

Raina Allan

From: David Hagele
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2025 7:24 PM
To: Sandra Walheim; Jeff Kay; Raina Allan
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] - Healdsburg Voting Districts and Mayor selection

Hi Mark, Hi Sandy,

Thank you for the email & sharing your feedback. I've copied our City Manager & Clerk on this reply so they're aware as well.

Thank you,

David Hagele
Councilmember,
City of Healdsburg

On Feb 2, 2025, at 6:54 PM, Sandra Walheim <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Dear City Council Members,

My husband and I are 32-year residents of Healdsburg. Having lived in this community for that length of time, we have seen many changes to the community. The district voting proposal for the city is one of the bigger changes that has come to life. We support the district voting concept and its potential to bring more accurate demographic representation to the City Council. However, this is still a town of about 12,000 people. Five districts are appropriate for this transition, and align with the number of City Council members.

We support continuing to select the Mayor from the five districts as has been historical process. The rotation promotes teamwork and collaboration in the Council. It also ties the Mayor to a district which we feel is a positive move. In time, every district will have mayoral representation which is also very positive.

Ultimately, district representation will be a good move for the City of Healdsburg. I wish it could have come from our own agenda and timeline instead of being pushed by litigation threats. We feel confident that Healdsburg will weather this change and continue to move forward on a path of progression.

Thank you for your service as Council Members, we appreciate what you do for the City.

Sincerely,

Mark and Sandy Walheim

