

Dublin Districting April 28 Virtual Workshop - Zoom Q&A Report

Question Number	Asker Name	Question	Answer	Question Time	Answered Time
1	Golden Shao	Is the mayor Melissa Hernandez on this event today?	There are no members of the City Council present for this workshop.	4/28/2022 18:02	4/28/2022 18:19
2	Golden Shao	Is the Dublin City Council involved here on this webinar today?	There are no members of the City Council present for this workshop.	4/28/2022 18:05	4/28/2022 18:05
3	Matthew Aini	If we make a map on Dave's Redistricting but are unable to make map boundaries exactly how we intended bc of the size of census blocks, is it ok to clarify the intended boundary in the draft map when submitting it via email?	Great question! At this point, we encourage you to include your preferred boundaries in writing accompanying your map, but please be aware that it may not be legally possible to divide Census Blocks.	4/28/2022 18:07	4/28/2022 18:10
4	Steve Wright	Is this change to district election not pitting the "haves" against those that "do not have that much"?	This is an interesting question. We often see that implementing district-based elections actually provides opportunities for historically underrepresented areas to elect councilmembers from their neighborhood for the first time. That's why it's so important to participate in this process and ensure that district boundaries do not divide Dublin's communities.	4/28/2022 18:10	4/28/2022 18:30
5	Jeanine Gillengerten & Tom Evans	Where does the demographic data come from?	Good question! There are two main sources: the US Census Bureau and the state of California. The total population numbers are from California's adjusted 2020 Census data. The CVAP (Citizen Voting Age Population) data are from the 2016-2020 Special Tabulation data from the US Census Bureau. Age, Immigration, and other demographics are from the 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-year data. Turnout and Voter Registration data are from the California Statewide Database.	4/28/2022 18:12	4/28/2022 18:19
6	Jeanine Gillengerten & Tom Evans	What percent of Dublin households actually participated by responding to the census?	Dublin's overall self-response rate was 78.6% with the rest having been accounted for through the Census Bureau's NRFU operation. For more info, see https://www.dublin.ca.gov/2152/Census-2020 .	4/28/2022 18:13	4/28/2022 18:21
7	Archin B	Why was the zoom invite just sent today in snail mail?	We're so glad you received that postcard! We've publicized this workshop through many methods and even with covid supply chain issues, we were glad to also be able to get that card in the mail! It also advertises the May 4th in person event at the Wave Community Room so we hope those who couldn't make it tonight can be with us then and of course, we're recording this session tonight so if folks can not make either meeting, they can watch the recording, which will be posted on Dublin.ca.gov/DublinDistricts	4/28/2022 18:20	4/28/2022 18:24
8	Archin B	Does not allow everybody to feedback		4/28/2022 18:21	

