Costa Mesa Voting District Formation

Community Participation

There will be two rounds of community meetings.

Round 1 Community Meetings
Two community meetings will be held to introduce the voting district formation process and to solicit public input on the Draft Sample Maps. These two meetings will be identical; attend the one most convenient for you.

Thursday, June 2, 2016, 7 - 9 PM
Neighborhood Community Center
1845 Park Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Saturday, June 4, 2016, 10 AM - 12 PM
Halecrest Park
3107 Killybrooke Lane
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Round 2 Community Meetings
Two community meetings will be held to provide an update on the VDF process and to request public input on the Draft Proposal Maps. These two meetings will be identical; attend the one most convenient for you.

Wednesday, June 15, 2016, 7 - 9 PM
St. Joachim Catholic Church
1964 Orange Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Saturday, June 18, 2016, 10 AM - 12 PM
Balearic Community Center
1975 Balearic Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Meet the Expert
Community members have the opportunity to review sample maps and meet with the technical consultant, Dave Ely of Compass Demographics at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

To make an appointment, please contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 754-5225.

Costa Mesa

Overview

The City of Costa Mesa has initiated a dynamic process that will change the way the community elects its future leadership! This historic effort entails a change to our election system; Council Members will be elected from geographically defined districts that you can help create!

As a valued community member, the City is calling on you to get involved in the process of forming council voting districts. The new districts need to be roughly the same size in population figures and determined based on the following:

- Communities of interest
- Cohesiveness, continuity, integrity and compactness of territory
- Topography
- Geography

Once the proposed districts are drafted, the boundaries will be presented to voters on the November 2016 ballot measure.

Get Involved!

The city has enlisted the help of experts in the field of census data with previous experience in council district formation to initiate the development of mapping alternatives. However, this process would greatly benefit from community input. There are many ways to get involved and provide your feedback. Please review and participate in all activities of interest and convenience to you!

- VDF Map Input Sheet (see reverse)
- Meet the Expert (details at left)
- Two rounds, each consisting of two community meetings, will take place in June (details on right). Sign up to receive the meeting notice and additional updates as they become available at cityofcostamesaca.gov.
- Public Hearings - As part of the City Council meetings, public hearings will be held to present proposed districts and receive public input. Sign up to receive the hearing notice and additional updates as they become available. The public hearings are scheduled for July 5, 2016 and July 12, 2016 .
  Mark your calendars!

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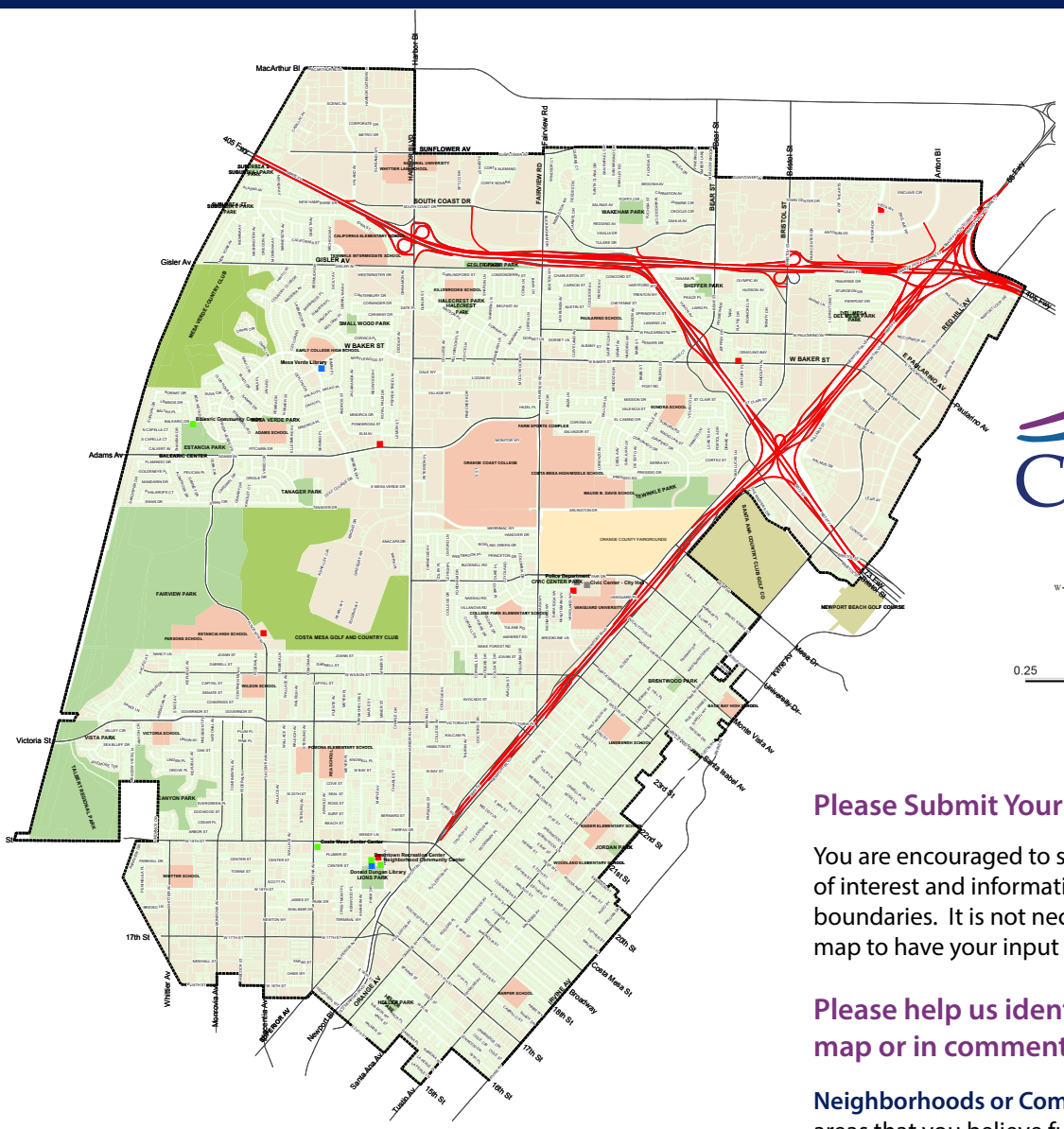

How to Submit a Districting Map:

You can choose to draw on the attached map, submit a map of your own or create your proposed district lines using a Districting Kit which can be downloaded from the City website or obtained from the City Clerk. The kit will include detailed instructions. Any submissions received will be inputted into districting software to produce standard reports. If submitted maps require modifications in order to reach approximate district populations, the demographer will communicate with authors to allow for modification. Please visit our website at cityofcostamesaca.gov for more information including sample district maps and thematic maps. Submit your map via:

Mail: City of Costa Mesa, Attn: Brenda Green,
77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Email: districtelections@costamesaca.gov

Please Submit Your Districting Map

You are encouraged to submit a map that reflects areas of interest and information related to potential district boundaries. It is not necessary to submit a complete map to have your input considered.

Please help us identify the following, on the map or in comments, as applicable:

Neighborhoods or Communities: Outline and identify areas that you believe function as neighborhoods or communities and should be kept together in a single district.

Connections: Identify neighborhoods or communities that you believe share common interests and should be combined within a district.

Barriers: Identify physical features such as streets, utilities or other elements and geographical features that you believe would act as natural barriers between districts.

Divisions: Identify communities that you believe are dissimilar and would be best served in separate districts.

Points of interest: Identify significant locations or points of interest that are of particular interest or concern to individual communities and explain their significance.