

OVERVIEW

Since the City of Oxnard was incorporated in 1903, the City has elected its Council Members through an at-large election system. Under this system, candidates for the City Council can reside anywhere in the City and are elected by the registered voters of the entire City. (The Mayor is separately elected, but is also elected through an at-large election system.)

The City received a demand letter dated Oct. 7, 2017 claiming that the City's current method of electing the City Council through at-large elections violates the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA"). A district-based election system is one in which a city is divided into geographic sections, and voters in each section choose their City Council representative, who must also live in that district.

On Nov. 27, 2017, the Oxnard City Council adopted a resolution declaring its intent to transition to district-based elections.

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010, the City will conduct a series of public hearings over the next 90 days to receive community input on the composition of proposed election districts for City Council seats. It is of utmost importance that Oxnard residents participate and provide feedback during the upcoming public hearings. It is the City's desire to ensure that the proposed districts reflect communities of interest and that the citizenry be engaged in this important matter.

TIMELINE AND KEY DATES*

(CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE)

*Dates subject to change

NOV. 27
2017
6 p.m.

City Council Meeting/Adopt Resolution of Intent

City Council adopted Resolution 15,068 declaring its intention to transition from at-large elections to district-based elections for members of the City Council.

Meeting Place: City Council Chambers – 305 W. Third St.

DEC. 12
2017
6 p.m.

City Council Meeting/Public Hearing #1

City Council meeting to review the districting process, hear public input about potential "communities of interest" and composition or criteria to form districts

Meeting Place: City Council Chambers – 305 W. Third St.

JAN. 3
2018
6 p.m.

City Council Meeting/Public Hearing #2

City Council meeting to review the districting process, hear public input about potential "communities of interest" and composition or criteria to form districts

Meeting Place: South Oxnard Community Center, 200 E. Bard Rd.

Jan. 5
2018
5 p.m.

Deadline for residents to submit draft District maps

No Later than
JAN. 10
2018

Maps Released to the Public

Draft maps to be released online at oxnard.org/districts

JAN. 17
2018
6 p.m.

City Council Meeting/Public Hearing #3

City Council meeting to discuss draft maps and proposed sequencing of elections

Meeting Place: City Council Chambers – 305 W. Third St.

JAN. 22
2018
6 p.m.

Community Workshop

Discuss the districting process, draft maps and proposed sequencing of elections

Meeting Place: Performing Arts & Convention Center, Hueneme Room, 800 Hobson Way

JAN. 29
2018
6 p.m.

City Council Meeting/Public Hearing #4

City Council meeting to discuss draft maps and proposed sequencing of elections

Meeting Place: City Council Chambers – 305 W. Third St.

Feb. 7
2018
6 p.m.

City Council Meeting/Public Hearing #5

City Council meeting to discuss draft maps and proposed sequencing of elections

Meeting Place: City Council Chambers – 305 W. Third St.

Feb. 20
2018
6 p.m.

City Council Meeting/Public Hearing #6

City Council meeting to discuss draft maps and proposed sequencing of elections

Meeting Place: City Council Chambers – 305 W. Third St.

A certified Spanish interpreter will be available.

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