

Name (First)	Name (Last)	Questions & Comments
kathleen	stewart	<p>I think it is a really bad idea to make changes to our voting access and mapping elections during the pandemic. Why can't this wait? Just exactly is the ballot going to look like?</p> <p>What if One city council member in one neighborhood leave earlier than the next election? Is there is an election for that spot on the council for the one area (instead of city wide? So each time there is a change of council members early, a new ballot is made for that area of the city? And if another city council member decides to leave midterm, there is another ballot made up and citizens vote again? There could possibly be 3 to 4 ballots needed if that many council members leave early?</p> <p>Or if there is a recall for one member, in one area, would only one area of the city will be able to get signatures from that one area of the city for that area of the city? Or would the whole city be able to vote on the recall?</p> <p>why complicate a voting process?</p>
John	Shribbs	<p>3 main ideas: 1) 6 equal blocks of population 2) blocks based in geography and geometry so use main roads to keep neighborhoods together 3) CC seems to prefer diversity within districts and similarity across districts but many map makers want opposite so districts have different character makeup based on socioeconomic factors. This will be determining criteria for final map, esp. if Eastside split N-S or E-W lines. Also if Lump or split LatinX, mobile home, high end homes. Get consensus on this first before looking at more maps. This is defining question to resolve up front.</p>
Clayton	Engstrom	<p>Do you have locations pinned on the maps showing where elected officials and planning commissioners live?</p> <p>I am concerned about district gerrymandering which has been done in other areas.</p>
Sharon	Kirk	<p>I live at 944 B Street, just one block from PHS. I am impacted by the high school (lights, parking, vandalism, noise); I am certainly a member of the high school area community of interest. But according to the favored redistricting "Map A" my property would land OUTSIDE the high school area. The high school has the single biggest impact on my life of any entity in my area. I'd suggest the council drive around the areas that would be impacted by the proposed districting to better understand their potential impacts. B Street near the high school is a very, very different area than Petaluma Blvd South or Lakeville. The high school impacts when we can park, if we can park, and the times of day we'd best avoid travel because of traffic. I don't mean to suggest the high school is a bad neighborhood, but I'd like a voice in this district as a member of the "community of interest."</p>
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Matt	Maguire	<p>The risk with district elections here is that it will be very easy for "dark money" or independent political action committees to swing elections in any given district with very little expenditure. If each district is about 10,00 people, of whom half don't or can't vote, the remainder would represent about 2,000 homes. It wouldn't take much money to flood that many homes with political mailings or targeted ads, which are notorious for misinformation and outright lies. If we adopt districts, the Council must update our campaign laws to prevent this kind of abuse. One way would be to limit election season to four weeks before any given election, with fines or other consequences for violators.</p> <p>Another concern is that those elected from their district maybe prone to some provincialism- worrying about issues related to their district while ignoring larger, city-wide issues, or issues relating to other districts. I have doubts this approach will provide more equitable representation.</p>
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Jennifer	Roggeveen	As a long time Petaluma resident I think map A represents the districts best. In my mind when I think of our city, the way map A divides us makes it easy to tell people what district your are in by very clear boundaries, and groups together the people I see every day in my neighborhood. I see neighbors at Leghorn park, where when I go to Luchessi I do not. My friends on I street describe their neighborhood as Sunnyslope, and not Downtown. People on Capri are concerned about the construction on N.McDowell, where people on Louise Drive care more about future plans for Caufield. I would love to have someone concerned about keeping our neighborhood safe and slowing down traffic for children and the elderly. I would be more comfortable petitioning one person who represents me, rather than a faceless board.
Tom	Rose	Please change the numbers for either the map version or the districts (such as version 1, district A) instead of having both alphabetic. For each version can you show where the present supervisors live so we can see which version pits present supervisors against each other.
Manuela	Reyes	Please explain how districting will result in equal representation. Also to me districting looks and sounds like gerrymandering. Is it? Have you created districts where red or blue are in the majority?
