

**ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, 291 N. MAIN STREET
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
OCTOBER 24, 2017, 5:30 PM**

Call to Order
Roll Call

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

This is the opportunity to address the City Council on any matter scheduled for Closed Session. Unless additional time is authorized by the Council, all commentary shall be limited to three minutes.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

A. Closed Session Pursuant to:

1 - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Administrative Hearing - Disciplinary Appeal.

**6:00 P.M. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON
REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Council Member Hamilton
Invocation

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing on the Establishment of By-District Election Boundaries for the Porterville City Council**
Re: A Public Hearing to solicit public input on criteria for the drafting of district boundary maps for City Council districts.

ADJOURNMENT - to the meeting of November 7, 2017.

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA – OCTOBER 24, 2017

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on the Establishment of By-District Election Boundaries for the Porterville City Council

SOURCE: Administrative Services

COMMENT: As the Council is aware, on August 30, 2017, the City of Porterville received a letter from the Law Firm of Melo and Sarsfield in which it's asserted that the City's current "at-large" voting system does not comply with the California Voting Right Act (Elec. Code § 14025 et seq.). The letter threatens litigation unless the City voluntarily agrees to implement district elections.

In response to that letter, and in an effort to stay within safe harbor protections, on September 19, 2017, the City Council adopted a resolution to initiate procedures for establishing and implementing by-district elections.

The process of conversion from at-large to district elections consists of: two public hearings (the City is conducting more to provide ample opportunity for public comment); the drawing of draft maps; two additional public hearings; and finally, the adoption of an ordinance selecting a district map and establishing the process by which staggered district elections will be implemented.

This is the last public hearing to receive public comment prior to the drawing of district maps. Public input is a vital component in determining district boundaries and assists in identifying "communities of interest" and also to understand how a community wants to be represented.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council conduct a public hearing to receive public input for criteria in the drafting of district boundary maps.

ATTACHMENTS:

Appropriated/Funded:

Review By:

Department Director:

Final Approver: John Lollis, City Manager

