

## **7.1. CVRA 2nd Public Hearing**



DATE: October 21, 2024

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

VIA: Stefan Chatwin, City Manager

FROM: Priscilla Schaus, Communications Director/City Clerk  
Benjamin L. Stock, City Attorney

DEPARTMENT: Communications/City Clerk

SUBJECT: TO START AT A TIME CERTAIN OF 7:00 P.M. -  
SECOND PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT ON  
COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTS AND NUMBER OF DISTRICTS  
FOR DISTRICT BASED COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council conduct the second public hearing to receive community input and provide input to staff regarding the composition of voting districts and number of districts.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On August 19, 2024, the City Council discussed a letter received from a potential plaintiffs' attorney, Shenkman & Hughes PC, on July 22, 2024, alleging a violation of the California Voting Rights Act (the "CVRA")<sup>1</sup> and threatening litigation if the City declines to voluntarily change to a district-based election system for electing Councilmembers. While the Council strongly disagreed with the allegations in the letter, a majority of the Council gave direction to staff to proceed with agendizing the resolution of intent in order to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of Elections Code Section 10010 and avoid costly litigation.

At the September 3, 2024 Council meeting, the Council adopted City Resolution No. 2024-91 to transition to district based elections, to allow the City to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of Elections Code Section 10010.

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<sup>1</sup> Cal. Elec. Code §§ 14025-14032.

At the October 7, 2024 Council meeting, the City Council conducted the first public hearing to receive input regarding the composition of the districts. This meeting will be the second of the two public hearings that are required to be held over a period of no more than 30 days, at which the public is invited to provide input. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 21130, the public hearing must be scheduled to start at a time certain if it is consolidated with a regular or special meeting of the governing body that includes other substantive agenda items, to begin at a fixed time regardless of its order on the agenda.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Foster City currently elects its Councilmembers at-large, which means that each Councilmember is elected by the registered voters of the entire City.

The CVRA was enacted in 2001, in part, to provide minority groups in California with tools to prevent dilution of votes in “at-large” election systems and is more expansive than the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (“FVRA”). An at-large method of election may not be imposed or applied in a manner that impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election, as a result of the dilution or the abridgement of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class.<sup>2</sup> A violation of the CVRA is established if it is shown that racially polarized voting occurs in elections for members of the governing body or in elections incorporating other electoral choices by the voters of the political subdivision.<sup>3</sup> Any voter who is a member of a protected class and who resides in a political subdivision where a violation of the CVRA is alleged may file an action in the superior court in which the political subdivision is located.<sup>4</sup>

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010, a city may rely on the “safe harbor” provisions that allows a city to adopt a resolution outlining its intention to transition from at-large to district-based elections within forty-five (45) days of receiving a demand letter from a potential plaintiffs’ attorney.<sup>5</sup> These “safe harbor” provisions allow a city to transition in accordance with a statutory timeline and, if followed, insulate a city from litigation arising from alleged CVRA violations and caps attorneys’ fee liability to a maximum of \$30,000.<sup>6</sup>

Under those “safe harbor” provisions, a prospective plaintiff is required to send a written notice to the clerk of a city asserting that the city’s method of conducting elections may violate the CVRA.<sup>7</sup> A forty-five (45) day stay is then imposed on a prospective plaintiff’s ability to bring an action.<sup>8</sup> That forty-five (45) day stay allows a city to adopt a resolution outlining its intention to transition from at-large to district-based elections.<sup>9</sup> If a resolution of intention is adopted by a city council to move to district-based elections, a prospective

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<sup>2</sup> Cal. Elec. Code §§ 14026 and 14027.

<sup>3</sup> Cal. Elec. Code §14028(a); see also § 14027.

<sup>4</sup> Cal. Elec. Code §14032.

<sup>5</sup> Cal. Elec. Code § 10010(e)(2).

<sup>6</sup> Cal. Elec. Code § 10010(f)(1)-(3).

<sup>7</sup> Cal. Elec. Code § 10010(e)(1).

<sup>8</sup> Cal. Elec. Code § 10010(e)(2).

