



PRESS RELEASE

Help Us Draw Goleta District Boundaries Tomorrow at City's First In-Person District Elections Workshop

Community Encouraged to Participate in Move to District Elections in 2022!

GOLETA, CA, June 25, 2021 – The City of Goleta hopes you will take time out of your Saturday to attend our first in-person workshop since the pandemic began. The City is holding a **district elections public workshop tomorrow, June 26 at 11:00 a.m.** at the **Goleta Union School District Boardroom located at 401 N. Fairview Avenue**. Spanish interpretation will be available. The public is invited to come learn about the City's move to District Elections in November of 2022, share ideas and even help draw the district lines using paper maps. This is a special civic engagement experience and a great opportunity to help literally shape the future of Goleta during this historic 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. Public input is a critical part of this process.

The community is also encouraged to check out the City's new district elections website, www.DrawGoleta.org. You can use the website to learn more about the process, see upcoming dates, and eventually, draw your own map online with district lines. The website includes both demographic and geographic information in the [StoryMap section](#) to help you create proposed district lines.

A critical part of the process is for the city to determine what communities of interest might exist within 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 City Clerk Deborah Lopez at dlopez@cityofgoleta.org.

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

In addition to tomorrow's workshop, there is another in-person workshop scheduled for Monday, **August 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Goleta City Hall Council Chambers** (130 Cremona Drive, Suite B). This final workshop will also serve as the first of four official public hearings as required by state law.

We look forward to seeing you in-person at one of our upcoming workshops, and we thank you in advance for your participation.

Attached:

- *Goleta City Clerk Deborah Lopez outside City Hall holding a district elections paper map*
- *Goleta City Clerk Deborah Lopez with a close-up of the district elections paper map (courtesy of KEYT)*
- *Workshop flyer in PDF and PNG formats*