

# CITY OF FOSTER CITY'S TRANSITION TO DISTRICT ELECTIONS



## TRANSITION

Help understand how voters elect future City of Foster City Councilmembers by participating in Foster City's transition to District Elections. Currently, voters elect all five City Council members through an at-large elections system. A district-based election is one in which the City is divided into separate districts, each with one City council member who resides in the district and is chosen by the voters in that particular district.

## BACKGROUND

In response to a letter received from a potential plaintiffs' attorney alleging a violation of the California Voting Rights Act, the City Council approved at a meeting on September 3, 2024, a resolution declaring Foster City's intent to initiate procedures to transition from at-large elections to district-based elections.

## PROCESS

The City needs to hold at least two public hearings over a period of no more than 30 days, at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of the districts. While the public can begin drawing maps, official maps can not be drawn by the city or its consultant before completion of these two public meetings. Once the initial two meetings are complete, the hired demographer can begin to officially draw maps that will be considered in the districting process along with any publicly drawn maps. The City would then hold at least two additional hearings over a period of no more than 45 days, at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft maps and the proposed sequence of elections. Only maps that have been public for seven days can be considered at any public hearings. Once a map is selected, it would need to be published at least seven days before consideration at a hearing for introduction of an ordinance to adopt the district map.

## JOIN THE CONVERSATION

City Council meetings begin at 6:30pm, with the Public Hearing for District Elections starting at 7pm. Meetings will also be available to watch on Zoom, FCTV, and YouTube. You may submit public comments via email to [publiccomment@fostercity.org](mailto:publiccomment@fostercity.org).

### OCTOBER 2024

- October 7: First public hearing  
7pm | Council Chambers
- October 20: Community Workshop  
10am - 11:30am | Council Chambers
- October 21: Second public hearing  
7pm | Council Chambers

### NOVEMBER 2024

- November 4: Third public hearing  
7pm | Council Chambers - First maps hearing
- November 13: Community Workshop  
6pm - 7:30pm | Council Chambers
- November 18: Fourth public hearing  
7pm | Council Chambers

### DECEMBER 2024

- December 2: Fifth public meeting  
7pm | Council Chambers - Final vote

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