Dale	Sartor	It is good to have concrete proposals on the table, but some of them don't make sense. Could the city sponsor an information session to explain how the three alternatives were developed (the why's)? I trust people with a lot more knowledge than I developed these alternatives and if I understood their rationale I could provide constructive input. Dale
Dale	Sartor	Are you deliberately not telling us who ultimately makes the decision regarding boundaries? We understand that "we all do" through this input process, but then what? Please be more forthright.
Courtney	Vandenburg	testing Get Involved in District Elections form
Heidi	Fowers	Map A seems to be the best way to ensure eastside representation on the council. Map B is OK. Map C does not ensure an eastside representative for a 1/3 of the eastside or for midtown as it combines the middle of the eastside with midtown. These are two very distinct areas with distinct issues that deserve a representative that understands those issues.
Diana	Gomez	Map A seems to be the best way to ensure eastside representation on the election. B IS OK. Map C does not ensure an eastside representative for a 1/3 of the eastside or for midtown as it combines as the middle of the eastside with midtown. These are two very distinct areas with distinct issues that deserve a representative that understands those issues.
andy	eber	What time is the hearing on 1/31 and how can I get a link. IMO, all six seats on the Council should be up for re-election as we move into this new structure. The Mayor should continue as the link to the previous Council.
Carol	Eber	All council seats should be up for election in the new districts. Not just a few.
ERIN	EUSER	
Maureen	Studer	I think this districting measure is going to cause divisivness in an already stressed community. I beleive it will promote redlining and economic strife. If there is genuine concern about voter suppression, then the issue should be addressed with the system we currently have. Statements like, "for legal reasons this needs to be rushed" sounds like political claptrap and if our county needs to rush anything of this nature then there is an underlying problem that is not being address. Something of this level of importance should NEVER be RUSHED, it's incumbent upon our current city council show maturity and slow down, review, and raise more questions.
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Rose	O'Gorman	
Karen	Nau	How do the current City Councilmembers who are up for reelections run? Most all live near each other on the westside. There is no CC or Mayor representation on the eastside.
Karen	Nau	How do the reelections take place.
Karen	Nau	How do the current City Council members transition to these new areas. Only 3 are up for reelections? I believe all plus the Mayor live on the westside.
Marja	Tarr	The website wouldn't let us on this morning, Sunday, Jan 16. Our browser warned of suspicious activity, and would not allow us to open the Create Map tool. Is this a glitch on the City's side, are we too late to submit mapping plans? Please advise, Marja and Fred Tarr
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Pat	Bielefield	How is it that an attorney from Malibu is able to threaten Petaluma with a lawsuit and force Petaluma to change to district elections. He doesn't even vote in Petaluma. It may be a good thing or not but I don't think voters have had a say with this decision. We are all part of Petaluma and must work together. As a voter east of 101 I may really like the policies of a council member on the west side and wish to support those policies. But I may not be able to vote for that person depending on district lines. District elections could bring less cooperation and more stalemates. Hope not. Why was this pushed so quickly?
Carol	Eber	
Nancy	Rogers	Please provide more information on how a District would be represented if no one from that District runs for Council? In addition, how can I have a vote if no one runs for my District or I don't like the choices?
Barbara	Evans	What is wrong with the current system? What are the goals/expected benefits of redistricting? What is the cost of redistricting compared to the expected benefits? Has an experienced/expert team done analysis including best practices review to determine the best process? Who? How was 6 divisions determined? It seems the pie is being carved into too many pieces. Is there concern that having fewer than 10,000 people per district would result in suboptimal results due to the possibility that the most qualified/desirable candidates may reside in the same district? Why is the process being hurried? Why are people being asked to draw on paper maps without any direction or population data?
Kathy	Rivas	I would like to learn more about the district elections process and how this is going to be implemented.
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Harold	Abend	
Nat	Rojanasathira	
Carol	Castillo	I live on the West side, but I feel the East side has been woefully underrepresented for as long as I can remember. It is imperative that situation be rectified in this process. For too long a very vocal group, mostly from the West side, has been the only voice represented.