<sup>9</sup> Cal. Elec. Code § 10010(e)(1)-(3).

plaintiff may not commence an action within ninety (90) days of the resolution of intention's passage.<sup>10</sup>

### ***Transition to District Based Elections***

Since the Council adopted City Resolution No. 2024-91 to transition to district-based elections on September 3, 2024, a prospective plaintiff may not commence an action within ninety (90) days of the resolution of intention's passage.

As a part of the transition process, the City needs to hold at least two public hearings over a period of no more than 30 days, at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of the districts.<sup>11</sup> No official maps can be drawn before completion of these two public meetings. Once the initial two meetings are complete, the demographer and public can begin to officially draw maps that will be considered in the districting process. The City would then hold at least two additional hearings over a period of no more than 45 days, at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft maps and the proposed sequence of elections.<sup>12</sup> Once a map is selected, it would need to be published at least seven days before consideration at a hearing for introduction of an ordinance to adopt the district map.<sup>13</sup>

The City will also need to comply with the Fair and Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities and Political Subdivisions (Fair Maps) Act in adopting the districts,<sup>14</sup> which provides criteria that the City must utilize when establishing election district boundaries or when undertaking the redistricting process (which must occur every ten years after each population census). This criteria are summarized below.

(a) The election districts must be substantially equal in population based on the most recent census.

(b) The districting body shall adopt election district boundaries that comply with the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10301 et seq.) and consistent with the federal Voting Rights Act, the districting body shall determine whether it is possible to create an election district or districts in which a minority group is sufficiently large and geographically compact to constitute a majority in a single-member district, as set forth in *Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30 (1986).

c) The districting body shall adopt election district boundaries using the following criteria as set forth in the following order of priority:

(1) To the maximum extent practicable, election districts shall be geographically contiguous. Areas that meet only at the points of adjoining corners are not contiguous. Areas that are separated by water and not

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<sup>10</sup> Cal. Elec. Code § 10010(e)(1)-(3).

<sup>11</sup> Cal. Elec. Code § 10010(a)(1).

<sup>12</sup> Cal. Elec. Code § 10010(a)(2).

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>14</sup> Cal. Elec. Code § 21100 et seq.

connected by a bridge, tunnel, or regular ferry service are not contiguous.

(2) To the maximum extent practicable, and where it does not conflict with the preceding criterion, the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.

(3) To the maximum extent practicable, and where it does not conflict with the preceding criteria, election districts shall be bounded by natural and artificial barriers, by streets, or by the boundaries of the local jurisdiction. Election district boundaries should be easily identifiable and understandable by residents.

(4) To the maximum extent practicable, and where it does not conflict with the preceding criteria, election districts shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness in a manner that nearby areas of population are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations.

(d) The districting body shall not adopt election district boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party.<sup>15</sup>

Within 21 days of adopting final election district boundaries, the City Council will be required to issue a report that explains the basis on which it made its decisions in achieving compliance with the requirements and criteria of the Fair Maps Act, including, as to each neighborhood, community of interest, city, or census designated place that was split into two or more districts, the reason for that split.<sup>16</sup>

Staff has prepared a tentative timeline, which identifies the preliminary schedule for the required public hearings and public outreach, which complies with Elections Code Section 10010 (Attachment 1). This timeline may change depending on the level of community involvement and the complexity of the map drawing process. If the timeline needs to adjust beyond the 90 days, then the City may enter into a written agreement to extend the 90-day period up to an additional 90 days in order to provide additional time to conduct public outreach, encourage public participation, and receive public input.<sup>17</sup>

## ANALYSIS

The Fair Maps Act defines a “community of interest” as a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single election district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Characteristics of communities of interest may include, but are not limited to, shared public policy concerns such as education, public safety, public health, environment, housing, transportation, and access to social services. Characteristics of communities of interest may also include, but are not limited to, cultural districts, shared socioeconomic characteristics, similar voter registration rates

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<sup>15</sup> Cal. Elec. Code § 21130 (a)-(d).

<sup>16</sup> Cal. Elec. Code § 21130(f).