9	Jeanine Gillengerten & Tom Evans	Why isn't the timeline being instituted to allow district voting for 2022 elections?	The length of time needed to proceed through this process as Justin described, with robust community outreach and engagement, would not give the City enough time to submit all the required information to the County Registrar of Voters in time for their 2022 election deadline.	4/28/2022 18:23	4/28/2022 18:31
10	Gabrielle	Why did the city wait 4-5months, until April to start the work on this process?	This work began in February. The City had to go through an RFQ process to solicit potential consultants prior to selecting our current consultant team.	4/28/2022 18:25	4/28/2022 18:39
11	Steven Minniear	Do boundaries have to follow census block boundaries?	This is an important question! Yes, district boundaries follow Census blocks. Census blocks are the smallest units of geography that we can use to assign residents to districts.	4/28/2022 18:28	4/28/2022 18:33
12	Stacy :-)	Where do the jails in Dublin fall in all this? Are they considered 'population' even though they can't vote since they are incarcerated? Please clarify.	Jail population is counted for this process, prison population is not included.	4/28/2022 18:31	4/28/2022 18:36
13	Jeanine Gillengerten & Tom Evans	graphics are blurry	Live Answer: We apologize. It could be an internet connection issue. Higher quality maps (including the presentation itself) are available on the Dublin District Elections website.	4/28/2022 18:34	4/28/2022 18:35
14	Anonymous Attendee	Why are Indian, Asian, and Pacific Islanders all grouped together?	Live Answer: Specific asian ancestry is not available at the census block level. Estimates may be available at the Census Block Group or Tract level, but may be unreliable. However, areas that are important to a specific community are certainly part of the feedback on Communities of Interest that we want to hear!	4/28/2022 18:37	4/28/2022 18:42
15	Gabrielle	Will this presentation & Q/A be shared out?	Live Answer: Yes, this session as well as the Q&A from this session are being recorded and will be available for viewing on our website at Dublin.ca.gov/DublinDistricts	4/28/2022 18:45	4/28/2022 18:49
16	Stacy :-)	Can you please tell the community on tonight how many residents joined this call since it's an open, public, forum? Thank you.	So far we've had up to 27 and are currently at 21.	4/28/2022 18:46	4/28/2022 18:46
17	Lily	since Dublin is in violation of the CVR, shouldn't they expedite getting district voting implemented asap otherwise they're open to lawsuits?	The City is in the process of transitioning to District-Based elections. We are in the early stages of gathering community input on how district boundary maps should be drawn. That is the purpose of tonight. Tonight is one of two public workshops to help the community understand and to hear from them regarding the composition of districts and communities of interest that should be kept together. Do you have any input on tonight's topic?	4/28/2022 18:46	4/28/2022 18:49
18	Steven Minniear	Can you share about how many people are participating/watching this presentation/meeting?	So far we've had up to 27 and are currently at 21.	4/28/2022 18:46	4/28/2022 18:49

18	Steven Minniear	Can you share about how many people are participating/watching this presentation/meeting?	We got up to 35 at one point, I believe!	4/28/2022 18:46	4/28/2022 19:00
19	Lily	Also why are not following the school district lines? I was told they drew it in a fair fashion.	Live Answer: Cities and counties are required to follow the California Fair Maps Act, while school districts are not. As such, requirements differ for these jurisdictions. Dublin Unified School District elects 5 Trustees from 5 voting districts. While the school district's boundaries are the same as the city's boundaries, the difference in the number of voting districts that the school district is divided into (5) and that the city will be divided into (4) make similar lines unlikely.	4/28/2022 18:46	4/28/2022 18:48
20	Anonymous Attendee	Can residents send you messages privately answering these questions? Will you be providing your contact info as well?	Live Answer: Please use our email address for this process: DublinDistricts@dublin.ca.gov	4/28/2022 18:46	4/28/2022 18:50
21	Anonymous Attendee	In the census, according to Time magazine, people were allowed to choose their own race from 1960 onward using the following categories for people of Asian decent: Chinese , Japanese , Filipino , Korean , Asian Indian , Vietnamese , and Other Asian. Can you use these categories instead of just one large group?	Live Answer: Unfortunately, the data was not made available at the census block level, so we are unable to use anything other than "Asian."	4/28/2022 18:49	4/28/2022 18:51
22	Steven Minniear	The city and school district are the same here. Also, the district just went through the process. Are the requirements the same?	Live Answer: Cities and counties are required to follow the California Fair Maps Act, while school districts are not. As such, requirements differ for these jurisdictions. Dublin Unified School District elects 5 Trustees from 5 voting districts. While the school district's boundaries are the same as the city's boundaries, the difference in the number of voting districts that the school district is divided into (5) and that the city will be divided into (4) make similar lines unlikely.	4/28/2022 18:49	4/28/2022 18:51
23	Stacy :-)	Can you please type the email in here for easy reference? Thank you.	DublinDistricts@dublin.ca.gov	4/28/2022 18:50	4/28/2022 18:50
24	Jeanine Gillengerten & Tom Evans	Is length of residency a factor? Many longtime residents live in west Dublin.	Live Answer: Residency requirements only differ in that representatives must live in the district they represent. Otherwise, there are no changes to residency requirements. In terms of Communities of Interest, newly-built and older areas may constitute communities that could benefit from separate districts, but that is highly dependent on the city.	4/28/2022 18:51	4/28/2022 18:54

