

**CITY OF LEMOORE
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.**

Attendance and Public Comment Changes Due to COVID-19

The Lemoore City Council will be conducting its special meeting on January 5, 2022. Given the current Shelter-In-Place covering Kings County and the Social Distance Guidelines issued by Federal, State, and Local Authorities, the City is implementing the following changes for attendance and public comment.

All upcoming regular and special City Council meetings **will be open to fifteen (15) members of the public on a first come, first served basis and via Zoom.** The meeting may be viewed through the following options:

- Join Zoom Meeting
- Please click the link below to join the webinar:
- <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85329542567?pwd=ZjVMWC9ieFhpMDMxL2N3ZVpzL0RMdz09>
- Meeting ID: 853 2954 2567
- Passcode: 556832
- Phone: +1 669 900 6833

The City will also provide links to streaming options on the City's website and on its Facebook page.

If you wish to make a general public comment or public comment on a particular item on the agenda, **participants may do so via Zoom during the meeting** or by **submitting public comments by e-mail to: cityclerk@lemoore.com**. In the subject line of the e-mail, please state your name and the item you are commenting on. If you wish to submit a public comment on more than one agenda item, please send a separate e-mail for each item you are commenting on. Please be aware that written public comments, including your name, may become public information. Additional requirements for submitting public comments by e-mail are provided below.

General Public Comments & Comments on City Council Business Items

For general public comments and comments regarding specific City Council Business Items, public comments can be made via Zoom during the meeting or all public comments must be received by e-mail no later than 5:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Comments received by this time will be read aloud by a staff member during the applicable agenda item, provided that such comments may be read within the normal three (3) minutes allotted to each speaker. Any portion of your comment extending past three (3) minutes may not be read aloud due to time restrictions. If a general public comment or comment on a business item is received after 5:00 p.m., efforts will be made to read your comment into the record. However, staff cannot guarantee that written comments received after 5:00 p.m. will be read. All written comments that are not read into the

record will be made part of the meeting minutes, provided that such comments are received prior to the end of the City Council meeting.

Public Hearings

For public comment on a public hearing, all public comments must be received by the close of the public hearing period. All comments received by the close of the public hearing period will be read aloud by a staff member during the applicable agenda item, provided that such comments may be read within the normal three (3) minutes allotted to each speaker. Any portion of your comment extending past three (3) minutes may not be read aloud due to time restrictions. If a comment on a public hearing item is received after the close of the public hearing, such comment will be made part of the meeting minutes, provided that such comment is received prior to the end of the meeting.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED THAT DO NOT SPECIFY A PARTICULAR AGENDA ITEM WILL BE READ ALOUD DURING THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE AGENDA.

The City thanks you for your cooperation in advance. Our community's health and safety is our highest priority.



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Staff Report

Item No: 1-1

To: Lemoore City Council

From: Marisa Avalos, City Clerk

Date: December 14, 2021 Meeting Date: January 5, 2022

Subject: Redrawing the Election District Boundaries

Strategic Initiative:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Safe & Vibrant Community | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growing & Dynamic Economy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscally Sound Government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operational Excellence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community & Neighborhood Livability | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |

Proposed Motion:

It is recommended that the City Council: 1) receive a report from staff on the redistricting process and permissible criteria to be considered to redraw district boundaries; and 2) conduct a public hearing to receive public input on district boundaries.

Subject/Discussion:

Every ten years, cities with by-district election systems must use new census data to review and, if needed, redraw district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. This process, called redistricting, ensures all districts have nearly equal population. The redistricting process for the City of Lemoore must be completed by April 17, 2022.

The City adopted its current district boundaries on March 20, 2018 based on 2010 census data, as required by law. The districts must now be redrawn using the 2020 census data and in compliance with the FAIR MAPS Act, which was adopted by the California legislature as AB 849 and took effect January 1, 2020.

