



ELECTORAL VOTING DISTRICTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION'S

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE ON CITY COUNCIL?

The City Council currently consists of four City Council members and the Mayor. The proposed change seeks to implement a “by-district” election system, in which the City Council Members are elected from four separate districts, instead of citywide with the Mayor being elected at-large. A second option is to have all City Council positions (including the Mayor) elected through a by-district election system with the Mayor’s position rotating through the City Council (chosen by Council).

WHY IS EASTVALE NOW VOTING BY DISTRICTS?

On January 1, 2016, Senate Bill 493, was enacted under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). This new statute gives cities with populations under 100,000 the authority to change the city’s election system from “at-large elections” to a “by district” system. A move to this type of election system derives from two sources. One, the City continues to expand and diversify with economic, industrial and residential growth. Two, the threat of costly legal challenges outweighs the risk of not implementing a “by-district” system by November 2016.

WHAT IS THE DISTRICTING PROCESS?

State law requires an open and public process for establishing electoral districts, including a minimum of three public hearings. A calendar of the hearing can be found on the voting districts page on the city website, <http://www.eastvaleca.gov/city-hall/office-of-the-city-clerk/elections/voting-districts>

HOW ARE DISTRICTS FORMED?

The City’s electoral districts must also be formulated in accordance with federal and state law requirements. Standard criteria incorporating these requirements are reflected in the City Council resolution from the City Council Meeting of April 27, 2016.

WHERE CAN I GET A COPY OF THE VOTING DISTRICT MAPS?

Copies of the proposed voting district maps are available on the city website by clicking [here](#) and from the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, 12363 Limonite Ave., Suite 910, Eastvale, CA 92880.

WHEN THE CITY IMPLEMENTS DISTRICT VOTING, WHAT HAPPENS TO THE TERMS OF INCUMBENT COUNCIL MEMBERS?

Govt. Code Section 34886 authorizing City action by ordinance applies only to cities. The Eastvale City Council has determined to move forward with establishing a by-district election process for reasons of costly litigation and the fact it is highly unlikely that the



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City would prevail. This system must be set up prior to the November 2016 election, as demanded in the letter from MALDEF. If two Council members live in the same District, theoretically they could have to run against each other, however; the location of City Council member's residences is one permissible districting criteria.

All five Council Members will serve until their terms end.

Mayor Ike Bootsma: December 2016

Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Tessari: December 2016

VACANT: December 2018

Councilmember Clint Lorimore: December 2018

Councilmember Adam Rush: December 2018