



## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The City Council of the City of Rohnert Park will consider changing from the current at-large election system to district elections. On October 15, 2019, the City received a certified letter from a potential plaintiffs' attorney on behalf of his client, the Southwest Voter Registration Project, alleging a violation of the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA"). The letter alleges, among other things, that voting within the City of Rohnert Park is racially polarized, resulting in minority vote dilution, and, therefore, the City's at-large election system violates the CVRA.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 12, 2019, the City Council will consider adopting a resolution declaring the City's intent to initiate procedures to consider transition from at-large elections to by-district elections pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10010 and taking related actions.

If the resolution is adopted, the City Council will commence conducting a series of hearings to take public comment on the direction to implement the transition to district elections. The following proposed schedule has been created to hold the required minimum of five public hearings to transition to district elections, but may be subject to change:

Tuesday November 12, 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Public Hearing	Consultant led presentation and discussion. No maps for review but will take public comment on composition of districts and number of districts.
Tuesday November 26, 2019	2 <sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing	Consultant led presentation and discussion. No maps for review but will take public comment on composition of districts.
Tuesday December 10, 2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> Public Hearing	Consultant led presentation and discussion. Live map drawing and public comment on same and sequencing of elections.
Tuesday January 14, 2020	4 <sup>th</sup> Public Hearing	Consultant led presentation and discussion. Take public comment on proposed maps and sequencing of elections and introduction of ordinance establishing district elections and district map.
Tuesday January 28, 2020	5 <sup>th</sup> Public Hearing	Staff and consultant presentation. Council adopts ordinance establishing district elections and district map.

**WHERE:** Rohnert Park City Hall – Council Chamber  
130 Avram Avenue  
Rohnert Park, California

**TIME:** At the hour of 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter is reached on the agenda.

All residents of Rohnert Park are hereby notified to attend these meeting of the City Council at the dates and times above, where their objections will be heard and given due consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 707-588-2227 or email [cityclerk@rpcity.org](mailto:cityclerk@rpcity.org)

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