

Community Engagement Events

- 9/3 – Workshop with community group (Los Altos Residents)
- 9/4 Presentation to Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee
- 9/5 Tabling event at Farmers Market
- 9/6 Presentation to Los Altos Community Coalition
- 9/10 Tabling event at Main Library
- 9/11 Tabling event at Lucky grocery store
- 9/12 Tabling event at Lucky grocery store
- 9/12 Tabling event at Farmers Market
- 9/14 Community Workshop #1 at Los Altos Community Center
- 9/16 Community Workshop #2 at Grant Park
- 9/17 Tabling event at Woodland Library
- 9/18 Tabling event at Main Library
- 9/19 Presentation to Los Altos Rotary Club
- 9/19 Tabling event at Farmers Market

Questions received about Districting

- Under district-based elections will all 5 be elected at same time?
- What did City Council consider at the August 28 meeting?
- Has the City taken into account rental vs. owned?
- People are anxious, but why? How is a district line going to change things?
- Is there a way to view comments that are being collected on the website?
- Is October 31 a hard date to finish?
- How permanent are the lines? Will they be reviewed?
- Is there consideration of fewer districts with some at large?
- Were socioeconomic values considered?
- Is brand being considered as it is important in regional areas?
- Did the lawyers say if there's anything that can't be done?
- Which maps are considered?
- What happens if only one person or nobody runs in a district?
- What is the criteria for choosing which two districts go first?
- What other cities has the demographer worked for?
- Does the CVRA consider that off-cycle elections have lower turnout?
- Is there any help for people that are interested in using the interactive mapping tool but don't have access?
- What happens if a Council member doesn't live in a district?
- How will creating districts help to avoid vote dilution?
- What happens when the City's demographics shift?
- Are political affiliations taken into consideration?
- What is one thing people should know?
- Is there anything that could happen between now and October to change the transition?
- How can someone stay involved with drawing maps?
- What did the City do to merit the notice of violation?

- What's going on in the Santa Monica case?
- Does it matter what my boundaries are?
- Why can't we keep El Camino Real together in one district?
- Has the City considered moving to becoming a Charter City?
- Are we splitting up the City or keeping it the same?
- What can the City do?

Comments regarding District boundaries

- Methodist Church on Magdalena - church is in one part of town, rectory in another part
- I don't want to be part of downtown Los Altos because business districts have different goals than residents versus I live in a residential area but I want to have a say in services like library, downtown
- Magdalena has 3 big churches - across the street there is Rancho Shopping Center - not a lot of housing density
- certain representatives would not be able to run if they are not in the district they want to run for
- It is absurd to use major roads as a criteria for Los Altos; can't overlook communities of interest
- Need to be done by end of October and want the city to consider rank choice voting
- Develop an FAQ
- Keep Cupertino Union School District in one district, regardless of population size
- Live along Los Altos Ave, dine in Downtown
- Preference is for 4 Districts/1 Mayor
- Don't split El Camino Real
- Keep at least one school per district
- The first three maps look fine; pick from those
- Downtown resident wants to keep schools and major intersections together
- Located right at border – focused on Safe Routes to School corridors – look at holistic approach – Loyola Corners – schools are important – neighborhood character
- Lives near downtown and likes Map C
- Lives on Pine Lane and likes Map A & B
- All maps look similar – South Los Altos limited options
- Quality of candidates – South Los Altos spend most of time in Mountain View – good job on maps
- Fremont Avenue is a great dividing line
- Make major streets the dividing lines for ease of understanding
- Boundaries don't matter in the end; all the same city
- Keep shared interests in mind, and as boundaries; like running & biking trails
- To keep the City unified, name/label the districts as "A" "L" "T" "O" "S". That way people won't feel like a number, it will help keep the community together
- Need more "all-ages" facilities. Prefer one in each district
- Keep Loyola Corners together
- Wants everyone to be well represented and speak for everyone

- Do not move to ranked choice voting. Let other agencies use it effectively before we use it
- No to Charter. Go through at least one district election before undergoing another major change in the city
- Liked Map C because downtown represented by neighbors and El Camino Real not split
- Keep downtown and library together across to Springer
- If a vacancy occurs, appoint a Council member. No special election due to cost
- Look at public transit lines
- Have El Camino Real in two districts – divide along San Antonio Road
- Moving to districts is a good thing
- Live near Downtown across Foothill Expressway – like Map C – don't like Map A
- Live near Miramonte/Covington – like Map C
- Divide districts down roadways so that there are two districts that represent a given street
- It doesn't really matter where lines are

Other comments received

- I appreciate avoiding spending more money to get the same result
- It is hard to get involved with city topics when council meetings start and end so late
- Thinks that the Housing Element is tied with this action and lawsuit
- We should fight it
- Angry its shoved down our throats – special interest
- Merge with the Hills