



NEWS RELEASE

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CVFD Board to Transition to By-Division Electoral System

The Chino Valley Fire District Board of Directors declared its intention to transition from an at-large to a by-division electoral system to comply with the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and is beginning the process. The Fire District currently has an “at-large” electoral system where voters from the entire Fire District vote for all members of the Board of Directors. This is in contrast to a “by-division” electoral system where the Fire District is divided into smaller divisions and a candidate must reside within that division in order to be elected by voters residing within that division. Citizens can also only vote for the member of the Board that resides in their specific district once “by-district” elections are established.

The Fire District is reaching out to the community to solicit input throughout the process when drawing proposed boundary lines for the new district map. Several public hearings will be held and the community is encouraged to participate and define neighborhoods and community interest areas; provide input for maps; submit maps; and review draft maps. The public is encouraged to talk to neighbors and local organizations and encourage them to attend and participate in the public hearings.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE.

Two public hearings will be held prior to drawing maps on the following dates.

November 17, 2021
(Special Board Meeting) 1st Public Hearing – Provide input

December 8, 2021
(Regular Board Meeting) 2nd Public Hearing - Provide input

Two public hearings will be held to review draft maps.

January 12, 2022
(Regular Board Meeting) 3rd Public Hearing – Review draft maps and discuss election sequence

February 9, 2022
(Regular Board Meeting) 4th Public Hearing – Review final draft map and discuss election sequence

The Fire District plans to adopt the final maps by March 9, 2022 at a regular Board Meeting. Additional information can be obtained on the Fire District website at CVIFD.org. A mapping tool to assist the public in providing input will be available on the website following the first public hearing.

Please request Spanish translation 72 hours prior to any Board meeting.

Please send any questions and map suggestion to districting@chofire.org or contact the Clerk of the Board at (909) 315-8808.

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