

# HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF COVINA!

You are invited to participate in the upcoming City of Covina district formation Public Hearings on:

- Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 7:30 PM
  Public Hearing #1: California Voting Rights Act overview; mapping process
- Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 7:30 PM Public Hearing #2: California Voting Rights Act overview; mapping process

Under a district-based election system, the City will be divided into equally populated districts. Starting with the June 2022 election, voters will now vote for one City Council Member who lives in their district. District elections will replace the current system of at-large citywide elections in which voters can vote for all City Council Members.

The first two Public Hearings will provide an overview of districting and seek public input on neighborhoods, communities of interest and preferred district boundaries. Residents can attend the meetings in-person at Covina City Hall Council Chamber located at 125 E. College Street, Covina, CA 91723 or remotely via Zoom.

For more information on the City's districting process, visit **MapCovina.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 equally 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 district-based voting to comply with the CVRA.

In the City of Covina, 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 Covina is holding a series of Public Hearings 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 MapCovina.org.

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

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

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

#### MapCovina.org