



# CITY OF ENCINITAS

## Press Release

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### **Community Needed to Shape City of Encinitas Voting Districts Attend the Hearing and Become Involved**

ENCINITAS, CA - The City of Encinitas needs your help and encourages the community to participate in the second public hearing for districting on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 6:00 PM, at City Hall, located at 505 South Vulcan Avenue. Encinitas residents interested in being involved with setting the criteria for future district election maps should attend.

Currently, City Council members are elected by the community at-large. Council adopted a resolution to initiate the process of moving to district-based voting in accordance with the California Voting Rights Act. This law was enacted to help ensure that minority voters have an equal voice in the leadership of the community, but leaves considerable discretion regarding the shaping of districts in local hands.

At the hearing on September 20<sup>th</sup>, and after considering public comments, the City Council will set the criteria and deadline for map submittals by the public and demographer. The ultimate district map boundaries will be formulated by the approved criteria. This process allows the community to be able to submit their version and ideas for district boundaries for council representation.

Mayor Blakespear stated, *"It is essential that our community members become involved in shaping how the City's leaders are chosen. We urge you to attend this hearing and be involved in this very important process."*

To learn more, visit the City's districting webpage at <http://encinitasca.gov/Districting>, which provides information to all items related to the district-based elections mapping process.

Questions may be directed to City of Encinitas Communications at [encicomm@encinitasca.gov](mailto:encicomm@encinitasca.gov).

**Para español, visita el sitio web <http://encinitasca.gov/Districting>.**

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