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**CITY OF MORGAN HILL LAUNCHES REDISTRICTING PROCESS WITH THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 18 AT 8 P.M.**

Morgan Hill, CA – The City of Morgan Hill is launching its redistricting process. The first of four public hearings is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, August 18, at its regularly scheduled City Council Meeting, which starts at 7:00 p.m. The Public Hearing for the item on Redistricting will start with a time-certain at 8:00 p.m. City Council Meetings are held on Zoom. Residents can access the meeting using the following credentials:

<https://bit.ly/MHCityCouncilMeeting>

OR calling +1 (699) 900-9128; Webinar ID: 873 3200 8380

Public comment may be provided in the following ways:

- Join the virtual City Council meeting via the link above; when public comment is opened, raise your virtual hand and be called upon to speak for up to 3 minutes - In order to speak, please be sure that your version of Zoom is up to date
- Join the virtual meeting by calling the number above, dial \*9 to raise your hand, and be called upon to speak for up to 3 minutes
- Send public comments in writing to the City Clerk at [ccpubliccomment@morganhill.ca.gov](mailto:ccpubliccomment@morganhill.ca.gov)

Although the City initially launched its by-district elections in 2017, all municipalities are required to make adjustments to their district lines after the release of the recent Census data to reflect how local populations have changed. This year, the release of the Census data has been delayed by several months due to the coronavirus pandemic. Members of the Morgan Hill community are invited to participate in this year's unique redistricting process to help make sure district lines respect neighborhoods, history, and geographical elements.

“Resident feedback throughout this process is critical because it will change the way our residents elect their City Council representatives for the next decade,” said Morgan Hill City Clerk Michelle Bigelow. “I strongly encourage all Morgan Hill residents to get involved by participating in our hearings, workshops, and submitting comments in order to truly represent and convey the uniqueness of our community.”

To help share information about redistricting, gather draft maps, and collect public feedback, the City of Morgan Hill has launched a dedicated redistricting website: [MorganHillRedistricting2021.com](http://MorganHillRedistricting2021.com).

The new website includes background information on redistricting, a tentative schedule of participation opportunities, frequently asked questions, and resources for drafting maps and sharing feedback on previously-drawn maps. The City is currently awaiting finalized Census data from the State of California, which is projected to be available in early fall 2021.

As the redistricting process moves forward, the City will continue to update the redistricting website to include additional details on future public hearings, mapping tools and opportunities, new FAQs, and more.

To sign up for updates and information about the redistricting process and future public meetings, please visit [MorganHillRedistricting2021.com](http://MorganHillRedistricting2021.com) or email [redistricting2021@morganhill.ca.gov](mailto:redistricting2021@morganhill.ca.gov).

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