

City of Mission Viejo Overview of the Voting District Formation Process

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Presented to the City Council and public
at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council



Projected Time Frame for Formation of Five New Voting Districts

- Current date through December 14, 2021: demographic analysis stage.
- December 14, 2021 complete Existing conditions report and open map submission period.
- January 6, 2022- Close map submittal period.
- January 24, 2022- Present maps and revise if needed.
- February 14, 2022 final consideration and map selection.



What legal factors guide formation of districts?

**Several general
“rules” guide the
formation of
municipal voting
districts:**

1. Avoid diluting any minority group (including racial, ethnic or language), even unintentionally.
2. Be aware of total district population, noting particularly the “citizen voting age population” (“CVAP”) (Consider five (5) percent variance).
3. Key factors to help define the geographic area of each district and those voters in it:
 - a) Geographic contiguity (unbroken border).
 - b) Neighborhoods, as commonly recognized.
 - c) Communities of interest (like minded voters).
 - d) Easily identified boundaries that respect significant topography. (roadways, school districts, utility providers, natural features, etc.).
 - e) Geographic compactness (no geographic meandering).
 - f) Generally equal population (consider a 5% variable).

Preliminary Districting Considerations (to be refined based on facts and public input)

1. Communities of Interest:

Hispanic Population

Casta del Sol

Palmia

Persian Population

Black Population

Asian Population

Other population groups

*Aegean Hills is a common reference to an area previously annexed to the City. It has not assimilated into the City and has no unique or defining criteria as a geographic community of like interests.

2. Boundaries:

Major roadways

Marguerite Parkway

La Paz Blvd

Oso Parkway

Crown Valley Parkway

Felipe/Olympiad

3. Social Communities:

Seniors/Younger populations

Minority (Hispanic, Black, Asian, Other)

Military (veterans and active duty)

4. Neighborhoods:

Casta del Sol

Palmia

Pacific Hills

Lake Mission Viejo

Aegean Hills

Califia

Quail Run

Apartment Complexes

Condominium complexes



Outreach Efforts

1. Hearings: Preformation / during formation / at adoption.
2. Meetings held on Saturday / Sunday / after 6 pm on weekdays.
3. Workshop or townhall or special meeting of the City Council.
4. Unrestricted access to all (interpreters if requested at least) 72 hours in advance.
5. Use Secretary of State templates: include Spanish and other necessary languages.
6. Involve local media resources.
7. Involve community groups active in the City (language groups, civic engagement groups, civil rights and interested organizations).
8. Not less than four (4) hearings on map/district formation will be held.



Draft District Maps: City Receipt of Public Input

1. Public offerings on suggested district configuration can be presented in person, in writing, and on-line.
2. All meetings will be recorded and available for public review.
3. An active website will be kept current.

NOTE: Previously submitted districting maps will not be included in this current process. The 2020 census renders previous 2010 census-based maps obsolete. All prior map suggestions are available on the City's District Election pages on the City website.



City Outreach and Education Tools

1. The City will prepare education and outreach materials aimed at all members of the community, including translated materials.
2. City meetings to be held in diverse locations in the city (to cover whole city).
3. A website question submittal opportunity will be available for questions.
4. A telephone number will be available for questions from interested people.
5. Involvement of representatives from community and third-party interest groups will be encouraged, invited and respected.



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Future Topics and Actions

Final district configurations, election cycles, staggered voting, conformance to term limits and consideration of council appointees, signage limitations, and similar topics requiring adjustments will be adopted by ordinance, resolutions, policies or combinations of the legislative actions.