

Transition to District Elections

Desert Hot Springs, February 23, 2022: The Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code provides that members of the City Council are currently elected by at-large elections, as each member is elected by the registered voters of the entire city.

On November 1, 2021, the City received a letter asserting that the City's at-large election system may violate the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and threatening litigation if the City does not voluntarily transition to a district-based election system for electing its City Council.

On December 8, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-071 declaring its intent to transition from at-large to by-district elections.

The City will be holding public hearings and public workshops to receive public input on where district lines should be drawn. Those public workshops and public input hearings are outlined below.

The City will host public workshops on the following dates/times. **The public can attend in-person at City Hall located at 11999 Palm Drive or virtually via the Zoom platform.**

- Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 12:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

([Join via Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 864 292 8034 Passcode: 711832)

Attend a Public Hearing:

The following hearings will be held as a part of regular City Council meetings.

- Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. (Hearing Notice: [English](#) | [Spanish](#))
- Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.
- Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

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