



## City of Santa Clara

The Center of Vision. The Heart of the Community.

### Help Shape the Future of Santa Clara District Elections

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#### Survey

Name (optional): Scot Hanna Weir

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☒ Yes

☐ No

2. Should the City Charter be changed to adopt the six Council district plan currently in place for electing its six Councilmembers by District?

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**POST MEETING MATERIAL**



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Having larger districts w/ multiple representation seems useful. But, we need to be careful to draw district lines that allow for the representation of the diversity of the city.

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*if necessary*



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Please consider some form of ranked choice voting  
no matter which districting method is  
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ME TO BELIEVE ANY DISTRICT COUNCIL  
REP WOULD ONLY CARE ABOUT THEIR  
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AS A WHOLE OR ALL CITIZENS OF CITY

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Patricia Machado

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4 - Must live in city

3 - Return to old system - Not  
segregate the city into separate  
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