<sup>17</sup> Cal. Elec. Code § 10010(e)(3)(C)(i).

and participation rates, and shared histories. Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

Some examples of communities of interest in Foster City may include the existing neighborhoods identified by the City, school districts, parks, etc.

At the first public hearing on October 7, 2024, the Council received a report from the City's demographer, Redistricting Partners, about the basics of the districting process and identifying communities of interest. The video and presentation from the first meeting can be found on the City's dedicated redistricting webpage which can be found here:

<https://www.fostercity.org/community/page/transition-district-elections>.

The community is encouraged to participate during this second public hearing by providing input on the composition of the districts by sharing specific thoughts on communities of interest that the public identifies within Foster City.

### ***Outreach Efforts***

City staff has initiated outreach notifying residents of this meeting including posting on social media channels such as Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor. Social media posts sharing information regarding the City Council's consideration of adopting a resolution of intent to transition from at-large to district-based elections began days after the August 19 meeting and continued over the following weeks in advance of the September 3 meeting. Additional outreach regarding the resolution was conducted via the City newsletter on August 22, and a listserv notification was sent notifying community members the matter would be on the September 3 City Council agenda. Printed outreach material notifying residents of the meeting was placed in City Hall as well at kiosks posted along the Levee. It was also posted on the marquee and posting boards at the Council Chambers, Recreation Center, and Library.

To grant ample opportunities for residents and community members to have their voice heard, City staff have been attending a variety of community events to discuss the transition. A press release was published notifying residents of the transition and sharing opportunities to provide input on the matter. City staff along with the consultants planned to host community workshops on Sunday, October 20, and Wednesday, November 13. Printed and translated materials have been mailed to residents informing them of the forthcoming shift and opportunities to participate in the process, as well. Additionally, staff created a website dedicated to this district transition process which can be found here: <https://www.fostercity.org/districtelections>.

Information on the webpage will be available to provide the public with background information about the districting process, upcoming hearing dates, and supporting documents. This webpage will be continuously updated with dates and locations where community members can share their feedback on this issue. The website will also feature a virtual mapping tool which community members can use to draw their own district boundaries and a feature allowing submission of community interest forms. As of October 16, staff have received 12 forms from the public (Attachment 2).

## CALIFORNIA EQUALITY QUALITY ACT

This item does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000, et seq.) (CEQA) as the adoption of the resolution does not have the potential to result in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15378.).

## FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this action. By transitioning to district-based elections, the costs that potential plaintiff's attorney will receive is capped at \$30,000. The City will also pay the demographer for their services, which totals \$49,500.

## CITY COUNCIL VISION, MISSION, AND VALUE/PRIORITY AREA

City Council Operations and Improved Community Engagement.

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Tentative Timeline

Attachment 2 – Community of Interest Forms

Tentative Timeline for Consideration and Implementation of District-Based Elections

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Code §</b>	<b>Comment</b>
July 22, 2024	City received certified demand letter from Shenkman & Hughes	EC§10010(e)(1)	Before commencing an action to enforce Sections 14027 and 14028, a prospective plaintiff shall send by certified mail a written notice to the clerk of the political subdivision ("City") against which the action would be brought asserting that the City's method of conducting elections may violate the California Voting Rights Act of 2001.
		EC§ 10010(e)(2)	A prospective plaintiff shall not commence an action to enforce Sections 14027 and 14028 within 45 days of the City's receipt of the written notice described above (CVRA lawsuit cannot be commenced until September 5, 2024.)
9/3/24	Resolution is considered at City Council Meeting	EC§ 10010 (3)(A)	Within 45 days of receipt of a notice, the City may pass a resolution outlining its intention to transition from at-large to district-based elections, specific steps it will undertake to facilitate this transition, and an estimated time frame for doing so (Resolution to be considered no later than September 5, 2024)
9/3/24	Resolution is adopted at City Council Meeting	EC§ 10010(e)(3)(B)	If the City begins the process of switching to districts within 45 days and adopts a resolution to that effect a potential plaintiff cannot commence an action within 90 days of the resolution's passage. (CVRA lawsuit cannot be commenced until December 3, 2024)
TBD	Conduct public outreach, encourage public participation, and receive public input	EC§ 10010(a)(1)	Before public hearings, the City may conduct outreach to the public, including to non-English-speaking communities, to explain the districting process and to encourage public participation. I.e. farmers market, public library, public schools, places of worship, homeowners associations, and community organizations
10/7/24	1st Public Hearing (Regular Meeting)	EC§ 10010(a)(1)	First and second public hearings must occur within a period of 30 days. No maps for review, but take public comments on composition of districts and preference for district lines.
10/21/24	2nd Public Hearing (Regular Meeting)	EC§ 10010(a)(1)	No maps for review, but take public comments on composition of districts and preference for district lines.
10/28/24	Publish for review first drafts of district election maps and potential sequence of elections	EC§ 10010(a)(2)	After all draft maps are drawn, at least 7 days before the 3 <sup>rd</sup> public hearing, the City shall publish and make available for release at least one draft map and, if city councilmembers will be elected in their districts at different times to provide for staggered terms of office, the potential sequence of the elections.



