You’ve Transitioned to District Elections—Now What?

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What We’ll Cover

- Timing
- Changes to Districts After Creation
- Challenges to District Lines
- Pending Legislation

Timing

- When do districts take effect?
Who Represents Whom?

City of Temecula—Adopted vs. Previous Districts

Implementation Logistics and Perspective

City of Temecula Council Districts
Can a city return to at-large districts?

Can a city move to a directly elected Mayor?
Can a city change the number of districts?

How to respond to Census data?
Challenges to District Lines

- *Tate v. Bushey et al*

Challenges to District Lines

- *SLO County Citizens for Good Government v. County of San Luis Obispo*
Challenges to District Lines

• *Latino Information & Resources Network et al v. City of West Sacramento*
Challenges to District Lines

• *Chaldean Coalition v. San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission*

Santa Monica CVRA Litigation Update

*Pico Neighborhood Association v. City of Santa Monica* (2020) 51 Cal.App.5th 1002, *as modified on denial of reh’g* (Aug. 5, 2020); petition for review granted and ordered depublished (Oct. 21, 2020)
1. Expands FAIR MAPS Act reach to include schools and special districts

2. Bans “the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party”

3. Requires formal development, posting for 14 days, and adoption, of outreach plan

4. Requires a written report documenting adopted map’s compliance with FAIR MAPS Act

5. Increases required number of hearings from four to:
   • Five for cities under 250,000
   • Seven for cities 250,000 to 500,000
   • Nine for cities over 500,000

6. Limits charter city exception to mapping criteria to charters that include a “requirement to keep whole either communities of interest or neighborhoods”
7. Expressly allows mid-decade redistricting if the number of councilmembers is increased or decreased

8. Allows mid-decade redistricting if a new independent redistricting commission is established to draw them