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City Council Invites Residents to Special Public Meetings and Community Engagement Forums This Fall to Help Narrow Down Proposed Maps for Districting

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Palm Springs is moving from at-large to district-based elections and the City Council invites residents and stakeholders to attend upcoming public meetings and community engagement forums this fall in order to narrow down proposed maps for five new districts throughout the city.

Residents can watch the meetings live online at www.palmspringsca.gov or on Palm Springs Community Television Channel 17. To view proposed maps, visit www.PSDistricts.com.

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, while maximizing the goals of the California Voting Rights Act.

Other goals of the transition from at-large to district-based elections include prioritizing the creation of majority/minority districts, keeping organized neighborhoods intact (if practical), and ensuring the best interest of the City as a whole remains the first responsibility of all elected officials.

In the coming weeks, the Council will hold public meetings in the Council Chamber at City Hall with the intent to narrow down the proposed maps. The schedule is as follows:

- **Thursday, Oct. 18 – Select no more than five maps, 6 p.m.**
- **Thursday, Nov. 15 – Further narrow down preferred maps, 6 p.m.**
- **Thursday, Nov. 29 - Council will make modifications to final map, 6 p.m.**

In addition, the City Council encourages residents and stakeholders to attend three Community Engagement forums in October and November at the following locations:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 23, Demuth Community Center, 6:30 p.m.**
- **Monday, Oct. 29, the Richards Center at Palm Springs High School, 6:30 p.m.**
- **Monday, Nov. 5, James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center, 6:30 p.m.**

“The City Council is seeking additional community input to select and narrow down maps,” said City Manager David H. Ready. “Palm Springs residents and stakeholders with an interest in the Districting process are invited to attend these important meetings.”

The transition is expected to be completed by **Dec. 31, 2018**.

For more information about upcoming meetings, visit www.PSDistricts.com.

