## **City of Chico**

## **Council Member**

The Chico City Council determines city government and administration policies, as well as adopts budgets and legislation. A city council member is an elected legislative official. The primary responsibility of the position is to make and enforce laws. Following each election and after the newly elected members of Council are sworn in, the Council selects a Mayor and Vice Mayor from among its members to serve for a two-year term. The City Council has two standing committees which are the Finance Committee and the Internal Affairs Committee.

**Number of elected officials:** Seven

**Elected by district:** The City of Chico consolidates its General Municipal Election with the statewide election held in even-numbered years. Under Chico's new district-based election system, created in February 2020, voters will elect one councilmember for the district where they are registered to vote.

**Geographic area:** Chico is located in Northern California in Butte County. It has a population (at 2010 Census) of 86,187.

**Demographics**: According to the 2010 Census, the racial makeup of Chico was 69,606 (80.8%) White, 1,771 (2.1%) African American, 1,167 (1.4%) Native American, 3,656 (4.2%) Asian, 210 (0.2%) Pacific Islander, 5,437 (6.3%) from other races, and 4,340 (5.0%) from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 13,315 persons (15.4%).

**Length of term:** Four years

**Special Qualifications:** Must be 21 years or older, be a registered voter, and reside in a District in which he or she seeks election at the time the nomination papers are issued.

**Council Meetings:** The City Council meets on every first and third Tuesday of the month at 6-pm in the Council Chambers located at 421 Main Street.

Virtual Meetings link: <a href="http://chico-ca.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\_id=2">http://chico-ca.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\_id=2</a>

**Agenda link:** <a href="https://www.chico.ca.us/agendas-minutes">https://www.chico.ca.us/agendas-minutes</a>

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