

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** November 2, 2021

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Mike Webb, City Manager  
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**SUBJECT:** Redistricting 2022 Hearing #1

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### **Recommendation**

1. Receive presentation from demographer Redistricting Partners regarding the redistricting process.
2. Hold first public hearing on City Council redistricting and receive public input.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There are no new costs associated with this report. The project costs have been previously allocated and approved and are funded through General Fund. Redistricting Partners is providing demographer services at a cost of \$44,000, and an online community engagement mapping software license was purchased for \$7,000. The cost of outreach materials and staff resources are allocated in the current City Manager's Office budget.

### **Council Goal(s)**

- Ensure a Safe, Healthy, Equitable Community  
Objective 8: Complete City's transition to City Council Districts, begun in 2019.  
A. In preparation for the 2022 November election and beyond, complete a citywide redistricting process based on the 2020 census information.
- Foster Excellence in City Services

### **Commission Input**

This matter impacts the conduct of elections and is under the direct authority of City Council.

### **Background and Analysis**

On October 5, the City Council discussed the redistricting process for city council districts and set a process and schedule for public hearings, release of draft maps and the selection of a final map. The City Council undertook a districting process in the fall of 2019, and the process to redistrict, using the 2020 census data, is very similar. The staff report from October 5, with background information on districts and the process, can be found [here](#). Additional information about redistricting can be found at

[www.cityofdavis.org/districts](http://www.cityofdavis.org/districts). These pages on the city’s website are new for the 2022 redistricting.

The first official step in the redistricting process is to hold a public hearing. At the hearing, Redistricting Partners will provide an overview of the laws and rules surrounding the redistricting process and answer any questions the Council may have. In addition, the first public hearing is intended to allow for members of the public to communicate thoughts related to redistricting. These comments are considered, along with the other forms of public input, as Redistricting Partners eventually draws the draft maps. A second public hearing, scheduled for December, provides an additional opportunity for public input at a City Council meeting.

The approved calendar for the full redistricting process is shown below.

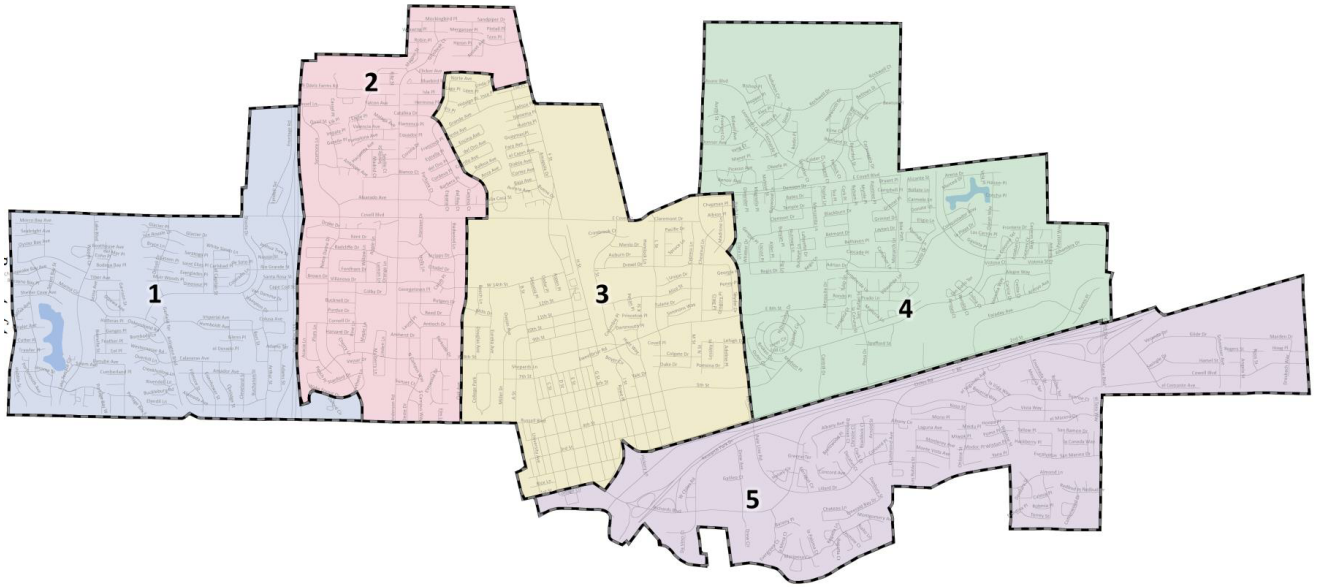
<b>Public Hearing Dates</b>	<b>November 2, 2021</b>	<b>December 7, 2021</b>	<b>January 11, 2022</b>	<b>February 1, 2022</b>	<b>February 15, 2022</b>
<b>Action</b>	Receive input (1)	Receive input (2)	Share first draft of maps	Finalize maps	Vote on final version of maps (no changes allowed from previous hearing)
<b>Maps Published Online (7+ days prior)</b>	N/A - must be held prior to maps	N/A - <u>may</u> be held prior to maps	January 4, 2022	January 25, 2022	February 8, 2022

Public Participation

In addition to making comments at public hearings, community members may share their input in other ways. On the city’s redistricting website is a form to share thoughts on “communities of interest.” Communities of Interest are groups with similarities or common interests, usually in a geographic location.

The City also has an online mapping tool available, which will soon have a link on the city’s redistricting website, to allow community members to draw their own maps. The tool is robust and assists users in making draft maps, helping them be compliant with legal parameters. The City will be hosting an online workshop on November 4, where Redistricting Partners will provide a tutorial on how to use the mapping tool. (A link to the tutorial can be found at [cityofdavis.org/districts](http://cityofdavis.org/districts). The tutorial will be recorded in case someone wants to access it later to draw a map. Maps submitted to the City through this process will be reviewed and considered in the redrawing of districts.

The current map below is based on 2010 census data. The chart shows the 2020 census information and the corresponding population deviation of each existing district. According to early data released from the 2020 decennial census, Davis’ population is 66,850, which translates to an ideal district size of 13,370 each.



**Total 2020 Census Population and Deviations**

	<b>Population</b>	<b>Deviation</b>	
<b>1</b>	12,572	-728	-5.5%
<b>2</b>	12,233	-1,067	-8%
<b>3</b>	15,676	2,376	17.9%
<b>4</b>	13,166	-134	-1%
<b>5</b>	12,854	-446	-3.4%
<i>Total Deviation</i>			<b>25.9%</b>