



TRANSITION TO DISTRICTS PUBLIC HEARING #1

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Recommended Action

- 1) Adopt a resolution updating the timeline for the transition to districts;
- 2) Conduct a public hearing to discuss the transition to districts;
- 3) Receive community input;
- 4) Discuss/provide direction on composition/number of voting districts



Districting Background To Date

1. City receives letter alleging violation (3/19)
2. Adopted resolution of intent (4/30)
3. Hired NDC as demographer (4/30)
4. Launched website (4/27)
 1. Q&A
 2. Mapping tool
5. Mailer (5/22)
6. Informational meeting (5/14)



Updated Timeline Moving Forward

1. City received a 30-day extension
2. Two public hearings to receive input on district composition (5/28 & 6/11)
 1. **No official maps drawn/discussed till after this stage**
3. Publish first draft maps for feedback
4. Weekend Community Outreach Meeting (6/20) to obtain public input
5. Hold two more public hearings to receive feedback/refine maps (6/25 & 7/23)
6. Final maps adopted (8/25) before extended deadline (8/27)



June 11: City Council PH # 2

- Question & answer portion proposed for June 11th (2nd Public Hearing, last pre-map meeting)
 - ▣ Questions responded to following public comment, potential for second round of follow-up questions
- Allows for more interactive public outreach from audience at meeting
- Will be promoted in advance via website/social media



Outreach Meeting: 6/20 11 AM

- Mid-week/evening/in-person meetings are accessible to some, but inaccessible to other members of Capitola's population
- Different day/time recommended to capture peak attention window without conflict with other activities
- Web-based accessibility allows residents to join from home, meeting to be recorded, and translation services are available
- In total, City will offer:
 - ▣ 6 in-person outreach opportunities
 - ▣ 1 virtual outreach opportunity



Total Meeting Timeline





Outreach Meeting: 6/20 11 AM

- Proposed meeting will be promoted in advance
- Participants can submit questions in advance **and** attend and ask questions in real time
- Allows staff/demographer to capture public input in advance of first Council map public hearing, scheduled for 6/25
- Virtual meeting remains in project budget



Public Outreach

Significant planned outreach:

- Website updates
 - ▣ General Districting Info
 - ▣ Public Mapping Tool
 - ▣ Submit Questions/Comments
 - ▣ Map Submissions
- FAQ documents – will continue to create more based on public input
- Dedicated email address: districts@cityofcapitola.gov
- Direct mailers to residences of Capitola – 1 of 2 sent



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