



PRESS RELEASE

Important Week for City of Goleta's District Elections Process

Join Us Tonight February 1 and Thursday February 3 for Public Hearings

GOLETA, CA, February 1, 2022 – It's an important week in the City's historic District Elections process. **Join us tonight, February 1 at 6:00 p.m. and on Thursday, February 3 at 4:30 p.m. for public hearings** as the City Council discusses draft maps and comments submitted by the public on drawgoleta.org. Both hearings will start promptly at the scheduled time. Spanish translation will be provided. The council will also consider the maps recommended by the Public Engagement Commission at their January 26, 2022, meeting. *The City Council could select a map as soon as at the February 3 public hearing, so now is the time to provide input.*

Here is how you can be a part of this important week.

- Go NOW to <https://drawgoleta.org/draft-maps/> and review the maps submitted and provide your comments which will be shared with councilmembers prior to the public hearings. You may also email comments to cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org.
- Participate in the February 1 and 3 Public Hearings by watching or providing comment at the meetings live on the City of Goleta's website (<http://cityofgoleta.org/goletameetings>) or on Goleta TV Channel 19.

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 the City Council.

We are proud to say that after a comprehensive #DrawGoleta outreach campaign, the Goleta community stepped up. There are 51 different public maps and 5 additional demographer maps presented for consideration and available for public review at drawgoleta.org/draft-maps. The City's Public Engagement Commission has recommended Map # 202, Map # 226, Map # 701, and Map # 703.

- To see the January 26 Public Engagement Commission meeting and what led to its selection of recommended maps, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yrvf2ruh>.
- For more information on the February 1 and 3 public hearings, view the staff report here: <https://tinyurl.com/5bc6n2rj>.

We are getting closer to finding out what the future District Elections map will be. Public participation is a critical part of this process. Thank you for helping us #DrawGoleta!

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