equality shall be based on the total population of residents of the city as determined by the census.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), an incarcerated person, as that term is used in Section 21003, shall not be counted towards a city’s population, except for an incarcerated person whose last known place of residence may be assigned to a census block in the city, if information about the last known place of residence for incarcerated persons is included in the computerized database for redistricting that is developed in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 8253 of the Government Code, and that database is made publicly available.

(b) The council shall adopt council district boundaries that comply with the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10301 et seq.).

(c) The council shall adopt district boundaries using the following criteria as set forth in the following order of priority:

(1) To the extent practicable, council districts shall be geographically contiguous. Areas that meet only at the points of adjoining corners are not contiguous. Areas that are separated by water and not connected by a bridge, tunnel, or regular ferry service are not contiguous.

(2) To the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division. A “community of interest” is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest do

not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

(3) Council district boundaries should be easily identifiable and understandable by residents. To the extent practicable, council districts shall be bounded by natural and artificial barriers, by streets, or by the boundaries of the city.

(4) To the extent practicable, and where it does not conflict with the preceding criteria in this subdivision, council districts shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness in a manner that nearby areas of population are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations.

(d) The council shall not adopt council district boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

SEC. 31. Section 21622 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21622. (a) The boundaries of the council districts shall be adopted by the council no earlier than August 1, 2021, and August 1 in each year ending in the number one thereafter, but no later than 151 days before the city's next regular election occurring after March 1, 2022, and after March 1 in each year ending in the number two thereafter. However, this subdivision does not prohibit the council from holding public hearings or workshops on the placement of council district boundaries before August 1.

(b) This section does not apply to a charter city that has adopted a different redistricting deadline by ordinance or in its city charter before October 1, 2021, and October 1 of each year ending in the number one thereafter.

SEC. 32. Section 21623 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21623. (a) If the boundaries of a city expand by the addition of new territory, including through annexation of unincorporated territory or consolidation with another city, the council shall add that new territory to the nearest existing council district without changing the boundaries of other council district boundaries.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the council may adopt new boundaries for each council district if both of the following conditions are met:

(1) There are more than four years until the council is next required to redistrict pursuant to Section 21621.

(2) The population of the new territory being annexed or consolidated is greater than 25 percent of the city's population as determined by the most recent federal decennial census.

(c) This section does not apply to a charter city that has adopted, by ordinance or in its city charter, a different standard for adding new territory to existing council districts.

SEC. 33. Section 21625 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21625. (a) After redistricting or districting pursuant to Section 21621 or 21623, a council shall not adopt new council district boundaries until after the next federal decennial census, except under the following circumstances:

(1) A court orders the council to redistrict.

(2) The council is settling a legal claim that its council district boundaries violate the United States Constitution, the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10301 et seq.), or this article.

(3) The boundaries of the city expand by the addition of new territory pursuant to Section 21623.

(b) This section does not prohibit a council from adopting council districts between federal decennial censuses if the council is adopting council districts for the first time, including when a city adopts council districts for the purpose of transitioning from electing its council members in at-large elections to elections by districts or from districts.

(c) This section does not apply to a charter city that has adopted different rules for mid-cycle redistricting in its city charter.

SEC. 34. Section 21626 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21626. (a) The term of office of any council member who has been elected and whose term of office has not expired shall not be affected by any change in the boundaries of the district from which the council member was elected.

(b) At the first election for council members in each city following adoption of the boundaries of council districts, a council member shall be elected for each district under the new district plan that has the same district number as a district whose incumbent's term is due to expire.

(c) The successor to the office in a council district for which the boundaries have changed shall be a resident and voter of that council district.

SEC. 35. Section 21627 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21627. Before adopting the boundaries of a council district pursuant to Section 21621, 21623, or 21624, or for any other reason, the council shall hold public hearings on the proposal, in

accordance with Section 21627.1. This section does not apply when a city transitions from at-large to district-based elections.

SEC. 36. Section 21627.1 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21627.1. (a) Before adopting a final map, the council shall hold at least four public hearings at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of one or more council districts.

(1) At least one public hearing shall be held before the council draws a draft map or maps of the proposed council boundaries.

(2) At least two public hearings shall be held after the council has drawn a draft map or maps of the proposed council boundaries.

(b) At least one public hearing or public workshop shall be held on a Saturday, on a Sunday, or after 6 p.m. on a weekday Monday through Friday.

(c) Public hearing buildings shall be accessible to persons with disabilities.