25	Anonymous Attendee	Dublin's has grown exponentially in last 10years & many of those NEW residents have had little ability to move the dial re city elections, remaining severely underrepresented in city government. I recognize you mention renters, but many new to this this community are 1st generation, many are awaiting citizenship, all pay their taxes, but are not represented equally. There is a huge disparity in some areas between population & voter registration..which prohibits ability for certain groups in the city to be able to elect individuals to represent them.	thank you for your feedback!	4/28/2022 18:51	4/28/2022 18:58
26	William Kuo	The school district lines has 5 areas (vs. 4 for city council).	Thanks William for this feedback.	4/28/2022 18:53	4/28/2022 18:54
27	Anonymous Attendee	I believe that there is enough time for Nov 22 election if the City really wanted it to happen. The process appears to have been spread out.	The County deadline to submit new area maps is May 12. That does not allow enough time to go through the process.	4/28/2022 18:59	4/28/2022 19:04
28	Steven Minniear	Is there a limit to how many maps one person/family can submit?	Live Answer: There is no limit. If you submit quite a few, we will ask you to choose your favorite to aid in the decision process. Consider starting with an illustrative map or two, the two extremes, and then we'll work with you on putting them together in a final map.	4/28/2022 19:01	4/28/2022 19:01
29	R H	I just got off work and picked up my mail, which included this note about a meeting today @ 18:00 (it's not almost 19:00)	We are so glad you joined us and believe me we wanted to get the mail out earlier too, but that seems to be the way when the supply chain is involved. The postcard also advertises the May 4th workshop and we welcome you to join us in person. Also this entire presentation is being recorded and will be posted at Dublin.ca.gov/DublinDistricts so you can view it in its entirety. There is still alot of this meeting left and we will appreciate your participation!	4/28/2022 19:02	4/28/2022 19:05
30	R H	why wasn't this notice sent out sooner so we have enough time to prepare and be ready?		4/28/2022 19:02	
31	R H	i also missed most of the meeting..	I am sorry you're frustrated, but there is plenty of workshop left tonight and another workshop on May 4th. Tonight there will still be two more opportunities to provide feedback.	4/28/2022 19:03	4/28/2022 19:06
32	Stacy :-)	To clarify, this process IS to take effect in the November 2022 election season, correct? Thank you.	District-based elections will be implemented for the City's General Municipal Election beginning with the November 2024 election.	4/28/2022 19:03	4/28/2022 19:09
33	R H	"it's not almost 19:00" --> "it's now almost 19:00"		4/28/2022 19:03	
34	Steven Minniear	You map shows inaccurate street layouts in the area just south of Parks Reserve Forces Training Area. Is that a significant issue? The development is proceeding to quickly build houses and streets.	Live Answer: If Dave's Redistricting App (DRA) shows an inaccurate street layout of a particular portion of the city, please email us that feedback and we'll research it. The street layer data comes from an open source data set that DRA uses. We are unable to edit it within the software.	4/28/2022 19:12	4/28/2022 19:13

35	Steven Minniear	Got it.		4/28/2022 19:13	
36	Anonymous Attendee	Why are some Census Blocks so small in a neighborhood, then others right next door...are so huge?	Live Answer: The Census generally only uses visible boundaries (like streets) and political boundaries (like city borders). This means many subdivisions that back into each other are placed in a single Census block. In addition, the Census eliminated 200,000 census blocks in the State of California in 2021 and a lot of them were previously very useful in drawing boundaries.	4/28/2022 19:14	4/28/2022 19:18
37	Stacy :-)	Who actually created Dave's Redistricting tool? California? A national company? Who has the power to change it so it's more relevant, accurate, & workable for our city's needs? Thank you.	https://davesredistricting.org/maps#aboutus	4/28/2022 19:15	4/28/2022 19:19
38	Jeanine Gillengerten & Tom Evans	Will this redistricting map take into consideration the population generated by currently approved residential projects under construction?	Live Answer: That's up to you. You can, as a final step, under-populate areas, with the maximum variance of 10%. Or you can ignore future growth or potential growth. That is not required. Essentially, you can draw your map taking that into consideration or without that consideration.	4/28/2022 19:20	4/28/2022 19:21
39	Anonymous Attendee	What is the variance % between Areas, allowed...	Live Answer: The maximum variance in population is 10%	4/28/2022 19:22	4/28/2022 19:22
40	Stacy :-)	Thank you for the link & information. Is there an actual person your team is able to work with to assist make it more 'Dublin-Friendly' since like you said earlier, most cities don't have a prison, jail, & military base to navigate. Thank you for explaining/clarifying this process for us.		4/28/2022 19:23	
41	Steven Minniear	How many maps will be presented to the City Council for actual consideration? Who chooses which maps go before the council and who makes those choices?	Live Answer: All maps that we receive will be made public. They will all go into the public record and the council will have all publicly submitted maps to consider at City Council meetings on this topic. That, however, doesn't mean that all maps submitted will be legal maps, it is the demographer's job to analyze maps for compliance with applicable laws. Additionally there are generally 2 to 4 NDC map submissions. the NDC maps are not necessarily better than publicly submitted maps. Rather, they may highlight things that we see looking at the community participation or the testimony, or the record that we feel the need to show reflected in a draft map.	4/28/2022 19:24	4/28/2022 19:24
42	Steven Minniear	Will city staff review the maps and suggest any ranking of maps ?	No	4/28/2022 19:27	4/28/2022 19:28

