

From: [Katherine Napoli](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - New map submitted
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 8:04:27 AM

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It is my understanding that current Councilmembers cannot submit or promote maps that protect the area in which they live to stay in office. Please review all maps proposed by current Councilmembers to ensure this does not happen.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [S. D. Somavia](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Cc: [Districting](#); [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Transition to District Based Elections
Date: Sunday, May 4, 2025 7:40:28 AM

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RE: Publicly Submitted & Approved Draft Districting Maps (Monday, May 6 Regular City Council Meeting, Agenda Item 8.2)

Mayor and City Council Members:

I am a resident of Gilroy and live on the east side of 10th Street. I have reviewed both the Publicly Submitted Maps as well as the Council approved draft maps posted to the [Transition to District-Based Elections | Gilroy, CA - Official Website](#).

Additionally, I have reviewed the requirements of the FAIR MAPS Act and the Federal Voting Rights Act requirements to base my map preferences. For your consideration, advocacy, and support, I offer my preferences:

PRIMARY: Draft Map D: JH05 Modified
ALTERNATE: Draft Map A

I look forward to your and the community's continued involvement throughout this iterative process.

Respectfully,
Shayne Somavia

From: [Ann Marie McCauley](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Map choice
Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 10:57:04 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My preference for district Maps is D.
Thank you for considering this choice.

Ann Marie McCauley

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S20 FE 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

From: [Armando Be](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - 8.3. Sixth Public Hearing Regarding the City's Transition from an At-Large to a District-Based Elections System
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 9:52:41 PM

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Mayor Bozzo, City Council Members, City Staff.

I strongly urge you to adopt District Map D. I have closely reviewed Maps D and F and am of the strong opinion that Map D best reflects the concerns raised by the parties who submitted the demand letter regarding the city's current at-large election system. The adoption of district elections is not only a legal obligation under the California Voting Rights Act but also an equitable one—to ensure fair representation for historically underrepresented communities.

A fair analysis of Map D allows one to easily conclude that it is the most equitable option presented. It aligns closely with the demographic, geographic, and community interests outlined in the demand letter. Most importantly, it creates a realistic opportunity for members of the proponent group to elect a representative of their choice—something that the demand letter noted has been historically lacking under Gilroy's at-large election system.

The purpose of district elections is not merely to redraw lines but to address long-standing disparities in political representation. Map D does this. It increases the likelihood that a community that has repeatedly been left without a voice at the decision-making table will have representatives of their choice elected to the council. By adopting Map D, this council would not only demonstrate its commitment to fair representation, but it would also significantly reduce the city's legal exposure and the financial burden of litigation.

I strongly urge you to prioritize equity, legal prudence, and community input. Map D is the right choice.

Thank you.

Armando Benavides

cc: Supporters

From: [Richard Konda](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - District map D
Date: Friday, May 16, 2025 8:00:27 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-t4ht1whm.png](#)
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[Outlook-j0mlbx3p.png](#)
[Outlook-a3ufg20d.png](#)
[Outlook-cifqh0t0.png](#)

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Dear members of the Gilroy City Council:

The Asian Law Alliance strongly endorses District Map D as the best option. We believe that Gilroy residents will benefit from this map.

The purpose of district elections is not merely to redraw lines but to address long-standing disparities in political representation. Map D does this. It increases the likelihood that a community that has repeatedly been left without a voice at the decision-making table will have representatives of their choice elected to the council. By adopting Map D, this council would not only demonstrate its commitment to fair representation, but it would also significantly reduce the city's legal exposure and the financial burden of litigation.

The council took the appropriate step in this matter, by NOT deciding to follow in footsteps of the City of Santa Clara and litigate the issue of at large versus district elections. The next most appropriate action is to adopt District Map D.

Sincerely,

Richard Konda (he/him/his)

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From: [Robert Weaver](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Support district map F
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 11:57:56 PM

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Both Paula and I support District map F. If we must have District wide elections then we should use map F. Note: this was done several years ago in Stockton ,and the result was the election to the city council of the biggest “gang banger” on the east side, who ran his district.

Bob & Paula Weaver

From: [Brian Jones](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Draft F
Date: Friday, May 9, 2025 12:21:34 PM

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Sent from my iPad ... I support Draft F as currently written

From: [Cat Tucker](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Clarification on the Final 2 District Maps
Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 2:59:56 PM

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Hello Council Members of Gilroy,

I am asking that you clarify the final 2 District Maps D and F by adding a statement next to each Map on the City Website or on the Map itself to include the individual District Street Name of the Boundaries.