(d) If a public hearing is consolidated with a regular or special meeting of the council that includes other substantive agenda items, the public hearing shall begin at a fixed time regardless of its order on the agenda, except that the council may first conclude any item being discussed or acted upon, including any associated public comment, when that time occurs. The time of the public hearing shall be noticed to the public.

(e) The council may have city staff or a consultant conduct one or more public workshops in lieu of holding one of the public hearings required by paragraph (1) of subdivision (a).

(f) The council may establish an advisory redistricting commission pursuant to Section 23002 to hold the public hearings required by paragraph (1) of subdivision (a).

SEC. 37. Section 21628 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21628. (a) The council shall take steps to encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities, to participate in the redistricting public review process. These steps shall include a good faith effort to do all of the following:

(1) Providing information to media organizations that provide city news coverage, including media organizations that serve language minority communities.



(2) Providing information through good government, civil rights, civic engagement, or community groups or organizations that are active in the city, including those active in language minority communities, or that have requested to be notified concerning city redistricting.

(b) The council shall arrange for the live translation of a public hearing or workshop held pursuant to this article in an applicable language if a request for translation is made at least 72 hours before the hearing or workshop, unless less than five days' notice are provided for the hearing or workshop, in which case the request shall be made at least 48 hours before the hearing or workshop.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 54954.2 of the Government Code, the council shall publish the date, time, and location for any public hearing or workshop on the internet at least five days before the hearing or workshop. However, if there are fewer than 179 days until the city's next regular election, the council may publish the agenda on the internet for at least three days before the hearing or workshop.

(d) (1) A draft map shall be published on the internet for at least seven days before being adopted as a final map by the council provided that, if there are fewer than 179 days until the city's next regular election, the draft map may instead be published on the internet for at least three days.

(2) Each draft map prepared by a member of the council or by employees of the city shall be accompanied with information on the total population, citizen voting age population, and racial and ethnic characteristics of the citizen voting age population of each proposed council district, to the extent the city has that data.

(e) The council shall allow the public to submit testimony or draft maps in writing and electronically.

(f) The city shall either record or prepare a written summary of each public comment and council deliberation made at every public hearing or workshop held pursuant to this article. The city shall make the recording or written summary available to the public within two weeks after the public hearing or workshop.

(g) The council shall establish, and maintain for at least 10 years after the adoption of new council district boundaries, an internet web page dedicated to redistricting. The web page may be hosted on the city's existing internet website or another internet website

maintained by the city. The web page shall include, or link to, all of the following information:

(1) A general explanation of the redistricting process for the city in English and any applicable language.

(2) The procedures for a member of the public to testify during a public hearing or to submit written testimony directly to the council in English and any applicable language.

(3) A calendar of all public hearing and workshop dates. A calendar listing that includes the time and location of the public hearing or workshop satisfies the notice required by subdivision (c).

(4) The notice and agenda for each public hearing and workshop.

(5) The recording or written summary of each public hearing and workshop.

(6) Each draft map considered by the council at a public hearing.

(7) The adopted final map of council district boundaries.

(h) For purposes of this section, “applicable language” means any language that is spoken by a group of city residents with limited English proficiency who constitute 3 percent or more of the city’s total population over four years of age for whom language can be determined. Before January 1, 2021, and before January 1 in every year ending in the number one thereafter, the Secretary of State shall post the applicable languages for each city in a conspicuous location on the Secretary of State’s internet website. To determine the applicable languages for each city, in 2020 and in each year ending in the number zero thereafter, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Statewide Database, shall request a special tabulation from the United States Bureau of the Census of the most recent data on limited English proficiency from the bureau’s American Community Survey that satisfies this subdivision. If the bureau is unable to produce that data, the Secretary of State shall base the Secretary of State’s determination on the table from the American Community Survey enumerating the number of residents with limited English proficiency that has the largest number of languages included, that is publicly available, and that was produced within the previous ten years.

(i) This section does not apply when a city transitions from at-large to district-based elections.

(j) Before January 1, 2021, and before January in each year ending in the number one thereafter, the Secretary of State shall

publish on the internet a template explaining the city redistricting process that meets the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2), inclusive, of subdivision (g). The Secretary of State shall publish the template in all of the languages into which ballots are required to be translated in the state pursuant to subdivision (h). The template shall be published in the same conspicuous location on the Secretary of State's internet website that is described in subdivision (h).

SEC. 38. Section 21629 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

21629. (a) If the council does not adopt council district boundaries by the deadlines set forth in Section 21622 or subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 21624, the council shall immediately petition the superior court in the county in which the city is located for an order adopting council district boundaries. If the council does not petition the superior court within five days after the deadline, any resident of the city may file that petition and shall be entitled to recover the resident's reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the city for doing so.

