



**CITY OF RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA
NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita will hold a public hearing on October 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. regarding proposed transition to District Elections of Council Members, including adoption of an ordinance to select and adopt a district map and district election sequencing.

**FIFTH PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED TRANSITION TO BY-DISTRICT
ELECTIONS AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING BY-DISTRICT ELECTIONS**

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING: October 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible

LOCATION OF HEARING: Rancho Santa Margarita City Hall
City Council Chambers
22112 El Paseo
Rancho Santa Margarita, California 92688

INVITATION TO BE HEARD:

At the July 24, 2023 City Council Meeting the City Council authorized the development of Council election district maps. The purpose of the August 16, 2023 and August 28, 2023 public hearings was to receive public input on and provide input regarding the composition of potential Council election district boundaries. Following the initial August 16, 2023, August 28, 2023, and September 13, 2023, public hearings, draft maps of potential Council election district boundaries were published on or before September 6, 2023, and September 20, 2023. At the September 27, 2023 City Council meeting the City Council held a public hearing regarding proposed transition to District Elections of Council Members, including first reading of an ordinance to select and adopt a district map and district election sequencing.

The City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to shift from its current at-large election system to a by-district election system where four Council Members reside within a designated district boundary and is elected only by the voters in that district, and the Mayor is elected at-large. The Rancho Santa Margarita City Council reviewed the proposed Ordinance on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. and by a vote of 5-0 introduced for first reading, read by title only, and waived further reading of said Ordinance to be adopted.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearings and will be given an opportunity to comment on this item at the public hearing. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk by calling (949) 635-1806 or send an email to districts@cityofrsm.org.

Information about district elections, why the city is making this change and the process is available on the city website, <https://drawrsm.org/>.

AMY DIAZ, CITY CLERK
City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Posted at the following
locations on September 28, 2023:
<https://drawrsm.org/>
Rancho Santa Margarita City Hall
Fire Station 45
Trabuco Canyon Water District