11/4/24	3rd Public Hearing (Regular Meeting)	EC§ 10010(a)(2)	The City shall also hold at least two additional hearings over a period of no more than 45 days, at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft map or maps and the proposed sequence of elections, if applicable.
11/11/24	Post any new or amended maps	EC§ 10010(a)(2)	Maps available for review at least 7 days before consideration at the 4th public hearing.
11/18/24	4th Public Hearing (Regular Meeting)	EC§ 10010(a)(2)	Take public comments on proposed maps. If selected map is amended, ordinance cannot be introduced until 7 days after amended map is published  Council may introduce ordinance if final map is selected at this public hearing
11/25/24 or 12/2/24  DEADLINE 12/2/24	(Special) 5th Public Hearing or Regular Meeting	EC§ 10010(e)(3)(B)	Council introduces ordinance establishing district elections, including district boundaries and election sequence if map is changed at 11/18/24 meeting.  Council adopts ordinance

#### Submission information

Form: [Tell Us About Your Community of Interest](#) <sup>[1]</sup>

Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Wed, 09/18/2024 - 12:15pm

**What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.**

People who live on the waterfront.

**Where is your community located? You can define it by cities, neighborhoods, streets, address, a key landmark such as college campus, facility, school, church, or other boundaries.**

People who live along the water in Foster City, SFH, Apartments, Condos. People who live on the water have different housing needs, higher humidity in homes, wind issues, and groundwater / foundation issues, very different costs of home ownership and upkeep.

**What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this City Council redistricting? Please describe how the issues before the City Council has an impact on your community.**

People who live along the water are a minority of Foster City people but the majority of people in Foster City benefit from the lagoon drainage. Yet, the people on the water suffer the ill effects of unkept streets, dirty streets, and rotten fruit and other waste entering the lagoon. Foster City has consistently ranked as some of the most polluted water in California yet the city has ignored the issue of basic lagoon maintenance. This affects the health and safety of the community of interest especially the children. At one time water activities were common in Foster City. Children would have swimming competitions. Today it is too polluted to do so safely.

The following information is optional. If you provide an email address, we will send you updates on the process.

#### Name

Waterman Bill

#### Are you a Foster City resident?

yes

#### What neighborhood to you live in?

#1

#### Email address

**Source URL:** <https://www.fostercity.org/node/46662/submission/17735>

#### Links

[1] <https://www.fostercity.org/cityclerk/webform/tell-us-about-your-community-interest>

Submission information

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Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Wed, 09/18/2024 - 2:05pm

**What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.**

HOA

**Where is your community located? You can define it by cities, neighborhoods, streets, address, a key landmark such as college campus, facility, school, church, or other boundaries.**

Foster City HOA's make up a huge portion of the city. They have unique voting behaviors, needs, and are differentiated by distinctly different SES between them.

