



City Council Redistricting

Public Process for Redistricting

July 8, 2021

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PURPOSE

- » Create open and transparent process
- » Ensure adherence to state and federal laws
- » Conduct process with integrity, fairness, and without personal or political considerations

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» Council Role:

- Approve schedule, outreach plan, and budget
- Appoint commissioners
- Adopt map recommended by commission

» Redistricting Commission Role:

- Hold hearings to receive public input
- Accept, design, and review map proposals
- Recommend 3-5 draft maps to Council

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» Map adoption process

- Council can adopt one option by majority vote
- Council may reject an option with a supermajority vote
- Council may return map/s to Commission with comments
- Redistricting Commission shall review comments and
 - A. Revise recommendation based on Council input, or
 - B. Reaffirm their recommendation (no change)
- Council must adopt one of the recommended maps

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» Consequences of Inaction

- Commission - latest draft maps shall be forwarded to Council for refinement and adoption
 - Deadline: February 10, 2022
- Council – commission's preferred map shall be deemed adopted
 - Deadline: April 17, 2022

State Process Requirements

- » Minimum of four hearings required:
 - at least one before maps are drawn
 - at least two after maps are drawn
 - at least one meeting on a weekend or after 6pm M-F
- » Begin hearings at a fixed time
- » Recording or written summary of each hearing
- » Translate material to Spanish and Chinese
- » Arrange for live interpretation with advanced notice
- » Allow multiple forms of public input

What makes an effective commissioner?

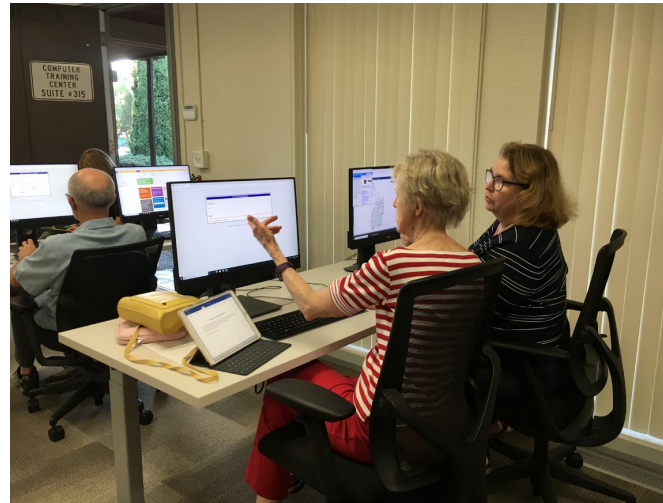
- » **Being prepared.** Read agenda material in advance!
- » **Listen.** Listen to the community about their concerns, preferences, and hopes for Redistricting.
- » **Engage with your community.** Get a sense of what your community thinks about Redistricting by talking to them about it outside of formal hearings.
- » **Be an ambassador.** Encourage Sunnyvale residents to participate in Redistricting.

Restrictions During & After Service

- » *May not* endorse, work for, volunteer for, or make a campaign contribution to a Council candidate.
- » *May not* run for Council for four years after serving
- » *May not* receive a noncompetitively bid contract with the city for four years.
- » *May not* accept an appointment to the office of City Manager, City Attorney, or department head for four years

Timeline

- » **Phase 1 (January –April):** Adoption of public process for redistricting
- » **Phase 2 (April-July):** Commission selection and onboarding
- » **Phase 3 (August-March):** Community map drawing and selection



Redistricting Meetings

- » **July 22** – Redistricting 101 (Hearing 1)
- » **Aug. 5** - Communities of Interest Workshop
- » **Sept. 9** - Communities of Interest Review (Hearing 2)
- » **Sept. 30** - Map Training Workshop
- » **Nov. 11** - Census 2020 Overview and Mapping Preference (Hearing 3)
- » **Jan. 13, 2022** - Joint Meeting with City Council to Review Map Submission, immediately followed by Redistricting Commission meeting to narrow to three to five focus maps (Hearing 4)
- » **Jan. 20, 2022** - Community Feedback and Map Preferences Workshop
- » **Feb. 10, 2022** - Selection of three to five Maps for Recommendation to Council (Hearing 5)

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Current Topics

Redistricting

Sunnyvale must re-draw its six Council district boundaries using new 2020 Census data. This process is called redistricting. All jurisdictions with district-based election systems, like Sunnyvale, must redistrict after each Census. This keeps population counts within each district relatively equal to ensure equal representation. Sunnyvale adopted district boundaries in 2019 using 2010 Census total population counts. In 2021, we will work with you to adopt new district boundaries for Council elections between 2022 and 2030.

We are committed to having a robust public-led process. Help us determine Sunnyvale's new district boundaries:

- [Subscribe to Sunnyvale Elections](#) to stay informed
- Participate in public meetings

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Phase 2: Selecting Commission Members

Council approved Ordinance No. 3174-21 establishing a Redistricting Commission. Council will appoint commission members through an open public process. Applicants must be:

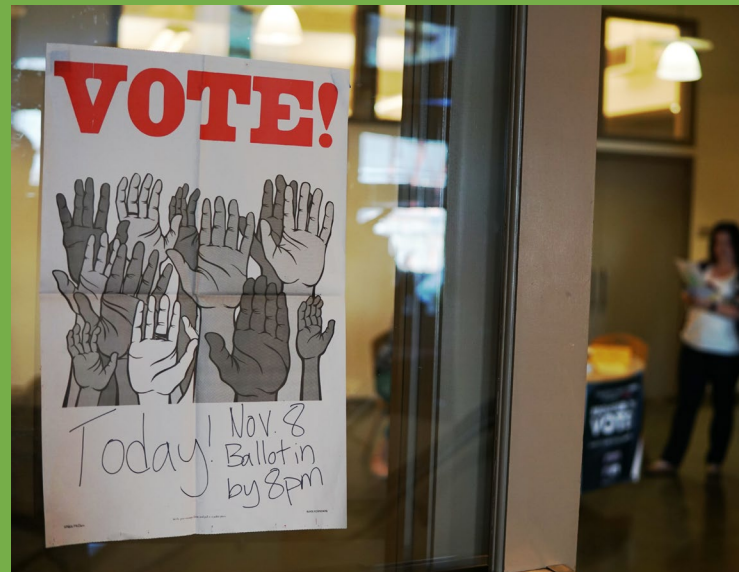
- A Sunnyvale resident for at least one year
- 18 years of age by November 8, 2022

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Upcoming Meetings

- Council Meeting - May 4 (Public Outreach Plan)
- Council Meeting - June 29 (Redistricting Commission appointment)

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