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Denise	Lara	
Maureen	Rudder	
Paul	Bailin	Would like to receive email updates on the districting process.
stephanie	sanchez	send link for tonights virtual meeting
Paul	Dana	
James	Rorick	After the 2020 city elections, where the incumbents mostly got sept out, is it coincidental that the transition to district elections came up shortly afterward? And that the remaining incumbents will be the ones to draw up the district lines. Most of Petaluma's minorities are spread around the city (unlike, say, Santa Rosa) and won't have any increased influence unless you create a district that has a house here, a house there, etc. That could have been an argument to combat the lawsuit successfully, but I suspect this opportunity to create safe districts for reelection is one that the city council couldn't pass up.
Richard	Stubblefield	I am curious about who and how this was decided upon. I had no voice in whether or not this was going to happen. And now, for "legal reasons" it has to happen fast. I understand a little about why this is happening but looking around this country and seeing how divisive everything is and how much politics goes into creating and maintaining districts, I am not so sure Petaluma needs all of that. Shouldn't there first be a public debate on whether or not we are even going to do this? I would like to hear some voices, both pro and con on this issue before I am asked for my voice in how to divide up the city into districts.
Philip	Gomez	I want email updates and would like to know who finally decides the boundaries of each district; I currently live on the east side of Petaluma, near the Junior College.
Jeffrey	Sousa	
Steve	Rangoussis	
Steve	Chesssin	

Joshua	Simmons		
Jason	Beatty	I'd like to stay informed during the process. It would be interesting if the Districts could be aligned with a 'community' and also within a 15min (or less) walkable area, and that many vital resources for a community needs could be identified (or planned for in the General Plan) within that district/area, ie. grocery store, schools, restaurants, healthcare services, open space/parks, and possibly work centers. This would allow each community to develop its own character and decrease reliance on single occupancy automobile trips to get to needed services.	
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Scott	Alonso		
diana	gomez		
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Angelo	Sacerdote	I am pretty sure I already signed up for this, but I don't seem to be getting any updates outside of regular city council meeting notices. I feel like we need much more public engagement outside of city council meetings. We need more information. Have the demographers done their work? What does it say? I am paying attention and I feel like I am out of the loop. We need OUTREACH to the public in order to get their input.	
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Anna	Dietrich	Just looking to follow the process at this time. I am generally in favor based on what I have read so far.	
Anonymous	Anonymous		
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Joanna	Paun		
Leslie	Aaronson		
Sheila	Baker	I may have previously signed up. I want to be very sure you have me in your data base of a person interested in district elections. Kathy Miller, our former CC member mentioned many times she sat on the dais as the only east side Petaluman on the CC and yet she was torn apart during campaigning for being developemnt friendly. Uh huh 😊	
Marja	Tarr		
Ralph	Russell	Two comments: Please consider tools such as described in this article for designing districts, which is meant to eliminate subtle bias: https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2014/06/03/this-computer-programmer-solved-gerrymandering-in-his-spare-time/ And also, Ranked Choice Voting should be considered, which will help lesser known (and financed) candidates present their ideas. Thx, -Ralph	
Brett	Sklove		
Tonya	Parnak		
Tracy	Perlich		
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Kathleen	Glover	I'm very excited about this positive change!	
Ingrid	Alverde	test	
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Marilyn	Sullivan		
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Patty	Norman	
kathi	stewart	I would rather vote for one person in the city that is for the good of the whole city. When you separate and divide the city into different groups, the city will suffer, in my opinion. Different goals for different neighborhoods seem to deflect the main issues facing the whole city. And also dilutes our main concerns for the city.
Beth	Wissing	
Jennifer	Laporte	Is there is a working map, proposed, or likely example or for people to start with, to get a better idea of what the possibilities might look like? If so where? Thank you
Gordon	Apons	How/why did Mr Shenkman get involved in Petaluma city affairs.
Kathy	Andrew	
Carol	Castillo	
Angelo	Sacerdote	
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Lina	Hoshino	Thank you for setting up this form. Is it possible to set up your website so that the pages can be translated into different languages beyond Spanish? It can't be that difficult. (Landpaths.org website does it) Have you thought about sending out a multilingual publication or reaching out to Spanish language media? I think it's critical that the city invests in community engagement. I would not have known about it had I not known someone who was checking the city council agenda religiously.
Izzy	Peregrina	Form Test Submission