Escondido Independent Districting Commission

Timeline for the Districting Process

The City of Escondido’s districting process is on a strict timeline set by the Consent Decree. The exact date for each step is triggered by the date that other events or milestones happen. There are five milestone events:

1. the seating of the Commission
2. the completion of a Preliminary Districting Plan
3. the submission of a Recommended Districting Plan
4. if the City Council disapproves a Recommended Districting Plan
5. the date of the November 2014 election if the Council still has not adopted a plan

Milestone 1: Seating of the Commission
* Within 60 days, the City Council must approve a budget for the districting Commission.
* Within 150 days, the Commission must hold at least six public hearings, draw district lines, and complete a Preliminary Districting Plan.

To comply with this milestone:
Public Hearings will be held on October 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 and 27.
Linedrawing meetings will be held on October 27 and 29.

Milestone 2: Completion of the Preliminary Districting Plan (“PDP”)
* Within 30 days, the Commission must hold at least three public hearings on the PDP.
* Within 40 days, the Commission must finalize a Recommended Districting Plan and submit it, along with a report explaining it, to the City Council for their approval.

To comply with this milestone, Public Hearings have been set for November 21, 23, and 24.

Milestone 3: Submission of the Recommended Districting Plan
* Within 40 days, the City Council must hold at least one public hearing and must approve or reject the plan by majority vote. If it rejects it, the City Council must provide its reasons for rejection to the Commission in writing.

Milestone 4: If the City Council rejects the Recommended Districting Plan
* Within 40 days, the Commission must submit either the same RDP or a new RDP.

Milestone 5: At least 120 days before the November 2014 election
* If at this point, the City Council not yet voted to approve a plan, the RDP then under submission shall be automatically adopted as the Final Districting Plan.