



# Morgan Hill 2018 Election and Ballot Measure Overview



# District Elections



## Why?

- May 2017, the City of Morgan Hill received a letter from [letter from Goldstein, Borgen, Dardarian, & Ho](#) claiming that Morgan Hill's at-large election system violates the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)
- Threat of an expensive lawsuit claiming that the City's at-large election system was not representative
- June 2017, the City Council voted to voluntarily move to a district-based elections system

# District Elections (continued)



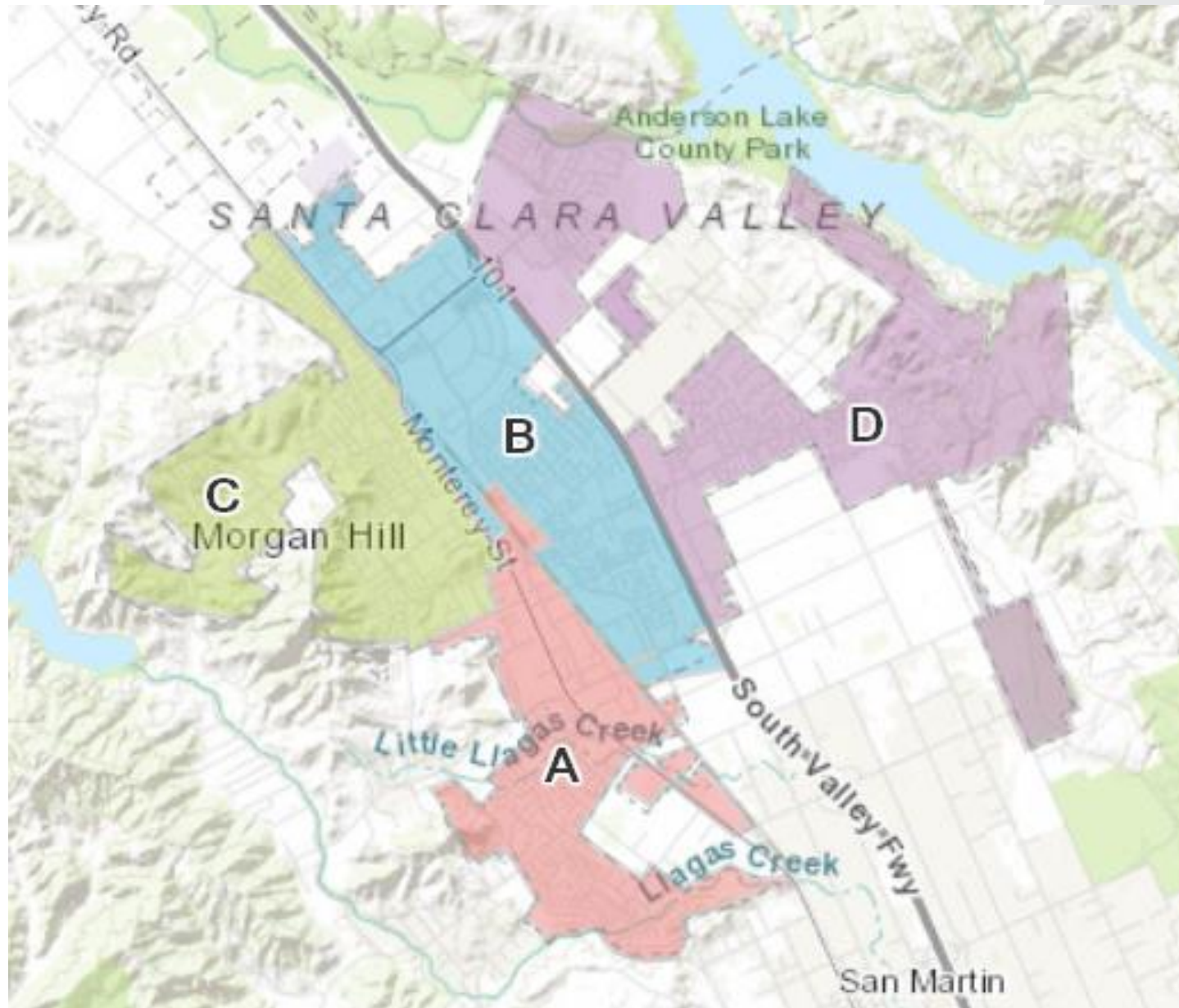
## Why?