The Maps do not clearly indicate the Street names and therefore it is difficult to understand. How can you expect the Public to make a determination on which of the 2 Maps we prefer if we cannot identify the Street Boundaries.

For example in my District 2 of Map D, what are the street boundary names?
I can guess Day Road East to Hirasaki Street then down Santa Teresa to Hwy 152?
The lines are not clearly defined on the other side of District 2.
All the Boundaries should be documented properly, I honestly don't see how these Maps can hold up in Court without clear definitions. (similar to House Deeds recorded at the County)

Please add a documented statement of the Boundaries for all the Districts in both Maps. The way it is presented appears that the City is purposely hiding something from the community. I don't think that is your intention but perception is everything.

Thank You,
Cat Tucker


From: [Cat Tucker](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - My preference is Map F
Date: Friday, May 9, 2025 12:38:33 PM

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Thank you Council Members Fugazzi and Ramirez for responding to my concerns about the descriptions of the District Boundary lines.

I am hoping that you will ask the City Manager to update the City website and add a line that says "For Street names select (URL) Link." or something similar so it is clear to the community which link gives the street names.

After further review my preference is Map F as it has 2 Districts to represent the East side of Gilroy which has been touted many times as being under represented.

Thank You for your time and energy on this matter.
Cat Tucker

From: [Chris Vanni](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Support District Map F
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 9:45:49 AM

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Dear Council Members;

With respect to your upcoming decision on district maps, I ask that you support Map F

Thank you,

Chris Vanni

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Christine Shackel](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - District maps
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:38:11 PM

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"With respect to your upcoming decision on district maps, I ask that you support Map F." In the subject line, type "Support District Map F"


Thank you,
Christine Shackel

From: [Christine West](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Districting of Election Map
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 9:04:53 AM

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Distinguished City Council Members,

I know the City Council has been hard at work on the districting issue. I applaud all your hardwork and the effort the city has made in getting feedback from residents. While I will try to attend Monday's City Council meeting, I wanted to email you to support Election Map D. Although I do not live in this area, I feel that it best represents the residents in that area. I feel that Map F would divide the community instead of uniting it. In addition, I feel that by keeping the east side whole, you will get a better pool of candidates from that area to best represent that district. I have friends and coworkers who live in that area and of those I know, the consensus is Map D, too. I know that the Council will take this issue very seriously and have already given it much discussion and thought. I wish you the best of luck in your effort to continue making Gilroy a strong and vibrant community! Keep up the great work.

Christine West


From: [edit lopez](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - DISTRITOS ELECTORALES
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 8:43:09 PM

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Buenas tardes respetables miembros del consejo de la ciudad de Gilroy.

Mi nombre es Edit,y envió este correo para dar mi apoyo a la opción "F".

Gracias,

Edit.

From: [Firaydun](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Support District Map F
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 8:06:08 PM

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As Gilroy resident I am asking you to Support District Map F

Thanks
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From: [joaniemlewis](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Maps
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 8:10:08 AM

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I'd like map D

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [joaniemlewis](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Vote map F Thank you
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 8:24:59 PM

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From: [Jorge Mendoza](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Districts
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 8:46:46 PM

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Hello respected members of the council, my name is Jorge Mendoza and I am sending this message to support option “F.”

Jorge Mendoza
Nueva Vida Community
Facebook: Jorge Mendoza Gilroy
nuevavidacommunity.org



From: [Jorge C. Vargas](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - New districts OPINION
Date: Friday, May 9, 2025 9:18:24 AM

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I support draft D. It has keeps general communities together and populations with in the recommend threshold.

Jorge C. Vargas

From: [Joe Vela](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - District Map vote
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 5:17:00 PM

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Mayor Bozzo and Council Members,

My name is Joseph Vela, I live on West Las Animas Avenue and have lived in Gilroy for 49 years. I am commenting in support of districting Map D.

Map D, with Monterey Rd as a natural district boundary best represents my neighborhood and its interests including common use and accessibility of Las Animas Park and Lions Creek walking path.

Please vote in support of Map D.

Thanks for your service,

Joseph Vela

From: [judy.lazarus](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - District Map
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 8:03:18 AM

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I am supporting Map F.
Thank you

From: [Katherine Napoli](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - District Elections
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 9:26:35 AM

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Honorable Mayor Bozzo and Council members,

My name is Kathy Napoli and I worked in the fields of Gilroy when I was a young girl until I was 15 (when there were many more fields), my husband and I have owned property here in Gilroy for many years.

We are writing to you in support of district election Map D.

