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CITY OF DUBLIN BEGINS TRANSITION TO DISTRICT-BASED ELECTIONS

Plans for Robust Outreach Underway; First Public Hearing set for April 19 at 7:00 p.m.

DUBLIN, Calif., April 11, 2022 – The City is beginning its public outreach efforts following the February 15 decision of the City Council, declaring its intent to transition to district-based elections beginning in 2024.

Currently, Dublin elects four City Councilmembers and the Mayor at-large. Under district-based elections, the City will be divided into separate districts of equal population. Dublin voters will vote for one Councilmember who resides in their district to represent their district as a whole. The office of Mayor will continue to be elected at-large by all City voters.

The City Council will hold a series of public hearings to receive community feedback on the proposed composition of districts. The first two public hearings will give the community an opportunity to provide input on the composition of the districts before the maps are drawn. The first set of draft maps will then be drawn before at least two additional public hearings are held for the community to provide input regarding the content of the draft district maps.

The City encourages the public to provide input to ensure "communities of interest" are taken into account during the district drawing process. A "community of interest" is a neighborhood or community that would benefit from being in the same district because of shared interests, views, or characteristics.

The Dublin City Council will hold its first public hearing regarding district-based elections during its regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. Other public hearings and workshops will take place as follows:

- Thursday, April 28, at 6:00 p.m. (workshop) on Zoom (meeting information forthcoming)
- Wednesday, May 4, at 6:00 p.m. (workshop) on Zoom (meeting information forthcoming)
- Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. (public hearing #2)
- Tuesday, June 21, at 7:00 p.m. (public hearing #3)
- Tuesday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m. (public hearing #4)
- Tuesday, August 16, at 7:00 p.m. (public hearing #5)

The switch to district-based elections is a process that many cities in California have undergone and are currently undergoing to meet the standards of the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) of 2001. The City of Dublin received a letter on January 4, 2022, challenging the City's current election method. The letter asserts that the City's at-large election system violates the CVRA and demands that the City change its at-large voting system to a district-based election system.

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