

City Council Meeting of
August 16, 2017

Community Input of Criteria for District Elections

Chief City Clerk Mejia read the emails of Susan Sulsky and Colin Swank which are part of the Official Record, on file with the City Clerk's Division.

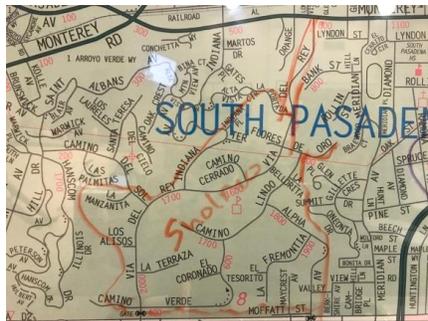
Alan Ehrlich, South Pasadena resident, questioned and received clarification that candidates will be required to reside within the electoral district, if a candidate does not come forward the City Council will be required to follow the Elections Code procedures related to appointments, and the existing City Councilmembers' terms will not be extended.

Bianca Richards, South Pasadena resident, voiced concern that the Public Hearing started at 10:00 a.m.; suggested that the future Public Hearings begin earlier in the evening; supported having each proposed District converge at Mission Street.

John Srebalus, South Pasadena, spoke in favor of district elections; voiced support for consideration of renters as a community of interest, noting that the share legislative concerns and would benefit from representation on the City Council; stated that nearly 50% of the community of comprised of renters; stated that three areas with multi-family housing could expect accountability from district representation (See photos).



Shlomo Nitzani, South Pasadena, questioned and received clarification that the City Council will continue to be elected on the electoral cycle; suggested that Monterey Hills should be a community of interest, asserting that the neighborhood needs accessible representation (See photo).



Jane Schirmeister, South Pasadena resident, voiced concerned that South Pasadena is too small to divide; opined that renters do not vote as much in local elections, suggesting that proposed districts include a mix of renters and non-renters.

Linda Krausen, South Pasadena, questioned and received clarification that approximately 5,000 residents will be within each district; suggested that the boundaries of Mission Street and Grevelia Street and Fair Oaks Avenue and Meridian Avenue should be a neighborhood.

Councilmember Schneider read an email from Steve Garcia, South Pasadena resident, who objected to the City paying the maximum catalyst fee of \$30,000 to Kevin Shenkman, questioning whether Mr. Shenkman would sue if the City offered a lesser amount.