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'Meet the Expert' meetings on district voting boundaries set for May 19, 21 in Upland

Upland, Calif. – Upland residents are invited to attend “Meet the Expert” meetings with demographic mapping consultant David Ely of Compass Demographics to discuss the setting of voting district boundaries.

The appointment-only, face-to-face meetings are limited to five people at a time, and will give community members the opportunity to use geographic information system tools to better understand how boundaries are developed.

During these meetings, Ely typically uses sample maps as a starting point to give an idea of how equal population district boundaries might be distributed and to solicit input and mapping ideas from community members.

Earlier this year, the City of Upland entered into a settlement agreement with the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project after it was alleged that the City’s at-large elections violated the California Voting Rights Act. As part of the settlement, the City will put a measure on the November 2016 ballot, which, if approved, would define and establish a district-based election system to ensure minority votes are not diluted.

The Meet the Expert meetings are scheduled for:

Thursday, May 19, 2016: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Carnegie Library.

Saturday, May 21: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 460 N. Euclid Ave.

To attend one of these meetings, please call the City Clerk’s Office at (909) 931-4120.

Following these meetings, there will be four community meetings held throughout the City during the month of June.

If you have any questions about this topic, please send an email to: districtvoting@ci.upland.ca.us.

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