~ PUBLIC WORKSHOP ~

Think You Know Lodi? Want to Help Shape It?

The City received a letter from the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund asserting that the City's at-large system for the election of city council members results in Latino vote dilution and prevents Latino voters from electing candidates of their choice in violation of the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and also threatens litigation unless the City voluntarily converts to a "by-district" election system. Without a concession of liability or admission that the CVRA has been violated, the City Council adopted a resolution of intention to initiate procedures for establishing and implementing by-district elections for City Council Members. Beginning in 2018, elections for Council Members will be by district, instead of the current at-large (also known as citywide) elections, in which all voters have the opportunity to make a decision on each council seat. This means that all voters will now vote for the one council member representing the district where the voters live once every four years.

We are asking for YOUR help!

The City of Lodi is holding a workshop on by-district election mapping, and we need your help in planning the City's change to by-district Council elections by drawing and submitting by-district maps for City Council consideration.

The two map-drawing tools available are paper-only maps and a powerful online map-drawing tool. This workshop will offer a video tutorial on how to utilize the on-line mapping tool, as well as staff assistance in navigating the on-line mapping functions. Paper maps will also be available and accepted for submittal.

When and where???

Time: 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Location: Lodi Public Library
            Community Room
            201 W. Locust Street

Although not required, it is recommended participants bring a laptop computer.
A limited number of laptop computers will be available for those without one.

Please call the **City Clerk's Office at 333-6702** if you have any questions regarding this matter.