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Fremont City Council to Consider Draft District Maps as Fremont Transitions to District-based Election System – Community Encouraged to Weigh in

FREMONT, Calif. – April 28, 2017 – On March 21, 2017, the City of Fremont adopted a resolution of intention to transition from an at-large to a district-based councilmember election system with six districts. The City has already held two of the five required public hearings where the Fremont City Council and community provided input on the criteria to guide the development of the district boundaries. Using this input, draft district maps have now been drawn, and the third and fourth public hearings will allow the public the opportunity to provide further input regarding the proposed district boundaries and the potential sequence of elections. The Mayor will still be chosen by the electorate on a citywide basis.

The preliminary set of draft election district maps have been drawn to divide the City of Fremont into sub-areas and include highways, major roads, creeks, and railroads as recognizable boundaries, when possible. These maps reflect public comments and direction from the Fremont City Council.

The Fremont City Council will consider and the public will provide input on the draft district maps and potential election sequencing at the third public hearing which is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2 at 7 p.m. The public hearing is part of the regular City Council meeting, which will be held at 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A in the Council Chambers.

Comments from the third public hearing will be used to modify the current draft maps, or create new maps, if required. Any amended or new maps will be published on May 9, seven days prior to the fourth public hearing that is scheduled for May 16, 2017 at 7 p.m., and will continue the conversation around the content of the draft maps and the proposed sequence of elections. At the fifth and final public hearing, the Fremont City Council will vote to consider an ordinance establishing district-based elections.

For more information and to view the draft district maps, visit www.Fremont.gov/DistrictElections. Community members are also invited and encouraged to share input, comments, and feedback by email at districtelections@fremont.gov. Comments received will be shared with the Fremont City Council as part of the public feedback at the hearings.

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