



COMMUNITY OF INTEREST WORKSHEET

DISTRICTING SONOMA

Help shape the future of City of Sonoma's City Council Districts

The Sonoma City Council has begun the process of transitioning to district elections. The U.S. Census data will be used to balance the population of each City Council District.

One of the primary goals of this process is to keep communities together within each district. That's why it is so important to hear from you! Complete this form (see reverse) to tell the City Council about your **Community of Interest** – so it can be preserved in the new district lines.

What is a Community of Interest?

A Community of Interest is a group of people in the same geographically definable area who share common social and economic interests. Some examples of Communities of Interest are:

- Senior citizens
- Families with children attending the same schools
- People who live downtown or in a neighborhood
- Dog park community
- Residents who share a common language
- People who use the same transportation systems

What criteria will help the City Council understand the importance of your community in the redistricting process?

Please consider the following questions and criteria when considering your community of interest (for consideration only, no need to provide answers):

1. Does your community have a shared culture, characteristics, or bond?
2. Is your community geographic in nature? Is your community able to be mapped? Is there density within your community?
3. Describe your community's relationship with the City and how it is affected by policy decisions made by the City Council.

The public can submit any testimony, but it is important to remember that your input can be best used if it addresses all three of these questions.

What You Can Do to Further Participate in the Redistricting Process

- Provide your comments on your community of interest by completing this worksheet online or on the reverse side of this flyer. You can return it via email to cityhall@sonomacity.org, deliver a hard copy to Sonoma City Hall at No. 1 The Plaza, Sonoma, CA 95476, or attend a public hearing to share your comments directly with the Council.
- Attend one of the City of Sonoma City Council public meetings. Dates, times, and locations will be publicized on the website listed below.

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LEARN MORE

Visit the Districting webpage or scan the QR code to get details and stay informed.

Questions or Comments? Please Contact:

(707) 938-3681

CityHall@SonomaCity.org

www.sonomacity.org/districting-sonoma/



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Document Your Community of Interest

Scan the QR Code or visit www.SonomaCity.org/community-of-interest/ to fill out this worksheet online, or answer the questions below and return via email at CityHall@SonomaCity.org or deliver to Sonoma City Hall, No. 1 The Plaza, Sonoma CA 95476.

1. What is the neighborhood where you reside?
2. How do you describe your community? What are the common interests in your community?
Describe how they are important:
3. Explain the geographical location of your community of interest. What are the physical boundaries/features (streets, highways, parks, etc.)?
4. Are the public services (bus lines, libraries, public schools, etc.) that help identify your community?
5. What type of homes (single family houses, apartments, condos, mobile homes, etc.) largely make up your community?
6. What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in the City Council redistricting process? Please describe how the issues before the City Council has an impact on your community.
7. What else would you like to tell us about your community?

CONTACT INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

Providing the following information is optional. If you provide an email address, we will send you updates on the process.

First Name: _____ Email: _____