- Summer of 2017, extensive community outreach
- September 2017, the City Council adopted an Ordinance establishing and implementing the district-based elections system including the map setting the district boundaries
- November 2018 Elections, first time electing council members by district

# District Elections (continued)

- Council Members Only
- Mayor Still Elected at Large
- Districts B & D are the open seats for the November 2018 Election

# District Map



# Morgan Hill Ballot Measures



## Measure H – Transient Occupancy Tax

1% Increase to Transient Occupancy Tax

- 10% to 11%
- Taxes visitors lodging in Morgan Hill

Estimated \$270,000 General Fund Revenue

- Road repair/improvements
- Maintaining Public Safety

Last increase in 1991 (9% to 10%)

Revenues **CANNOT** be taken by State



# Morgan Hill Ballot Measures (continued)



## Measure H – Transient Occupancy Tax

City	TOT RATE	TOT Measure on 11/18 ballot
Campbell	12.00%	
Cupertino	12.00%	
Gilroy	9.00%	
Los Altos	11.00%	14.00%
Los Altos Hills	10.50%	
Los Gatos	10.00%	
Milpitas	10.00%	14.00%
Monte Sereno	no TOT	
Morgan Hill	10.00%	11.00%
Mountain View	10.00%	
Palo Alto	14.00%	15.50%
San Jose	10.00%	
Santa Clara	9.50%	
Saratoga	10.00%	
Sunnyvale	10.50%	12.50%

# Morgan Hill Ballot Measures (continued)



## Measure I – Cannabis Tax

Tax on Medical and Non Medical Commercial Cannabis Activities

Does Not Allow for Commercial Cannabis activities in Morgan Hill

Estimated \$340K - \$750K General Fund Revenue

- Public Safety
- Drug Abuse Prevention

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# Morgan Hill Ballot Measures (continued)



## Measure I – Cannabis Tax

Commercial cultivation would be taxed based on the size of plants (square footage of canopy) at a maximum rate of up to **\$15 per square foot**

All other cannabis businesses could be taxed up to **10% of gross receipts**

# Morgan Hill Ballot Measures (continued)



## Measure J – Appointive City Clerk

Changes the position of City Clerk from elected to appointed

- Role has changed
- Allows for appointing qualified candidate
- Majority of responsibilities already handled by full-time City of Morgan Hill employee

Provides approximately \$30,000 in annual savings and up to \$15,000 every 4 years on election costs

Current City Clerk supports Measure J

# California Proposition 6



## Approval for Future Gas and Vehicle Taxes and 2017 Tax Repeal Initiative

- Repeals SB1, the gas and diesel tax increases and vehicle fees that were approved by California voters in 2016 and enacted in 2017
- Requires voter approval for fuel tax and vehicle fee increases in the future

# California Proposition 6 (continued)



## A YES vote supports this initiative to:

- Repeal fuel tax increases and vehicle fees that were enacted in 2017 (SB1)
- Require voter approval for the California State Legislature to impose, increase or extend fuel taxes or vehicle fees in future

# California Proposition 6 (continued)



## A NO vote opposes this initiative, thus:

- Keeping fuel tax increases and vehicle fees that were enacted in 2017 (SB1) in place and
- Allowing State Legislature to continue to impose, increase or extend fuel taxes or vehicle fees through 2/3 vote of each chamber and without voter approval

# California Proposition 6 (continued)



## Fiscal Impact to Morgan Hill

- Loss of \$800,000 to \$1 million annually for local roadway improvement projects

# California Proposition 6 (continued)



## Road Improvement Project Impacts

### Fiscal Year 2018/19

- Sutter Blvd. (Butterfield to Cochrane)
- Monterey Rd. (Cochrane to Tilton)
- East Dunne Ave.
  - Hill to Thomas Grade
  - Condit Road to Walnut Grove
- Butterfield Blvd. (Cochrane to Main)
- Jackson Meadows neighborhood



# California Proposition 6 (continued)



## Road Improvement Project Impacts

### Fiscal Year 2019/20

- East Dunne Ave. (Thomas Grade to City Limits)
- Condit Road ( Diana to Ford Store)
- LaCrosse area and associated neighborhood

# MORE INFORMATION:

[www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/2018BallotMeasures](http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/2018BallotMeasures)

[www.ballotpedia.org](http://www.ballotpedia.org)

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