



## Time is Running Out to Help Us #DrawGoleta

***District Maps are Due THIS Thursday, January 6***

**GOLETA, CA, January 3, 2021** – There are only THREE days left to submit a map for the City of Goleta’s historic move to District Elections this year. Draft maps from the public are due on **January 6, 2022**, to be considered by the City’s Public Engagement Commission. *While the community will still have time to help the City Council select a final map for the City, this is the last opportunity for members of the public to submit a map of their own with suggested boundaries.*

Beginning this November, the City will be divided into four districts, and voters in each district will elect a City Councilmember who lives in their own district. The Mayor will continue to be elected by voters across Goleta. Districting is important because it will determine how our neighborhoods will be represented on City Council. [Watch this video message](#) from the Public Engagement Commission on the importance of submitting a map.

City of Goleta Mayor Paula Perotte said, “Thank you to everyone who has already submitted a map. As usual, Goleta has an impressive level of engagement and we are hoping to see even more maps turned in by the January 6 deadline. Public participation is a critical part of this first ever process for our City and we are happy to see our community so actively involved.”

You can submit a map online or by using a paper map by going to [DrawGoleta.org](http://DrawGoleta.org) and to the [Draw a Map](#) page. Remember to draw four districts, each with a population close to 8,200 people.

To draw your map online, use the [DistrictR mapping tool](#). Please remember these three steps to submit your map once you are finished: click the “Save” button in the upper right-hand corner; give your map a name; and click “Share to Gallery.” If you need assistance drawing your DistrictR map, watch our [“How to Draw a Map” video tutorial](#) for step-by-step instructions to guide you.

If you choose to use the paper map tool, there are two versions, one meant to be used with Excel and a more basic version. You can pick up the basic paper map tool at City Hall or the Goleta Valley Library during normal business hours, or print out a copy of either version from the [Draw a Map page](#). Please use a thick dark-colored pen to draw your map. Paper maps can be hand-delivered to City Hall (130 Cremona Drive, Suite B), sent via email as a scan or photograph to [CityClerkGroup@CityofGoleta.org](mailto:CityClerkGroup@CityofGoleta.org), or faxed to 805-685-2635.

**Please note, if you submitted a map before the mapping tools were updated with the official Census 2020 population data on October 20, 2021, you will need to draw a new map to ensure that it is population balanced.**

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

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Thank you for your interest in helping to shape the future of Goleta and being a part of the City's historic District Elections process!

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