**What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this City Council redistricting? Please describe how the issues before the City Council has an impact on your community.**

The HOA's represent LARGE geographically contiguous areas. Each HOA should be kept whole. It makes no sense to split them up. However MANY HOA's are cut in two by precincts. i.e. 22018 & 22017 bifurcates Isle Cove HOA. 22026 22015 22014 have full HOA's in them but also splits up Bayporte & Winston Village / Square. 22016 keeps Whalers Island and Harborside together. 22023 keeps alden crossing together along with lantern cove together. (but question is if the lantern cove deveoplemnt will add SO MANY more people to break that precinct up?

The following information is optional. If you provide an email address, we will send you updates on the process.

**Name**

HOAguy

**Are you a Foster City resident?**

yes

**What neighborhood to you live in?**

Alden Crossing

**Email address**

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Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Wed, 09/18/2024 - 2:08pm



**What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.**

Renters

**Where is your community located? You can define it by cities, neighborhoods, streets, address, a key landmark such as college campus, facility, school, church, or other boundaries.**

Large rental developments across foster city.

[https://fostercity.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?](https://fostercity.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8eed3112978f487793737478d9918e39)

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**What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this City Council redistricting? Please describe how the issues before the City Council has an impact on your community.**

Renters are more likely underrepresented as they are more likely not to be voters, not to be citizens, more likely to be green card and visa holders. A good illustration is Brewer Island School. Brewer Island has the most languages spoken of any school in SMFCSD. However, it's attendance continues to drop, now risking closure. The progress students are making at this school is heavily impacted by the number of ESL students without support.

The following information is optional. If you provide an email address, we will send you updates on the process.

#### Name

2nd Language Speaker

**Are you a Foster City resident?**

yes

**What neighborhood to you live in?**

Foster's Landing

#### Email address



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Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Wed, 09/18/2024 - 5:04pm

**What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.**  
Lagoon homes have a common interest. It is important to keep and maintain the lagoon clean and safe which our community shares.

**Where is your community located? You can define it by cities, neighborhoods, streets, address, a key landmark such as college campus, facility, school, church, or other boundaries.**

Foster city homes that are located on the lagoon.

**What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this City Council redistricting? Please describe how the issues before the City Council has an impact on your community.**

Consideration on maintenance and keeping the water quality clean and safe.

The following information is optional. If you provide an email address, we will send you updates on the process.

**Name**

**Are you a Foster City resident?**

**What neighborhood to you live in?**

**Email address**

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Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Tue, 09/24/2024 - 8:22am



**What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.**  
Brewer Island School, people who use that school.

**Where is your community located? You can define it by cities, neighborhoods, streets, address, a key landmark such as college campus, facility, school, church, or other boundaries.**

In the area surrounding the feeds to Brewer Island School

**What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this City Council redistricting? Please describe how the issues before the City Council has an impact on your community.**

Brewer Island has the most languages spoken in the school district. It has suffered from declining enrollment and a large number of in and out students due to the extremely high rental population in our area. It would be helpful have representation on the city council here.,

The following information is optional. If you provide an email address, we will send you updates on the process.

**Name**

**Are you a Foster City resident?**

yes

**What neighborhood to you live in?**

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**Email address**

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Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Fri, 10/11/2024 - 3:30pm

**What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.**

To me, the entire city of foster city has the same common interest. There is no need for district elections.

**Where is your community located? You can define it by cities, neighborhoods, streets, address, a key landmark such as college campus, facility, school, church, or other boundaries.**

No, I cannot define it. Again, the entire city is the same. Bring back at-large elections. There is no need for district elections in such a small bedroom community, such as foster city.

**What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this City Council redistricting? Please describe how the issues before the City Council has an impact on your community.**

No rational. The city council impacts the entire community the same way. no matter what street you live on.

The following information is optional. If you provide an email address, we will send you updates on the process.

**Name**

eric

**Are you a Foster City resident?**

yes

**What neighborhood to you live in?**

**Email address**

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Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Sat, 10/12/2024 - 2:40pm

**What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.**

See below

**Where is your community located? You can define it by cities, neighborhoods, streets, address, a key landmark such as college campus, facility, school, church, or other boundaries.**

See below

**What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this City Council redistricting? Please describe how the issues before the City Council has an impact on your community.**

I believe the criteria should be based on three area of commonality: (1) Geographic proximity (2) Dwelling type: house, condo, apartment (3) Traffic & noise: busy roadway, lagoon, bay trail, place of congregation (e.g., school, church, park, shopping, restaurants), auto/aircraft proximity.