(b) (1) Upon finding that a petition filed pursuant to this subdivision is valid, the superior court shall adopt council district boundaries in accordance with the criteria set forth in Section 21621, which shall be used in the city's next regular election. The superior court may also order the adjustment of electoral deadlines as necessary to implement the new council district boundaries in the next regular election.

(2) The superior court may appoint a special master to assist the court with adopting the council district boundaries. The city shall pay the cost for the special master and associated costs.

(3) The superior court or the special master shall hold one or more public hearings before the superior court adopts the council district boundaries.

(4) Subject to the approval of the superior court, the special master may employ redistricting experts or other consultants or counsel, independent experts in the field of redistricting and computer technology, and other necessary personnel to assist them in their work. In addition, the special master may seek the full cooperation of the city in producing and using whatever data, computer models and programs, and technical assistance that was made available to the council and city personnel who are knowledgeable in the mechanics of drafting redistricting legislation.

The superior court may assist the special master in securing the necessary personnel and the physical facilities required for their work, and to prepare for the prompt submission to the city of a request for city funding for the necessary expenses of the special master and the special master's staff.

(5) The council district boundaries adopted by the superior court shall be immediately effective in the same manner as if the court's order were an enacted resolution or ordinance of the city council.

(c) This section does not apply to a charter city that has adopted in its city charter a different method for adopting city council district boundaries when a redistricting deadline is missed.

SEC. 39. Section 34874 of the Government Code is amended to read:

34874. (a) An amendatory ordinance altering the boundaries of the legislative districts established pursuant to this article shall not be submitted to the registered voters until the ordinance has been submitted to the planning commission of the city or, in absence of a planning commission, to the legislative body of said city for an examination as to the definiteness and certainty of the boundaries of the legislative districts proposed.

(b) An amendatory ordinance altering the boundaries of legislative districts shall comply with the requirements and criteria of Section 21601 or 21621 of the Elections Code, as applicable.

SEC. 40. Section 34877.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

34877.5. (a) After an ordinance is passed by the voters pursuant to Section 34876.5, or after an ordinance is enacted by the legislative body pursuant to Section 34886, the legislative body shall prepare a proposed map that describes the boundaries and numbers of the districts for the legislative body. In preparing the proposed map, the legislative body shall comply with the requirements and criteria of Section 21601 or 21621 of the Elections Code, as applicable, and shall seek public input, including accepting proposed maps submitted by the public.

(b) If the legislative body is changing from an at-large method of election to a district-based election, as those terms are defined in Section 14026 of the Elections Code, the legislative body shall hold public hearings pursuant to Section 10010 of the Elections Code. If the legislative body is otherwise adjusting the district boundaries, the legislative body shall hold public hearings on the

proposed district boundaries pursuant to Section 21607 or 21627 of the Elections Code, as applicable.

SEC. 41. Section 34884 of the Government Code is amended to read:

34884. (a) If, at the time a vote is held on the subject of incorporation of a new city, a majority of the votes cast is for incorporation and, if, in accordance with Section 57116, a majority of the votes cast on the question of whether members of the city council in future elections are to be elected by district or at large is in favor of election by district, all of the following procedures apply:

(1) Before the first day on which voters may nominate candidates for election at the next regular municipal election, the legislative body shall, by ordinance or resolution, establish the boundaries of the districts of the legislative body. The districts shall be substantially equal in population as required by the United States Constitution. The districts shall comply with the requirements and criteria of Section 21601 or 21621 of the Elections Code, as applicable.

(2) The terms of office of the two members elected with the lowest vote shall expire on the Tuesday succeeding the next regular municipal election. At that election, members shall be elected by district in the even-numbered districts and shall hold office for four years.

(3) The terms of office of the three members elected with the highest vote shall expire on the Tuesday succeeding the second regular municipal election following the incorporation. At that election, members shall be elected by district in the odd-numbered districts and shall hold office for four years.

(b) The result of the vote cast on the question of whether members of the city council in future elections are to be elected by district or at large shall not preclude the submission to the voters at any future election of a measure in accordance with Section 34871.

SEC. 42. Section 34886 of the Government Code is amended to read:

34886. Notwithstanding Section 34871 or any other law, the legislative body of a city may adopt an ordinance that requires the members of the legislative body to be elected by district or by district with an elective mayor, as described in subdivisions (a)

and (c) of Section 34871, without being required to submit the ordinance to the voters for approval. An ordinance adopted pursuant to this section shall comply with the requirements and criteria of Section 21601 or 21621 of the Elections Code, as applicable, and include a declaration that the change in the method of electing members of the legislative body is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 14025) of Division 14 of the Elections Code).

