



# What to know about District-Based Elections

**What are District-Based Elections?** These are municipal elections based on a map of the City that has specific geographic boundaries (districts) drawn in to allow diverse communities opportunity for fair representation in City Government. This is a change from the current at-large system in which City Council members serve the City as a whole.

**Why is Pleasant Hill Changing from At-large to District-Based?** The City received written notice to transition to a district-based system pursuant to the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). Under the CVRA, the City has 135 days after receiving the written notice to structure a district map providing communities of varying races and ethnicities a better opportunity for fair representation, or potentially face litigation.

**What Process will the City Follow to Create a Map?** The City Council is holding a series of public hearings to get the community's feedback on how to draw the districts to meet the CVRA requirements.

*Pre-map Public Hearing Dates:*


March 20, 2023

April 3, 2023

April 17, 2023

After the third public hearing, a demographer hired by the City of Pleasant Hill will use census data and other information to create the maps. The City anticipates having draft maps available on April 24<sup>th</sup> with map hearings tentatively scheduled for May 1, 2023 (at the regular City Council meeting), May 6, 2023 (2:00 p.m.), and May 22, 2023 (7:00 p.m.). The City Council is scheduled to adopt the maps of the new districts in June.

**How Can I Participate?** All community members are invited to attend the public hearings and give feedback on how they feel the maps should be drawn, and on the maps themselves. For those unable to attend but who wish to comment, written comments may be provided to the City Clerk at City Hall or via email at [cityclerk@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:cityclerk@pleasanthillca.org) until 4:00 p.m. on the day of the regular City Council meetings and until 1:00 p.m. May 5<sup>th</sup> for the May 6<sup>th</sup> hearing. Hearings are held at City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane, and via Zoom. Zoom login information may be found on each meeting agenda at [www.pleasanthillca.org/agendas](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/agendas). The meeting may also be viewed on the City's YouTube channel at [www.pleasanthillca.org/councilmeeting](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/councilmeeting) at any time during or after the meeting.



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