



Community of Interest Worksheet

Transition to District-Based Elections

Your input is needed to shape the new voting districts for the City Council, and one way you can participate is by assisting the City in developing a list of “communities of interest” or “COI” that can be utilized in the process to develop districts.

What is a Community of Interest (COI)?

A Community of Interest is a group of people that: share common social or economic interests, live in a geographically definable area, and should be included within a single district for purposes of effective and fair representation in future elections.

There are some communities of interest that are considered “protected classes” in that they have rights through state or federal civil rights or voting rights laws. Some examples of protected classes in districting would be ethnic and racial minorities such as a concentration of Latinx, Asian, or African American people.

There are other potential COI that can also be considered in districting, such as: senior citizens, college students, people who live in a particular neighborhood, or even people who share concerns such as parents with young children, bicycle enthusiasts, topic interest group, etc.

COI does not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

Providing the following information is ***optional***. If you provide an email address, we will send you updates on the process.

Name: _____

Are you a resident of Napa? Yes / No

Email address: _____



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What You Can Do to Participate in the Process

1. Provide your comments on your community of interest. Please complete this worksheet and return it by email to districts@cityofnapa.org, complete the online form on our website www.cityofnapa.org/districtelections, or pick up and drop off a hard copy to City Hall, City Clerk's Office, 955 School Street.
2. Attend one of the City's Public Hearings as shown below.

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| Tuesday, February 25, 2020 City Hall - Council Chamber 6:30 p.m. | 1 st Public Hearing without maps of proposed district boundaries, to provide information to the public and solicit input from the public and Council on composition of the districts |
| Wednesday, March 4, 2020 City Hall - Council Chamber 6:30 p.m. | 2 nd Public Hearing without maps of proposed district boundaries, to provide information to the public and solicit input from the public and Council on composition of the districts |
| Sunday, March 8, 2020 McPherson Elementary School 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. & St. John's Baptist Catholic Church Parish Hall 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Community Workshop where Demographer will provide a presentation to the public, and solicit input from the public regarding proposed district boundaries Presentations on the process at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, March 17, 2020 City Hall - Council Chamber 6:30 p.m. | 3 rd Public Hearing with maps of proposed district boundaries produced by the demographer and published seven days in advance, and with a summary of comments received during the Community Workshop, for consideration and feedback by the public and Council |
| Tuesday, April 7, 2020 City Hall - Council Chamber 6:30 p.m. | 4 th Public Hearing with revised map(s) of proposed district boundaries produced by the demographer and published seven days in advance; consideration of public input regarding the revised map(s), and introduction an ordinance establishing a district-based election system and map of district boundaries for Councilmembers |
| Tuesday, April 21, 2020 City Hall - Council Chamber 6:30 p.m. | 5 th Public Hearing to adopt an ordinance establishing a district-based election system and map of district boundaries for Councilmembers |



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How to Document Your Community of Interest

- 1) What is the nature of the common social or economic interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.
- 2) Where is your community located? You can define it by neighborhood, streets, address, proximity to a key landmark (such as a school or community center), or other boundaries.
- 3) What are the geographic definers/boundaries of your neighborhood? Examples of definers/boundaries could be highways, roads, rivers, hills, or parks.
- 4) What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this districting? Please describe how the issues before the City Council have a unique impact on your group.