



Council to Set Electoral District Boundaries Tuesday Evening

After a weeks-long public input process, the City Council will consider setting the geographic boundaries of six electoral districts for City Council elections during an evening meeting on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall. The public is invited to attend for a final opportunity to provide input before the boundaries are set. If necessary, consideration will be extended into a special City Council meeting on Monday, March 30, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the same location. Pursuant to a legal settlement, the City Council will need to decide on the boundaries for geographic districts by March 31, 2015.

District elections have been the subject of litigation against the City. A ruling of the judge and the proposed legal settlement will begin district elections with the November 2015 ballot, leaving a very short window for making districting decisions. The City wishes to gain insight into the public's view of appropriate district boundaries and related issues, and has been actively engaged in an expedited public input process over the last several weeks to collect as much input as possible.

The City held the first Civic Engagement Workshop and public hearing on districting on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the Faulkner Gallery, which was followed by two and a half weeks of public input through various paper-and-pen and online tools, and a second Civic Engagement Workshop and public hearing on March 18, 2015. A report from the City's consultant, National Demographics Corporations (NDC), that summarizes the public input received so far is currently posted on the City's website at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov. Follow the links to the "District Elections" page.

Under the current City Charter, the Mayor and six Councilmembers are elected at-large, with all voters voting for all seven seats. Under a by-district election system, the Mayor will continue to be elected at-large, but the City will be divided into six geographic districts for City Councilmember elections, with each district electing one Councilmember.

Este enlace provee la información sobre elecciones de distrito en Español.

http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/vote/spanish/elecciones_de_distrito.asp