



District Elections

Tracy
Public Input and Initial Direction

November 18, 2025



Council Actions Requested

Conduct second of two public hearings to receive input on the composition of voting districts before maps are drafted

Provide initial direction to demographer on composition of draft maps



Potential Timeline: Phase I

Event	Date
Hearing 1- Education and public input	Oct 28
Hearing 2- Public input and initial direction	Nov 18
Public plan submission deadline	Nov 25
Publish public and draft maps	Dec 4

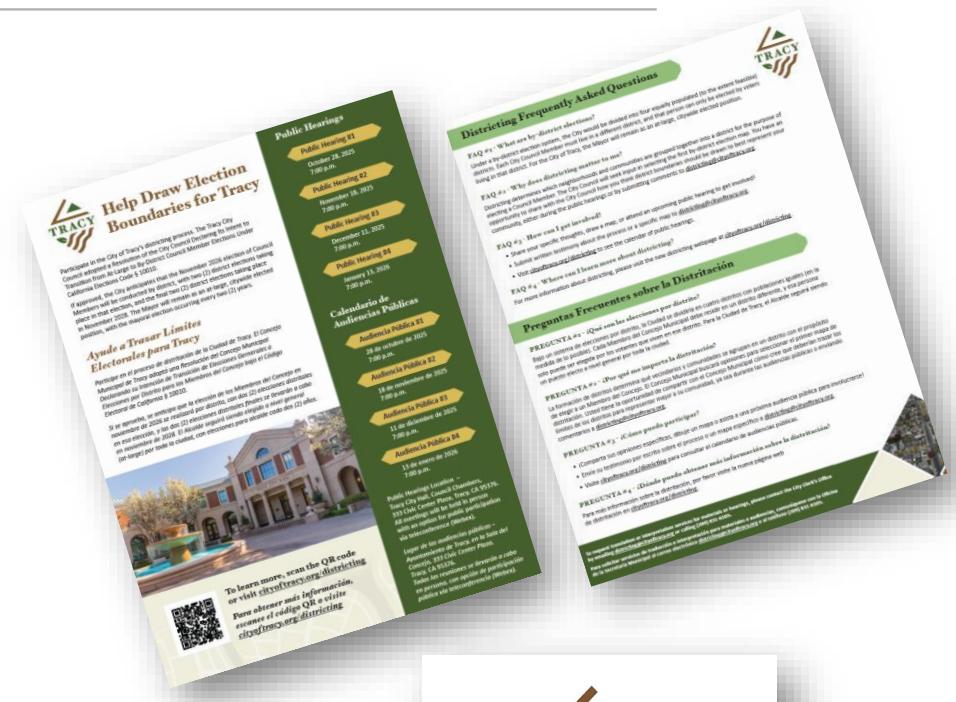


Potential Timeline: Phase II

Event	Date
Hearing 3- Review plans and provide direction	Dec 11
Publish revised maps	Jan 6
Hearing 4- Review. Make final edits. Select plan	Jan 13
Introduce ordinance	Jan 20
Adopt ordinance	Feb 3

Public Outreach

- Informational flyer was included in utility bills (paper and digital) for the November billing cycle
- Tracy Spotlight Video featuring Districting was issued on social media on November 10, 2025



Tracy Spotlight

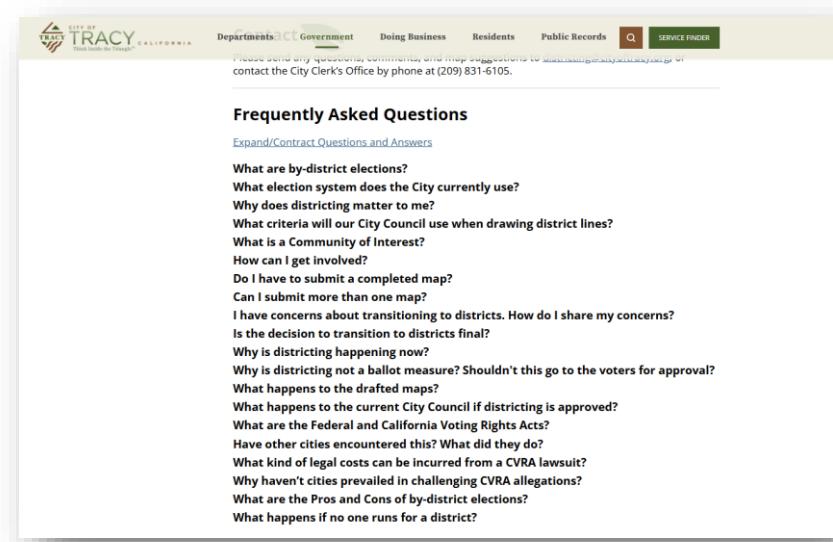
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Public Outreach

