

## PROPOSED MAP FOR DISTRICT-BASED ELECTIONS

### How was the proposed district map developed?

This district map was drawn by a diverse coalition of Sunnyvale residents from different geographic areas of the City as part of a six-month community-driven map making process.

### How often will the district map be updated?

This map will be used for the 2020 Council election. The district map will be revised after each 10-year census. The map for the 2022 Council election will be based on the 2020 Census.

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# Measure B

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

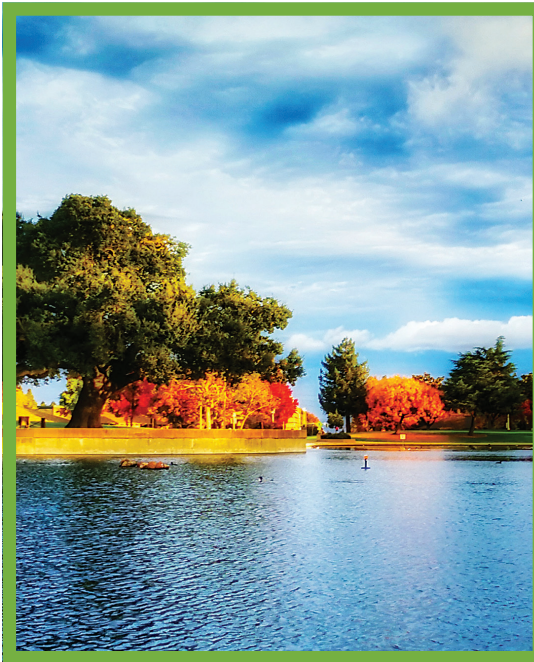
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District-Based Elections Ballot Measure  
March 3, 2020



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# Measure B and District-Based Elections



### How are Sunnyvale City Council elections structured now?

Currently, all Sunnyvale voters elect councilmembers "at-large" from across the City to seven numbered seats and the councilmembers select the mayor.

### What is Measure B?

Measure B proposes amending the City Charter to change Sunnyvale's City Council election system to a six-district system with one councilmember elected by the voters in each district and a mayor directly elected by all Sunnyvale voters.

### What are district-based elections?

District-based elections group voters into distinct geographic districts, and voters within each district vote for one councilmember who must live in the district.

### How does Measure B propose the mayor be selected?

Under Measure B, all Sunnyvale voters would vote directly for mayor in a citywide election every four years beginning in November 2020. Currently, the City Council selects the mayor from within the Council.

### Would Measure B change the role of the mayor?

No. The mayor's responsibilities would remain the same under Measure B: acting as presiding officer (or chairperson) during Council meetings, having one of seven votes in all Council decisions, and serving as Council spokesperson on City positions.



### How would term limits change under Measure B?

Currently, City councilmembers may not serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. Measure B would allow members to serve up to three consecutive four-year terms under two scenarios:

**Scenario A:** an individual could serve two four-year terms as a councilmember and one four-year term as mayor

**Scenario B:** an individual could serve one four-year term as a councilmember and two four-year terms as mayor



### When would I vote for my councilmember and mayor if Measure B passes?

In November 2020, voters in the three even-numbered districts would vote for their councilmember and all voters would vote for a mayor. In November 2022, the three odd-numbered districts would vote for their councilmember, completing the transition to district-based elections.

### Why is the City proposing Measure B?

Cities and other local agencies with "at-large" voting systems have increasingly been targets for lawsuits under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) to compel them to change their election systems to district-based elections. The City received a notice letter in October 2018 alleging CVRA violations. Changing to district elections will help protect the City against potentially costly CVRA lawsuits.

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