



Community of Interest Form

Tell us About Your Community

Help shape the future of the City of Gilroy's City Council Districts

The City of Gilroy has begun the process of transitioning to district elections. The U.S. Census data will be used to balance the population of each City Council District.

One of the primary goals of this process is to keep communities together within each district. Complete this form to tell the City about your **community of interest**.

What is a Community of Interest?

A Community of Interest is a group of people in the same geographically definable area who share common social and economic interests. Some examples of Communities of Interest are:

- Senior citizens
- College students living near campus
- People who live downtown or in a neighborhood
- Dog park community
- Residents who share a common language
- People that use the same transportation systems

What criteria will help the City Council understand the importance of your community in the redistricting process?

When documenting your community, it is important to address the following questions to assist the City Council in the redistricting process:

1. Does your community have a shared culture, characteristics, or bond?
2. Is your community geographic in nature? Is your community able to be mapped? Is there density within your community?
3. Describe your community's relationship with the City and how it is affected by policy decisions made by the City Council.

The public can submit any testimony, but it is important to remember that your input can be best used if it addresses all three of these questions.

What You Can Do to Further Participate in the Redistricting Process

1. Provide your comments on your community of interest by completing this worksheet and return it by email to districting@cityofgilroy.org or drop off a hard copy to Gilroy City Hall, C/O City Clerk's Office (7351 Rosanna Street) or attend a public hearing and read your comments to the Council.
2. Attend one of the Gilroy City Council public meetings, times and locations are available at www.cityofgilroy.org/districting.



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Document Your Community of Interest

1. What is the neighborhood/zip code where you reside?
2. How do you describe your community? What are the common interests in your community? Describe how they are important:
3. Explain the geographical location of your community of interest. What are the physical boundaries/features (streets, freeways, parks, etc.)?
4. Are the public services (bus lines, libraries, public schools, etc.) that help identify your community?
5. What type of homes (single family houses, apartments, condos, mobile homes, etc.) largely make up your community?
6. What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in the City Council redistricting process? Please describe how the issues before the City Council has an impact on your community.
7. What else would you like to tell us about your community?