- Frequently Asked Questions section on the Districting webpage has been updated to address questions and discussion from the October 28 Public Hearing
- Planned Outreach
 - Staff will attend the Farmers Market on November 15, 2025
 - Districting will be featured in the City Manager's November Newsletter on November 17, 2025

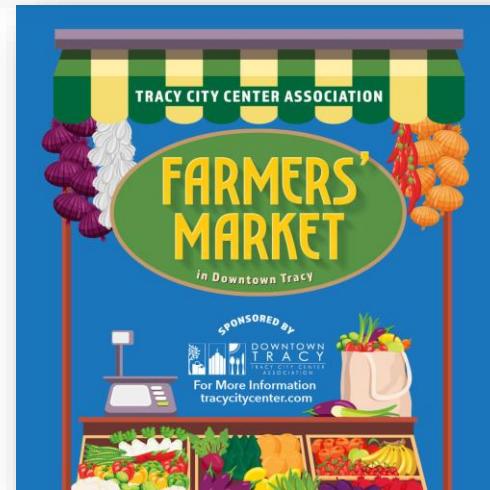


The screenshot shows the City of Tracy website with a navigation bar at the top. The 'Frequently Asked Questions' section is highlighted. Below it is a list of 25 questions related to districting, including topics like election systems, community interests, and legal challenges.

Frequently Asked Questions

Expand/Contract Questions and Answers

- What are by-district elections?
- What election system does the City currently use?
- Why does districting matter to me?
- What criteria will our City Council use when drawing district lines?
- What is a Community of Interest?
- How can I get involved?
- Do I have to submit a completed map?
- Can I submit more than one map?
- I have concerns about transitioning to districts. How do I share my concerns?
- Is the decision to transition to districts final?
- Why is districting happening now?
- Why is districting not a ballot measure? Shouldn't this go to the voters for approval?
- What happens to the drafted maps?
- What happens to the current City Council if districting is approved?
- What are the Federal and California Voting Rights Acts?
- Have other cities encountered this? What did they do?
- What kind of legal costs can be incurred from a CVRA lawsuit?
- Why haven't cities prevailed in challenging CVRA allegations?
- What are the Pros and Cons of by-district elections?
- What happens if no one runs for a district?





Public Outreach

- Planned Outreach
 - Appearance at Rollin' Rec on November 17, 2025, from 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at Lincoln Park
 - Additional appearances at the Farmers Market throughout the Districting process
 - Next Date (after November 15): December 6, 2025, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
 - Consistent social media posts throughout the Districting process

MAPPING TOOLS
DRAW A DISTRICT MAP

Online Tool District^{it} **Paper Map** Print and Draw **Community of Interest** Print and Draw

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HERRAMIENTAS DE MAPEO
TRAZA UN MAPA DE DISTRITO

Herramienta en línea District^{it} **Mapa de papel** Imprimir y dibujar **Comunidad de Interés** Imprimir y dibujar

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Public Outreach

- Planned Outreach
 - Email announcement regarding upcoming Public Hearings and draft maps in early December
 - The City's consultant, Tripepi Smith, will place calls to community organizations to inform them about Public Hearing #3 and draft maps in early December
- Submission Deadline for Public Maps and Communities of Interest for consideration at the next Public Hearing (#3):
November 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Next Public Hearing: December 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**
 - **Introduction of draft maps and potential sequence of elections**
 - **Provide direction for revised maps**



In order of priority:

- Equal Population
- Federal Law
- Contiguous
- Communities of interest
- Topography/Geography
- Compactness



Demographics

Total	Total	NH-White	Latino*	Asian*	Black*
Population^	93,350	27.0%	38.7%	22.7%	6.9%
Voting Age Population^	69,112	29.8%	35.5%	23.1%	7.1%
Citizen Voting Age Population+	59,598	32.8%	34.6%	21.7%	8.0%

[^] 2020 Census Redistricting Data. Adjusted for incarcerated populations

⁺ Adjusted 2019-2023 American Community Survey Special Tabulation

^{*} Calculated pursuant to OMB BULLETIN NO. 00-02

Community of Interest

Community of Interest:

Population with common social or economic interests that should be in a single district for fair/effective representation

Examples:

Shared policy concerns, socioeconomic characteristics, histories, and cultural districts

Can consider existing information but no definitive dataset

Need public testimony!

Things to Remember

Strive for population equality. Be prepared to justify deviations

Ensure compliance with federal Voting Rights Act. Avoid vote dilution where required

Do not use race as the predominant factor. Only as one of many factors and cannot subordinate other redistricting criteria

Focus on traditional criteria. Draw contiguous divisions, respecting communities of interest, making use of existing topography and geography, while being compact as possible.

Don't focus on politics. Avoid considering impacts on parties, incumbents, or candidates.



Resources

In Person/Mail

- City Clerk's Office
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- cityoftracy.org/districting

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