



# Seeking Residents' Input in Mapping Election Districts in Buellton – Vote 2022

Buellton's City Council Members will be transitioning from existing at-large elections to district-based elections before the November 2022 General Election. Following the threat of litigation, the City Council decided to voluntarily proceed with transitioning to district-based elections, which is designed to give all legitimate groups, particularly minority groups, a better chance of being fairly represented on the City Council. The 2020 census numbers were released in September 2021 and will be included in the mapping process.

The City must conduct four public hearings before adopting an ordinance to create district-based elections. Two public hearings were held in the summer of 2021 and two additional public hearings will be conducted on January 27 and February 24, 2022, to determine how the districts will be selected and which two districts will be placed on the November 8, 2022 ballot. The Mayor's seat will continue to be selected by all voters. The public is invited to participate in the mapping process by using mapping tools to draft maps of how they think the districts should be drawn. Online mapping tools are available on the City's website at <https://cityofbuellton.com/government/district-based-elections/>. Maps can be saved on the district-based elections webpage, returned to City Hall at 107 West Highway 246, or sent via email to the City Clerk at [lindar@cityofbuellton.com](mailto:lindar@cityofbuellton.com).

We hope you will participate in this important District-Based Election process!



