

Join us for our Final District Elections Workshop on November 4

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GOLETA, CA, October 28, 2021 – We are one week away from the final District Elections workshop which will be held virtually on Thursday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. during the Public Engagement Commission. Public participation is vital to this process. With district elections, 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.

This will be the fourth and final workshop the City holds before the January 6, 2022, deadline to submit maps. It is also the public's first chance to work with the final Census data to draw district election boundaries. The public can submit online or paper maps showing their recommended boundaries. The City's consultant, Dr. Daniel Phillips with National Demographics Corporation (NDC), will lead the workshop. He will provide training on public mapping tools, including live demonstrations of how to use them with the final Census data, and offer feedback on any public map submissions.

Please register in advance for the workshop at: https://tinyurl.com/3cjkabuv. Spanish interpretation will be available.

You don't have to wait until the workshop to begin drawing your map. In our <u>"How to Draw a Map" video tutorial</u>, Dr. Phillips gives step-by-step instructions on how to draw a map using the DistrictR online mapping tool. The City hopes the video will increase public participation by making the process simple and less intimidating. All you need to do is go to your computer, go to <u>DrawGoleta.org</u>, and play the video in <u>English</u> or <u>Spanish</u>.

If you prefer to submit your ideas using a paper map, you can pick one up from Goleta City Hall or the Goleta Valley Library during hours of operation. Again, maps are due by January 6, 2022, to be considered.

For more information go to www.DrawGoleta.org. For additional questions, contact cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org or call 805-961-7505. Thank you for your interest and participation in shaping the future of Goleta.

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