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Malibu City Council to Hold Special City Council Meeting and Public Hearing on Potential By-District Elections Tonight, March 12. March 13 Special City Council Meeting and Public Hearing is Cancelled

(Malibu, CA) – The Malibu City Council will be conducting a Special City Council Meeting and Public Hearing on Potential by-district elections tonight, March 12 at 6:00 PM as scheduled at Malibu City Hall. In an abundance of caution, the Friday, March 13 Special City Council Meeting and Public Hearing has been cancelled.

Residents are encouraged to submit comments via email to the City Clerk at cityclerk@malibucity.org. City staff will distribute all the correspondence received to the City Council and save it in the record.

The Public Hearings are being held to gather input from the public regarding the composition of potential City Council districts and sequencing of elections. It is also an opportunity for the Council to provide direction and guidance to staff and the demographer regarding further drafting and composition of draft maps. Ultimately, the City may ask voters to decide whether to change the way City Councilmembers are elected and the draft maps could create new voter districts for City Council elections.

The Thursday, March 12 Special City Council Meeting and Public Hearing is being held as scheduled. The meeting will be streamed live and can be watched later on demand at: www.malibucity.org/tv and <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofMalibu/videos>. Residents who are concerned about Coronavirus are encouraged to watch the meeting from home and submit comments via email to the City Clerk. City staff will distribute all the correspondence received to the City Council and save it in the record.

On January 13, 2020, the Malibu City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-02 directing the retention of a demographer and directing a schedule be brought back to take actions and schedule public hearings related to district-based elections in accordance with Elections Code section 10010(a), and declaring its intention to place a binding initiative on the ballot for the 2020 General Municipal Election as to whether to transition to district-based elections.

This is in response to a letter sent by Milton C. Grimes of the Law Offices of Milton C. Grimes, which claims the City's at-large system of voting violates the California Voting Rights Act. Proposed voting district maps are available for public review on the City's website at: <https://www.malibucity.org/971/District-Elections>. You can view the maps on the District Elections page under the Draft Maps tab.

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