



## CITY OF LOMITA

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### **Lomita Considers City Council Districts, Residents Encouraged to Provide Input at Upcoming Meetings**

**CITY OF LOMITA, CA**, January 10, 2023 – The City of Lomita continues to seek input on its transition from at-large elections to district-based elections. If the City transitions to district-based elections, Lomita residents would vote for representatives that would exclusively represent the district in which they reside (rather than voting for City Council representatives throughout the whole city).

The way district lines are drawn would determine which neighborhoods and communities are represented together by each Council Member. To ensure that the adopted districts reflect the interests of Lomita residents, community members are encouraged to share their input, draw their own maps and provide feedback on draft maps for the City Council to consider when making a final decision. The upcoming public meetings are scheduled as follows:

- **February 28, 2023** - Deadline for the public to submit maps for consideration at third public hearing
- **March 18, 2023** - The City of Lomita will hold an in-person community workshop at City Hall to give residents the opportunity to share input on where the district lines should be drawn and learn how to use the mapping tools to draw their own map.
- **March 21, 2023** - Lomita City Council will hold its third public hearing during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. The City's demographer will present draft maps including those submitted prior to the February 28th deadline and members of the public will have an opportunity to provide feedback on maps and share their input on preferred district boundaries.
- **April 4, 2023** - Final deadline for the public to submit maps.
- **April 18, 2023** - City Council will hold its fourth public hearing during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. The City's demographer will present final draft maps

submitted by **April 4, 2023** to be considered and the City Council may select a map for adoption.

- **May 2, 2023** - Should the City Council choose to select a map for adoption, the City Council will hold the second reading of the ordinance during its regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

### **Overview of Public Meeting Schedule**

February 28, 2023 – Deadline to submit maps for consideration at the third public hearing

March 18, 2023 at 11:00am – Community Workshop

March 21, 2023 at 6:30pm– Third public hearing

April 4, 2023 – Final deadline for the public to submit maps

April 18, 2023 at 6:30pm - Fourth public hearing

May 2, 2023 at 6:30pm – Second reading of the ordinance

### **Draw a Map**

The online mapping tool, a tutorial on how to use it and instructions on how to submit are available on the [Draw A Map page of the City's districting webpage](#). Community members can submit as many maps as they would like throughout the districting process. All submissions are part of the public record and will be posted in their entirety to the [Proposed Maps page](#).

Public meeting materials, frequently asked questions, districting resources and information on how to get involved in the district formation process can be accessed through the City's dedicated district formation webpage: [LomitaCity.com/Districting](#).

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### **About the City of Lomita**

Located in the South Bay area of LA County and near the Pacific Ocean, over 20,000 Lomita residents enjoy a quiet lifestyle featuring friendly neighbors, access to services and burgeoning social scene. As a family-friendly community, the City of Lomita strives to creatively and consistently provide excellent public service and employee performance, with the intent to enrich the quality of life for every citizen, worker and business owner. The mission of the City of Lomita is to provide a healthy, safe and friendly small-town community where everyone can successfully live, work and play.