43	Marty	Sorry, I'm late joining this..... Please explain in a few sentences this purpose of these maps. Thanks, Marty	Live Answer: The city is moving from at-large city elections to by-district city elections. For more information, please visit dublin.ca.gov/DublinDistricts	4/28/2022 19:28	4/28/2022 19:30
44	Stacy :-)	Is City Council and/or the District creating their OWN maps to be considered? Will it be noted somewhere on each map who created it? Resident vs. City Council member vs. District employee?	Live Answer: The draft maps will be in two groups of drafts: consultant-drawn maps and public drawn maps. Based on experience, city staff doesn't usually draw maps for consideration. While the maps get numbered and identified that way, there will be a public list that states the named authors of draft maps.	4/28/2022 19:30	4/28/2022 19:30
45	Stacy :-)	Yes, City employee or your team.		4/28/2022 19:31	
46	Marty	Ok...why these are needed?		4/28/2022 19:31	
47	Marty	Why change from city wide voting		4/28/2022 19:32	
48	Stacy :-)	Thank you for clarifying the map naming/numbering process.		4/28/2022 19:32	
49	Steven Minniear	Comment: It is historically interesting that the citizens chose at incorporation (1981) to make councilmembers at large rather than by district. How times and circumstances change.	Live Answer: The California Voting Rights Act has led to this change. For more information, visit dublin.ca.gov/DublinDistricts	4/28/2022 19:33	4/28/2022 19:36
50	Marty	Again....why the change....please?	The city decided to make this change after receiving a letter from a law firm alleging that the at-large system violates the CVRA. See the "Background" section here for more info: https://dublin.ca.gov/2436/District-Elections	4/28/2022 19:33	4/28/2022 19:37
51	Anonymous Attendee	Could the city simply be divided into 5 areas & allow the Council to rotate through each CC member serving as mayor for 1 year?	Live Answer: The Council is moving forward with 4 voting districts and an at-large Mayor. the Mayor position was created by a vote of the people so that is the only way it could be changed.	4/28/2022 19:34	4/28/2022 19:37
52	Steven Minniear	Thank you for all the interesting information.		4/28/2022 19:35	4/28/2022 19:38
53	Stacy :-)	Are you going to offer Zoom options as a 6pm start time is extremely difficult to make 'in-person' when commuting from work.	This meeting was recorded and will be on our website at Dublin.ca.gov/DublinDistricts	4/28/2022 19:36	4/28/2022 19:40
54	Anonymous Attendee	Can events be held on weekends? This is a bedroom community & most work outside of Dublin...it would be great to make this process easier on the community to enable large participation.	To make participation easy, this meeting was recorded and will be on the website. Please email us comments and feedback!	4/28/2022 19:39	4/28/2022 19:40
55	Marty	What's the best phone to reach	Live Answer: Please contact us via email at DublinDistricts@dublin.ca.gov or go to Dublin.ca.gov/DublinDistricts and click "Contact".	4/28/2022 19:41	