

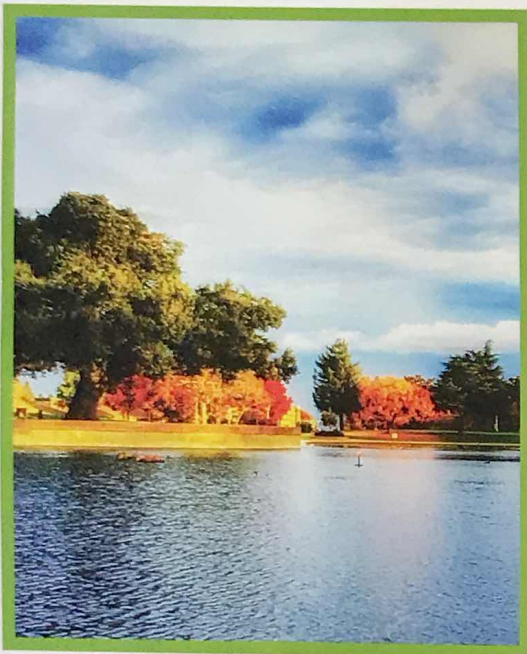
Measure B

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Information About Sunnyvale's
District-Based Elections Ballot Measure
March 3, 2020

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Measure B and District



How are Sunnyvale City Council elections structured now?

Currently, all Sunnyvale voters elect councilmembers "at-large" from across the City to seven numbered seats and the councilmembers select the mayor.

What is Measure B?

Measure B proposes amending the City Charter to change Sunnyvale's City Council election system to a six-district system with one councilmember elected by the voters in each district and a mayor directly elected by all Sunnyvale voters.

What are district-based elections?

District-based elections group voters into distinct geographic districts, and voters within each district vote for one councilmember who must live in the district.

How does Measure B propose the mayor be selected?

Under Measure B, all Sunnyvale voters would vote directly for mayor in a citywide election every four years beginning in November 2020. Currently, the City Council selects the mayor from within the Council.

Would Measure B change the role of the mayor?

No. The mayor's responsibilities would remain the same under Measure B: acting as presiding officer (or chairperson) during Council meetings, having one of seven votes in all Council decisions, and serving as Council spokesperson on City positions.





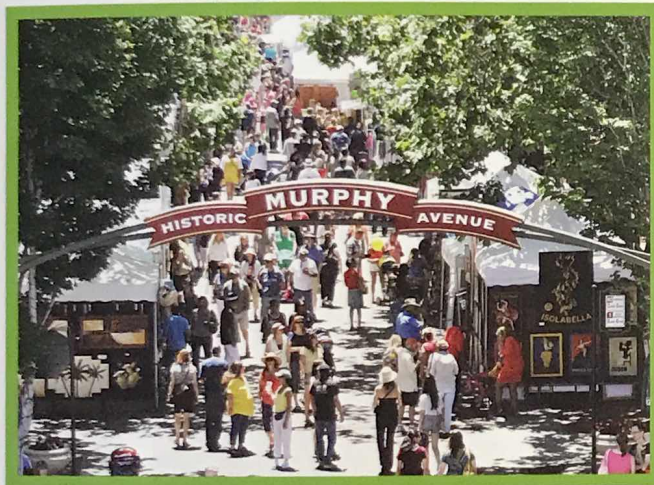
District-Based Elections

How would term limits change under Measure B?

Currently, City councilmembers may not serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. Measure B would allow members to serve up to three consecutive four-year terms under two scenarios:

Scenario A: an individual could serve two four-year terms as a councilmember and one four-year term as mayor

Scenario B: an individual could serve one four-year term as a councilmember and two four-year terms as mayor



When would I vote for my councilmember and mayor if Measure B passes?

In November 2020, voters in the three even-numbered districts would vote for their councilmember and all voters would vote for a mayor. In November 2022, the three odd-numbered districts would vote for their councilmember, completing the transition to district-based elections.

Why is the City proposing Measure B?

Cities and other local agencies with "at-large" voting systems have increasingly been targets for lawsuits under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) to compel them to change their election systems to district-based elections. The City received a notice letter in October 2018 alleging CVRA violations. Changing to district elections will help protect the City against potentially costly CVRA lawsuits.

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PROPOSED MAP FOR DISTRICT-BASED ELECTIONS



How was the proposed district map developed?

This district map was drawn by a diverse coalition of Sunnyvale residents from different geographic areas of the City as part of a six-month community-driven map making process.

How often will the district map be updated?

This map will be used for the 2020 Council election. The district map will be revised after each 10-year census. The map for the 2022 Council election will be based on the 2020 Census.

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