

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN THE CITY OF IRVINE!

Public Hearing-May 9, 2023 at 6 p.m: Council Chamber, 1 Civic Center Plaza



Get involved in the City's process of pursuing the shift from at-large City Councilmember elections to district elections. Join us at the next public hearing to share your thoughts!

The Irvine City Council is holding a district formation public hearing on **Tuesday, May 9, 2023**, during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 6 p.m. National Demographics Corporation, the City's professional demographer, will share input received from the community thus far and an overview of next steps.

The City encourages residents to get involved and share their input on where they think district lines should be drawn.

Participate in the meeting or email <u>districting@cityofirvine.org</u> to provide public feedback on where you consider your community or neighborhood boundaries to be.



For more information on the City's districting process, visit <u>Drawlrvine.org</u>.

DISTRICT FORMATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



FAQ #1—What are district elections?

Under a district-based election system, a city will have 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 would replace the current system of at-large citywide elections in which voters can vote for all City Councilmembers. The switch to district-based elections is a process that many cities in California are undergoing to meet the standards of the <u>California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)</u> 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.

FAQ #2—Why does districting matter to me?

Districting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped into a district for purposes of electing City Councilmembers. 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 Irvine is holding a series of community workshops 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 <u>DrawIrvine.org</u>.

You can also submit public comments, including suggested draft maps, by emailing: <u>districting@cityofirvine.org</u>.

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

For more information about districting, please visit the new districting website's FAQ page at <u>*DrawIrvine.org/FAQ*</u>.