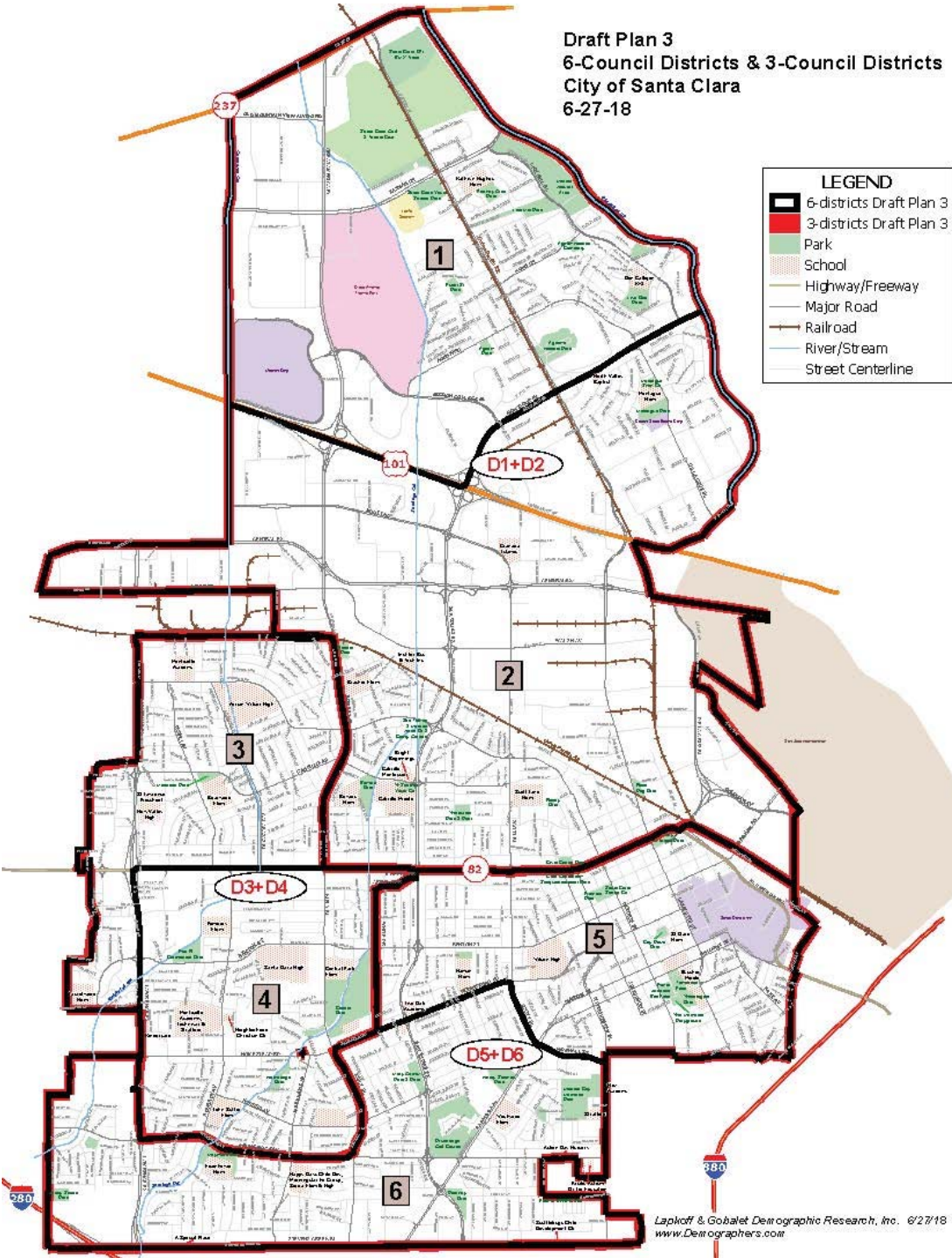
SEC. 43. The district boundary criteria specified in this act apply to supervisorial and council district boundaries that are adopted or readopted on or after January 1, 2020. Supervisorial and council district boundaries adopted before January 1, 2020, shall comply with the applicable district boundary criteria in effect at the time of their adoption.

SEC. 44. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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*Governor*

**Attachment 4  
Potential Three District Configuration Map**



# Draft Plan 3

**6 Council Districts  
(black lines):  
the court-ordered  
plan**

**3 Council Districts  
(red lines):  
D1+D2, D3+D4, and  
D5+D6**