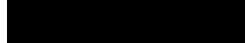
We strongly support this map because our property is located on the east side of Gilroy and we want to make sure each neighborhood, and community of interest, (working parents, retirees, etc.) is preserved, and Map D does this.

We want our neighborhoods to remain intact as we have common interests. We believe that the East Side, historically made up of a diverse working class and Latino neighborhoods, should remain intact and their vote should not be watered down by dividing it up.

Please vote in support of Map D.

Regards,

Kathy and Bill Napoli



From: [Maria Aguilar](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Cc: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - District Maps
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 8:34:09 PM

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I'm in support of map D, which I believe, will finally give the east side community residents a representative voice at the table.

It's about time Gilroy had District Elections, something we should have done years ago. This allows candidates an equal playing field, without having to go in debt or depend on special interest backing.

[Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer](#)

From: [Maricela Aguilar](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - District-Based Elections map
Date: Friday, May 9, 2025 11:17:15 PM

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Hello,

I am a Gilroy resident. For District-Based Elections map, I would like to vote for: Draft D

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,
Maricela Aguilar

From: [Marie Blankley](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Support Map F
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 6:50:25 PM

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Council members:

This Monday night, 5/19, as you deliberate between maps D and F, I encourage your support of District Map F.

Respectfully,

Marie Blankley

From: matthewburge@yahoo.com
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - New Voting Districts
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:32:32 PM

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As a Gilroy native, I prefer draft F as it seems to fit better with the current population of Gilroy.

Thank you,

Matthew Burge

From: [Yahoo Mail](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Please vote for Draft F
Date: Friday, May 9, 2025 12:15:02 PM

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Dear All,
I like Draft F better because it allows better representation of Gilroy.
Thank you for this consideration.
Pamela Jones

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From: [Patricia Michelini](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Maps
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 2:50:25 PM

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I prefer Map F.
Thank you,
Patricia Michelini
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From: [Ron Becht](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Support District Map F
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 7:26:26 PM

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With respect to your upcoming decision on district maps, I ask that you support Map F."

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Regards,
Ron Becht

From: [Russell Blalack](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Adoption of the final district map
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 10:30:50 PM

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Mayor Bozzo, City Council Members, City Staff.

I have closely reviewed Maps D and F and strongly believe that Map D best reflects the concerns raised by the parties who submitted the demand letter regarding the city's current at-large election system. The adoption of district elections is not only a legal obligation under the California Voting Rights Act but also an equitable one—to ensure fair representation for historically underrepresented communities. I strongly urge you to adopt District Map D.

An analysis of Map D demonstrates that it is the most equitable option presented. Closely aligned with the demographic, geographic, and community interests outlined in the demand letter, it creates a realistic opportunity for members of the proponent group to elect a representative of their choice. That is what has been historically lacking under Gilroy's at-large election system, as the demand letter noted.

The purpose of district elections is to address long-standing disparities in political representation. Map D does this. It increases the likelihood that a community that has repeatedly been left without a voice at the decision-making table will have representation on the council. By adopting Map D, this council would not only demonstrate its commitment to fair representation, but it would also significantly reduce the city's legal exposure and the financial burden of litigation.

I strongly urge you to prioritize equity, legal prudence, and community input. Map D is the right choice.

Thank you.

Russell Blalack

cc: Supporters

From: safinishes@gmail.com
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Map G
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 5:49:01 PM

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All council members of Gilroy.

In regards to District Maps, I support Map F.

Sean Geiger

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From: [Beth Minor](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: FW: EXTERNAL - City Maps
Date: Monday, May 12, 2025 4:29:00 PM

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From: Sofia Ramirez <hairbyram@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 3:10 PM
To: All Council Members <AllCouncilMembers@cityofgilroy.org>
Subject: EXTERNAL - City Maps

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I would recomend map F
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From: [Theresa Zamborsky](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Support District Map F
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 8:15:49 PM

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Hi Gilroy Council Members,

With respect to your upcoming decision on district maps, I ask that you support Map F.

Thank you,
Theresa Zamborsky
1475 Winzer Place, Gilroy

From: [Tiffany M.](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Districts
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 9:05:53 PM

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Good evening esteemed Council Members,

I am sending this email to show my support for **Plan E** of the new district maps.

Thank you.

Tiffany Mendoza

From: [Wendy Simon](#)
To: [All Council Members](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL - Districts
Date: Friday, May 9, 2025 7:59:21 AM

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Good morning,
I would like the City Council to vote for Map D. It appears to be the fairest for keeping the east side intact.
Thank you,
Wendy Filice
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