



PRESS RELEASE

Weigh in On Revised District Elections Map and Sequencing of Elections

Join Us Virtually on February 24 at 4:30 p.m. for Fifth Public Hearing

GOLETA, CA, February 17, 2022 – Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 24th at 4:30 p.m. for the fifth public hearing before the City of Goleta's first district elections map is selected. The City Council will consider Plan 701, which was amended by the City Council at its February 3, 2022, public hearing, as well as the other submitted maps being considered. Spanish interpretation will be available. View Plan 701 here: <https://drawgoleta.org/plan-701-renumbered>.

The public can also weigh in on the sequencing of elections. Under Plan 701, the sequencing of elections would start with the two eastern districts (1 and 2) up for election in November 2022, and then the two western districts (3 and 4) in November 2024.

To participate and make your voice heard, leave a comment on the submitted maps at <https://drawgoleta.org/draft-maps> or email your comment to the City Clerk Department at cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org. You can also participate in the virtual meeting. Information on how to do so can be found in the agenda which will be available at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at www.CityofGoleta.org/GoletaMeetings.

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.

At the fourth public hearing on February 3, the Goleta City Council asked staff to revise Plan 701, only changing the numbering of the districts so that Districts 1 and 2 are in the east and Districts 3 and 4 are in the west. This is similar to the way County Board of Supervisors districts are numbered in the South Coast area.

Plan 701 was drafted by National Demographics Corporation (NDC) but derived from two plans submitted by members of the public: 210B and 403. This plan was also one of four that were recommended by the City's Public Engagement Commission following a comprehensive #DrawGoleta outreach campaign.

Should the Council select a map and election sequencing at the February 24th public hearing, it will hold a final hearing and consider a District Elections Ordinance at its March 1, 2022, City Council meeting. The Ordinance will establish the district elections boundaries and will adopt the sequencing of the elections.

For more information on the City's district elections process, including the timeline, links to the meetings, and all of the submitted maps, go to drawgoleta.org.

Public participation has been a critical part of this historic process for our city. Thank you to everyone for helping us #DrawGoleta.

Attached: Plan #701 renumbered

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