



City of Whittier  
Council Voting Districts  
Frequently Asked Questions

**What district do I live in?**

[Click here](#) to enter your address and find your council district number.

**Where can I get a copy of the voting districts map?**

Copies of the voting districts map are available by [clicking here](#) and from the City Clerk-Treasurer Department at City Hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier.

**Why is Whittier now voting by districts?**

In June 2014, Whittier voters approved a change from citywide voting to by-district voting for four council districts and citywide voting for the Mayor. District boundaries were set with expert assistance to adhere to state law and after community input on what neighborhoods should stay together. [Click here](#) to read more about Voting District Formation.

**When is the next City election?**

The next General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. General Elections are held the second Tuesday in April of even numbered years.

**Now that the City has district voting, what happens to the terms of incumbent Council Members?**

All five Council Members will serve until their terms end.

Owen Newcomer – April 2016

Joe Vinatieri – April 2016

Cathy Warner – April 2016

Fernando Dutra – April 2018

Bob Henderson – April 2018

**What is the deadline for registering to vote?**

The deadline to register to vote is 15 days before an election. The deadline to register to vote in the April 2016 Election is Monday, March 28, 2016.

**How long do I need to live in a district to be eligible to vote?**

To be eligible to vote in the next City election in April 2016, you must be registered to vote by March 28, 2016. If you are registered to vote in the City of Whittier and move from one district to another without updating your voter registration, you can vote a provisional ballot in the new district, bring your driver's license or photo ID.

**When will my district elect a Council Member?**

All four districts will elect Council members. In 2016, voters residing in Districts 1 and 3 will elect a Council member to serve a four-year term. In 2018, voters residing in Districts 2 and 4 will elect a Council member to serve a four-year term. [Click here](#) to enter your address and find your council district number. At each of these elections, all voters will elect a Mayor citywide to serve a two-year term.

**Can incumbent Council Members run for Mayor?**

Yes. Any incumbent Council Member can run for Mayor even if their term will not be completed by the date of the election.

**Can an individual run for Mayor and a Council seat?**

An individual can run for only one City of Whittier elected office at a time. However, a person serving as a Council Member may run for Mayor or a district Council seat and a person serving as Mayor can run for a Council position.

**What are the qualifications to run for Mayor or City Council?**

Candidates must be registered voters of the City of Whittier. To run for a district seat, a candidate must reside in that district by the filing deadline. The filing deadline for the April 2016 election is not yet set but is expected to be mid-January.

**Where is my polling place?**

Polling places for the April 2016 Election have not yet been selected but will be determined by February 2016.

**Where can I call for more information and will they speak Spanish?**

For additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 567-9854. English and Spanish staff members are available during business hours and the City contracts for professional interpreter assistance in over 100 additional languages.