Based on this my community of interest consists of houses in neighborhood 7 (& maybe parts of 8), noise and traffic from parks, lagoon, & bay trail, noise from 101 & San Carlos Airport.

The following information is optional. If you provide an email address, we will send you updates on the process.

#### Name

John Lowrance

#### Are you a Foster City resident?

yes

#### What neighborhood to you live in?

Plum Island

#### Email address

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Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Sun, 10/13/2024 - 10:32pm

**What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.**

Our development takes great pride in maintaining our urban forest, and maintaining it's original character as designed.

**Where is your community located? You can define it by cities, neighborhoods, streets, address, a key landmark such as college campus, facility, school, church, or other boundaries.**

Whalers Island HOA

**What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this City Council redistricting? Please describe how the issues before the City Council has an impact on your community.**

Our community is unique. We have set high standards for improvements and expect those to be considered when new policy is enacted. As an HOA we do not benefit from all the benefits other non HOA neighborhoods might receive, yet our taxes don;t reflect that.

The following information is optional. If you provide an email address, we will send you updates on the process.

#### Name

David Kramar

**Are you a Foster City resident?**

yes

**What neighborhood to you live in?**

Whalers Island

#### Email address

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Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Mon, 10/14/2024 - 12:41pm

**What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.**

The entire city of foster City is my community. Betterment of the city is our shared value

**Where is your community located? You can define it by cities, neighborhoods, streets, address, a key landmark such as college campus, facility, school, church, or other boundaries.**

The entire city

**What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this City Council redistricting? Please describe how the issues before the City Council has an impact on your community.**

I oppose districting. Small cities should be exempt from districting.

The following information is optional. If you provide an email address, we will send you updates on the process.

#### Name

Shankar Kenkre

**Are you a Foster City resident?**

**What neighborhood to you live in?**

Farragut Park Area

#### Email address

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Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Mon, 10/14/2024 - 1:05pm

**What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.**

I do not see any common interest except we live closeby

**Where is your community located? You can define it by cities, neighborhoods, streets, address, a key landmark such as college campus, facility, school, church, or other boundaries.**

Foster city is too small to district

**What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this City Council redistricting? Please describe how the issues before the City Council has an impact on your community.**

We do not need this for Foster City

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#### Name

Mukul Mittal

**Are you a Foster City resident?**

yes

**What neighborhood to you live in?**

[REDACTED]

**Email address**

[REDACTED]

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Mon, 10/14/2024 - 1:47pm

**What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.**

My bond is with my entire community. It's a disservice to all of us in Foster City to be forced into districting.

**Where is your community located? You can define it by cities, neighborhoods, streets, address, a key landmark such as college campus, facility, school, church, or other boundaries.**

The entire city

**What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this City Council redistricting? Please describe how the issues before the City Council has an impact on your community.**

We are one here. We are not broken out by economic class, ethnicity, nor physical boundaries. Splitting us up and giving us the right to vote for only one Councilmember while all 5 determine policy is a mistake.

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#### Name

Sanjay Gehani

#### Are you a Foster City resident?

yes

#### What neighborhood to you live in?

#### Email address

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Mon, 10/14/2024 - 8:17pm

**What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.**  
Common interests of togetherness, celebrating the joys and holidays and festivals together. This helps us gain diverse perspective and reach out kids those perspectives. Helps open our minds to wonderful things, foods, traditions and customs from over the world.

**Where is your community located? You can define it by cities, neighborhoods, streets, address, a key landmark such as college campus, facility, school, church, or other boundaries.**

By foster city elementary school in Foster City

**What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this City Council redistricting? Please describe how the issues before the City Council has an impact on your community.**

None

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#### Name

**Are you a Foster City resident?**

yes

**What neighborhood to you live in?**

Edgewater townhomes

**Email address**

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#### Links

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