Some cities, including Winston-Salem under its current system, elect all their council members by district.

THINGS TO CONSIDER WITH THIS SYSTEM:

• Districts should have equal numbers of city residents, but will not have the same geographical size.
• Districts can be drawn any number of ways.
• Electing all members by district ensures that all parts of the city are geographically represented on the City Council.
• If communities of interest are clustered within specific districts, district elections allow those interest groups to have representation in city government.
• District elections ensure that every voter is represented on the City Council by a specific council member.
• Voters only vote for one member of the council — to represent their district.
• When members are elected by district, their focus may be on their constituents and their district, rather than the city as a whole.