

Narrative for Map Submissions to the CCRC: California Native Vote Project

Section I:

This narrative covers the map submission for State Assembly, Senate, and Congressional Districts.

Section II:

The California Native Vote Project, or CNVP, is the first-of-its-kind statewide effort to engage Native American communities across dozens of counties to build political power through an integrated voter engagement strategy. California Native Vote Project has deep partnerships with California Indian Tribes and Native-led nonprofits throughout California and is a member of several national Native American groups.

Section III:

We entered the line-drawing process because of community input in 2018 regarding the fact that the Karuk Reservation was split between two districts for State Assembly, Senate, and Congressional Districts. We discussed the redistricting process and the Karuk Reservation's current political boundaries during a Tribal Census event in Arcata, CA in 2019. The meeting was attended by several Karuk Tribal members. Since the meeting in 2019, we have continued building support for our proposals during virtual community presentations in collaboration with Native-student groups, Tribal governments, and Native organizations.

As a member of the Integrated Voter Engagement (IVE) Redistricting Alliance, we have worked closely with many local and statewide non-profit organizations to ensure there is alignment in submissions that focus on equity while meeting legal criteria.

Section IV:

We believe that keeping this COI together is key, as the Karuk Reservation has 578 (2020 Census) residents who share strong cultural ties. The small section of the reservation that is currently politically separated from the larger mass should be unified with the rest of the COI.

Section V: We have worked closely with the IVE Redistricting Alliance to ensure the submitted maps meet all legal criteria.

Section VI: Thank you so much for your time. For any questions, you may contact Jesse Fraire