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City's Demographer Releases Electoral District Maps Available for Public Review on PSDistricts.Com

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As the City of Palm Springs continues the process of moving from at-large to district elections, the City Council would like to notify residents that eight maps, outlining potential electoral districts in Palm Springs, have been released by the City's demographer and are now available for the public to review at psdistricts.com.

"The maps were created by the demographer to align with the goals of the City Council and one of the maps, called Smoketree, is a district in which the majority of voting age adults are members of minority groups," according to City Clerk Anthony Mejia, who added the maps are tentative and not final.

The goals of the City Council include:

- Maximize the goals of the California Voting Rights Act, including civil rights, equality and inclusion;
- Prioritize the creation of minority/majority districts;
- To the extent practical, keep organized neighborhoods intact; and
- Maintain the principle that the best interest of the City as a whole remains the first responsibility of all elected officials.

"The City Council is looking for citizen input and residents are invited to submit their own maps or make modifications to other maps already submitted online by the Sept. 17 deadline," said Mejia. All maps are available for review at psdistricts.com and residents can also submit comments online.

Palm Springs has long prided itself on being one of the most welcoming and inclusive communities in the country. The City is committed to civil rights and ensuring equity and diversity among elected officials and Boards and Commissions.

Additional meetings and public hearings will be held on the following dates at City Hall:

- 6 pm Thursday, Sept. 27
- 6 pm Thursday, Oct. 4
- 6 pm Tuesday, Oct. 16
- 6 pm Thursday, Nov. 15
- 6 pm Wednesday, Dec. 5
- 6 pm Wednesday, Dec. 19

All meetings will be broadcast live on Palm Springs Community Television Channel 17 and online at www.palmspringsca.gov. The process is expected to be completed by **Dec. 31, 2018**. For the latest information, visit www.psdistricts.com.