Under the Act, the council shall draw and adopt boundaries using the following criteria in the listed order of priority (Elections Code 21601(c) for general law cities / 21621(c) for charter cities):

1. Comply with the federal requirements of equal population and the Voting Rights Act
2. Geographically contiguous

3. Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest” (socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
4. Easily identifiable boundaries
5. Compact (do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)
6. Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party

Once the prioritized criteria are met, other traditional districting principles can be considered, such as:

1. Minimize the number of voters delayed from voting in 2022 to 2024
2. Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office
3. Future population growth

By law, the City must hold at least four public hearings that enable community members to provide input on the drawing of district maps:

- At least one hearing must occur before the city or county draws draft maps
- At least two hearings must happen after the drawing of draft maps
- The fourth hearing can happen either before or after the drawing of draft maps
- City or county staff or consultants may hold a public workshop instead of one of the required public redistricting hearings

To increase the accessibility of these hearings, cities and counties must take the following steps:

- At least one hearing must occur on a Saturday, Sunday, or after 6 p.m. on a weekday
- If a redistricting hearing is consolidated with another local government meeting, the redistricting hearing portion must begin at a pre-designated time
- Local public redistricting hearings should be made accessible to people with disabilities

The purpose of this public hearing is to inform the public about the districting process and to hear from the community on what factors should be taken into consideration while creating district boundaries. The public is requested to provide input regarding communities of interest and other local factors that should be considered while drafting district maps. A *community of interest* under the relevant Elections Code for cities (Section 21601(c) / 21621(c)] is “a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.”

Possible features defining community of interest might include, but are not limited to:

- A. School attendance areas;
- B. Natural dividing lines such as major roads, hills, or highways;
- C. Areas around parks and other neighborhood landmarks;
- D. Common issues, neighborhood activities, or legislative/election concerns; and
- E. Shared demographic characteristics, such as:
 - (1) Similar levels of income, education, or linguistic insolation;
 - (2) Languages spoken at home; and

(3) Single-family and multi-family housing unit areas.

On January 5, 2022, the City Council will conduct Public Hearing #2 to seek additional public input and provide direction on criteria to be considered while drafting district maps. Following that hearing, draft district maps and proposed election sequencing will be posted to the City website and available at City Hall.

Financial Consideration(s):

None noted.

Alternatives or Pros/Cons:

None noted.

Commission/Board Recommendation:

Not Applicable.

Staff Recommendation:

City staff recommends receiving input from the Community regarding the redrawing of election district boundaries.

Attachments:

- Resolution:
- Ordinance:
- Map
- Contract
- Other
List: PowerPoint

Review:

- Asst. City Manager
- City Attorney
- City Clerk
- City Manager
- Finance

Date:

- 12/28/2021
- 12/29/2021
- 12/30/2021



City of Lemoore

Introduction to Redistricting

Redistricting Process

Step	Description
Census Data Releases	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Census Bureau releases official 2020 Census population data – Aug. 12• California’s official ‘prisoner-adjusted’ 2020 redistricting data – Sept. 20, 27
Pre-Map Public Hearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• December 8, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.• January 5, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
Map Public Hearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 2, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.• April 6, 2022 – 6:15 p.m.

Redistricting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws

- **Equal Population**
- **Federal Voting Rights Act**
- **No Racial Gerrymandering**



2. California Criteria for Cities

- 1. Geographically contiguous**
- 2. Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest”**
(Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
- 3. Easily identifiable boundaries**
- 4. Compact**
(Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

- **Minimize voters shifted to different election years**
- **Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office**
- **Future population growth**
- **Preserving the core of existing districts**

Prohibited: “Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party.”

2020 Census

Ideal per District: 5,438



Neighborhoods/Communities of Interest

Neighborhoods

1. **What is your neighborhood?**
2. **What are its geographic boundaries?**

In the absence of public testimony, planning records and other similar documents may provide definition.

Definitions of Communities of Interest may not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

Share Your Thoughts



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The Redistricting Process

Every 10 years, local governments use new data from the Census to redraw their district boundaries. The law requires Cities and Counties to engage communities in the redistricting process to ensure that all communities are represented, including underrepresented and non-English-speaking communities.

The finalized map will define the Lemoore City Council district borders, and these boundaries will be in effect for the next 10 years.

Public Hearing & Discussion

- ❑ What is your neighborhood and what are its boundaries?

- ❑ What other notable areas are in the City, and what are their boundaries?