
Desert Healthcare District/Foundation

Draft Maps Input Sessions

June 1, 2018

The Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors recently decided to move away from an at-large election system for its Board structure and transition to a 5 zone-based election system for the November 2018 election to help strengthen community representation.

In a process required by State law, input was provided by Board Members, District Staff, and members of the public through multiple processes, including at two initial Public Hearings. The Public Hearings were held April 24 and May 8, conducted before any map drawing by the District's consultant National Demographics Corporation (NDC) as a part of the proposed transition to zones.

NDC has created four draft maps based on input from the Public Hearings. The Desert Healthcare District/Foundation (DHCD/F) has published the maps, including a fifth map created by a member of the public on its website for review and public comment. An explanation of each draft map is provided by NDC, including additional information to ensure a better understanding of the maps and zone definitions.

The public is invited to comment and provide suggested changes on the proposed draft maps or create a map of your own. Please note each zone must include approximately 39,400 residents. The maps can be accessed through the following link. www.dhcd.org/Transition-to-Zoning **All proposed maps are due by close of business June 9, 2018.**

The Board of Directors will meet on **June 19 at 6 p.m. at UCR Palm Desert** – 75080 Frank Sinatra Drive, Palm Desert – Building B with complimentary parking in Lot B; and again, on **June 26 in the Stergios Building** at 1140 N. Indian Canyon Drive, 1st Floor Conference Rooms A & B.

At the June 19 meeting, the Board will consider the draft maps, recommended changes, and additional suggestions. The Board will select maps to publish on the District's website for final public viewing prior to the June 26 meeting. It is anticipated that the Board of Directors will adopt a final map for transition to zones at the June 26 meeting.

Please direct all map inquires to Douglas Johnson, President, NDC or Justin Leavitt, Ph.D., Vice President, NDC at 818-254-1221 or via email at djohnson@ndcresearch.com or jlevitt@ndcresearch.com.

The public is also encouraged to RSVP to DHCD/F via email to Andrea S. Hayles at ahayles@dhcd.org or via phone at 760-323-6110. All other questions can be directed to Herb K. Schultz, CEO, DHCD/F via email at hschultz@dhcd.org or cell at 760-219-5619.