



PRESS RELEASE

Grab Your Pencil or Laptop and Come to the August 2 District Elections Workshop at Goleta City Hall

Learn How to Draw Your Own District Boundaries with the Tools Provided

GOLETA, CA, July 20, 2021 – The City of Goleta is offering a unique, interactive, civic engagement experience that will allow the public the opportunity to help shape the future of elections in Goleta. On **Monday, August 2 at 6:00 p.m.**, community members are invited to grab their pencils and laptops and head to Goleta City Council Chambers (130 Cremona Drive); face coverings are required. Demographers and City Staff will be on hand to teach attendees how to draw their own district election boundaries using online mapping tools now available at www.DrawGoleta.org or by using a paper map provided. Participants will be able to submit their maps for consideration through January 7, 2022.

Drawing district election boundaries is an important and historic process for Goleta. Beginning in the November 2022 election, residents will vote for only one City Council member based on these new boundaries. The City will be divided into four districts, and voters in each district will elect a City Council member who lives in their own district. The Mayor will continue to be elected by voters across Goleta. Public input is an important part of this process.

To learn more about district elections, access the online map tools, view a schedule of events, and more, please visit www.DrawGoleta.org. There you can also find recordings of previous workshops held on June 7 and June 26.

Also as part of this process, the City is looking for information on communities of interest in Goleta. A community of interest is a group of people with common interests who live close together and would benefit from being kept together in a single district. If you know of a community of interest, please email it to Goleta's City Clerk, Deborah Lopez, at dlopez@cityofgoleta.org.

For additional questions, email cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org or call 805-961-7505.

We look forward to seeing the community at an upcoming workshop, and we thank you in advance for participating in shaping the future of elections in Goleta.

Attached: August 2 workshop flyer

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