



HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SANTA PAULA!

The City of Santa Paula encourages you to participate in the upcoming district formation public hearing on Wednesday, August 3 during the City Council meeting at 6:30 PM in the Council Chamber located at 970 Ventura Street.

Under a district-based election system, the City will be divided into roughly equal populated districts and voters will vote for one City Council Member who lives in their district. Beginning in 2024, district elections will replace the current at-large election system in which voters can vote for all City Council Members.

The first public hearing will provide an overview of district formation and the legal requirements. Residents will have an opportunity to share their input on neighborhoods and preferred district boundaries.

For more information on the City's districting process, visit DrawSantaPaula.org.

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DISTRICT FORMATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



FAQ #1 - What are district elections?

Under a district-based election system, the City will be divided into roughly equal populated districts. A candidate must reside within an election district and is elected only by voters living within that same election district. District elections will replace the current system of at-large citywide elections in which voters can vote for all City Council Members. The switch to district-based elections is a process that many cities in California are undergoing to meet the standards of the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) of 2001. Hundreds of cities, counties, school districts and special districts throughout the state have switched to district-based voting to comply with the CVRA.

In the City of Santa Paula, the City Council is responsible for approving the final map of district boundaries.

FAQ #2 - Why does districting matter to me?

Districting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped into a district for purposes of electing City Council Members. Fair, representative districts help ensure that elected officials will be responsive to the voters in their communities. You have an opportunity to share with the City Council how you think district boundaries should be drawn to best represent your community.

FAQ #3 - How can I get involved?

The City of Santa Paula is holding a series of community meetings to share information about the district formation process and gather public input on where district lines should be drawn. A complete schedule of the districting process is available at DrawSantaPaula.org.

You can also submit public comments, including suggested draft maps, by emailing: districting@spcity.org.

FAQ #4 - Where can I learn more about districting?

For more information regarding districting, please visit the new districting website's FAQ page at DrawSantaPaula.org/FAQ.