



Sunnyvale



## City Council Redistricting

Council Hearing

February 2, 2021

# Summary of Discussions – Council Goals

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- Conducting robust public engagement
- Meeting all federal and state requirements
- Keeping Council engaged and informed throughout the process
- Preserving structure of current districts with minimal changes to meet population equality
- **Minimizing disenfranchisement**

# Summary of Discussions – Commission

- **Hybrid**

- ◆ Council chooses from 2-3 options presented by Commission
- ◆ Council can veto options and direct Commission to draft a new map for Council consideration with a supermajority vote

- **Advisory**

- ◆ Commission advises and assists on outreach efforts only
- ◆ Commission presents options and Council can accept, revise, or reject any and all options.

# Next Step

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- Need formal Council direction on either:
  - ◆ Council directly managing redistricting process; or
  - ◆ Establishing a redistricting commission, including authority, to help manage process
- If Council chooses to establish a redistricting commission, we will go through key decision points

# Commission: Key Components

# Key Questions for Commission

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- What commission size will best meet Council's goals?
- How should commissioners be chosen and what criteria should be used?
- What authority should be given to the commission?
- Is there specific direction Council would like to provide the commission?

# Additional Information

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- Chart on redistricting commission components
- Council Policy on Boards and Commissions (7.2.19)
- Chart on local redistricting commissions in CA

# Commission Size

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- What commission size will best meet Council's goals?
  - ◆ Small: 7-9
  - ◆ Large: 11-15

# Who should select commissioners?

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- Council
  - ◆ All Councilmembers or a Subcommittee?
- Committee
  - ◆ Who would be on the committee (Councilmembers, staff, commissioners, good government groups)?
- Quasi-Random draw
  - ◆ All or “most-qualified” applicants?
  - ◆ Subset by random draw, then self-selection?

Should Council have the ability to strike any applicants?

# Commissioner Qualifications

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- Should qualifications match those of other Sunnyvale Commissioners?
  - ◆ Registered voter at time of appointment
  - ◆ Not family of Council or executive staff
- Requirements
  - ◆ Length of residency, voting participation
- Prohibitions
  - ◆ No registered lobbyists, former Councilmembers or candidates

# Commissioner Preferences

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- What characteristics are you seeking?
  - ◆ Collaborative
  - ◆ Community-minded
  - ◆ Analytical skills
  - ◆ Geographic diversity (one member from each district)
  - ◆ Racial/ethnic diversity
  - ◆ Gender diversity
  - ◆ Housing diversity (owner, renter, single family, multi-family, mobile home)
  - ◆ Socio-economic diversity

# Limits After Serving

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- May not run for Council for a period of time following appointment
- Other prohibitions?

# Authority of the Commission

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- Host community meetings and trainings on the redistricting process and tools for mapping
- Hold public hearings to collect input from the public about redistricting preferences
- Design map proposal
- Review and narrow map submissions

# What direction will Council give commission?

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- Focus on population equality with limited changes to existing district structure
- Limit disenfranchisement
- Regularly report to Council on progress or require a joint meeting during the process?

# Next Steps

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- Council provides direction on key elements of the draft ordinance
- Staff begins drafting language for discussion and further direction on February 23
- Introduction of draft ordinance in March