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### **Unique Opportunity August 2<sup>nd</sup> to Help City Draw New District Lines Using Laptop or Paper Map**

#### ***Bring Your Laptop or Pencil to City Hall and Let's Draw Goleta***

**GOLETA, CA, July 28, 2021** – Mark your calendar! The City of Goleta is holding a special, interactive District Elections Workshop this **Monday, August 2, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall (130 Cremona Drive)**. Not only will community members hear about the process of moving to District Elections for the first time in the City's almost 20-year history, but the public will also learn how to draw and submit their own suggested district boundaries using on-line tools or a paper map. Bring your laptop and/or pencil and plan to be a part of this important and unique opportunity to help shape the future of Goleta. Spanish interpretation is available.

In November of 2022, the City of Goleta will move to District Elections. While the Mayor will still be elected at large, the City will be divided into four geographic districts and you will vote for one councilmember from your district. Public participation is an important part of deciding district boundaries for the City.

The August 2<sup>nd</sup> District Elections Workshop will include a presentation, tutorial, and "hands on" practice using the online mapping tools available at [www.DrawGoleta.org](http://www.DrawGoleta.org). Face coverings are required. Paper maps will be available as well for those who prefer that method. Demographers and City Staff will be there to help attendees as they practice drawing and submitting their own maps.

More information, including access to the online mapping tools, a schedule of events, and FAQ's, are available at [www.DrawGoleta.org](http://www.DrawGoleta.org). There you can also find recordings of previous workshops. Maps must be received by January 6, 2022, for consideration.

For additional questions, e-mail [cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org) or call 805-961-7505.

We know how much Goleta community members care about the City's future and we look forward to seeing you at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> District Elections Workshop.

*Attached: Goleta City Clerk Deborah Lopez outside City Hall holding a district elections paper map; August 2 workshop flyer*

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