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City of Chico District Election Update **November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election**

Chico, CA – October 17, 2022) The November 8, 2022 election is getting closer, and citizens are beginning to receive their mail-in ballots from the County Elections Department. Due to the recent redistricting process, some voters have questions about their ballots, especially for those residing in District 3.

City of Chico districts were originally formed in 2020. During the November 2020 election, Chico voters selected Councilmember so for District 1, 3, 5, and 7. Districts, 2, 4, and 6 were to be determined during the November 2022 election.

Following the 2020 census, as required under the California Election Code and the City of Chico City Charter, boundary line modifications were made to all districts. This resulted in having some voters being moved from their 2020 Districts into new Districts for the 2022 election. For some voters, this means that they moved into Districts that are not being considered during this election. Citizens wishing to access the new district information can do so by clicking on the election link found on the City of Chico's website: <https://chico.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=65c4f6c832e644da866c81c299a12a38>. The original 2020 District 3 map has been included with this press release.

In addition, citizens may recall that in June of 2021, after serving only 6 months, Kami Denlay, the original District 3 Representative resigned. The City Council appointed Dale Bennett to fill out Ms. Denlay's term until a Special Election could be held, which has been consolidated with the General Election to be held on November 8, 2022. Due to the requirements of the Election Code, the replacement to fill the remaining two years of this vacancy needs to be determined by the "original" 2020 District 3 voters. So, on top of the redistricting modifications for voters to grapple with, some voters who know they are now in District 3 are not seeing the District 3 candidates listed on their ballots. This is because pursuant to the California Elections Code, the vacancy in District 3 must be determined by the original voters who voted in the 2020 election.

The redistricting did create an unusual situation in which a handful of residents will not be able to vote for a City Council representative until 2024. And there could also be a handful of residents that may end up voting for two representatives due to still residing in the original "2020" District 3 to fill the vacancy, and yet are now included in District 2, which will be deciding who its representative will be for the next four years.

"It should be noted this is an anomaly due to a combination of by-district voting, the recent census-based boundary changes, and a Council resignation. It is clear that these changes were unavoidable but, most importantly, the ballots are in compliance with the City Charter and State law. The City of Chico elections will be back on track with the 2024 election, with the newly drawn Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 up for election at that time."

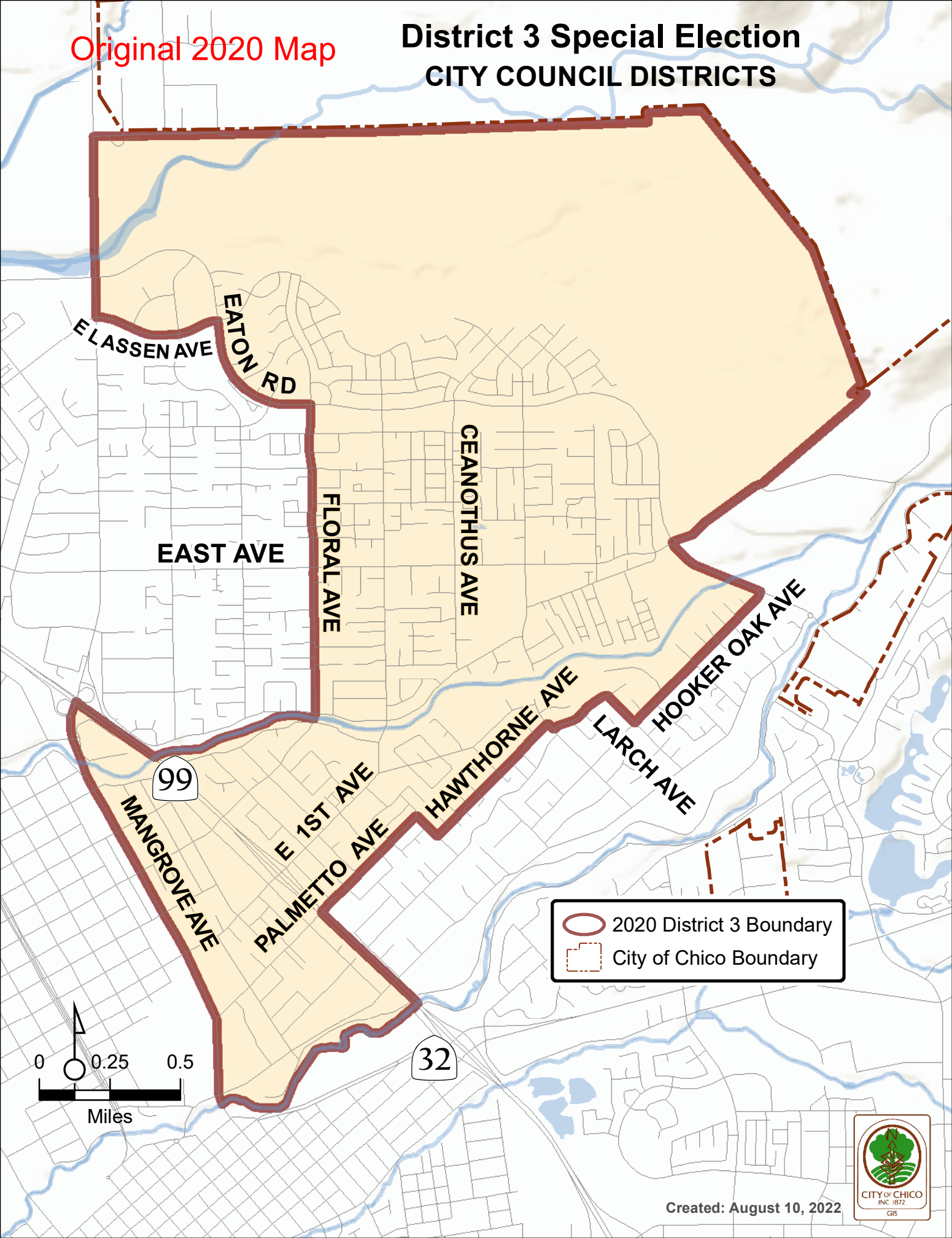
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Attachment: Original "2020" District 3 Map

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Original 2020 Map

District 3 Special Election CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS



○ 2020 District 3 Boundary
□ City of Chico Boundary



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