Draw My CA Community Training

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
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- Why is redistricting important?
- Why should you be involved?
- Your role in the process

Redistricting has been used at times to exclude communities from political power. By fully participating in and monitoring the upcoming redistricting process, more communities may have a better opportunity to elect candidates of their choice who will voice their needs and interests.
How Redistricting Affects You

Power to the People

Champion Your Issues

Funding Priorities

Community Boundaries
Different Redistricting Efforts

**State**—Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and Board of Equalization.

**Counties**—58 counties, some with their own process.

**Cities**—482 cities, some with their own process.

**School Districts**—1037 school districts, some with their own process.

**Other Redistricting Efforts**—water districts, community college districts, etc.
6 Line Drawing Criteria by Order

The Commission must follow these weighted criteria in this order when drawing district maps:

1. **Equal Population**
   - Districts must be of equal population to comply with the US Constitution.

2. **Voting Rights Act**
   - Districts must comply with the Voting Rights Act to ensure that minorities have an equal opportunity to elect representatives of their choice.

3. **Contiguity**
   - Districts must be drawn so that all parts of the district are connected to each other.

4. **Communities of Interest**
   - Districts must minimize the division of cities, counties, neighborhoods, and communities of interest to the extent possible.

5. **Geographically Compact**
   - Districts should be geographically compact such that nearby areas of population are not bypassed for more distant populations. This requirement refers to density, not shape.

6. **Nesting Districts**
   - Where practicable each Senate District should be comprised of two complete and adjacent Assembly Districts and Board of Equalization districts shall be composed of 10 complete and adjacent State Senate Districts.

In addition, the place of residence of any incumbent or political candidate may not be considered in the creation of a map, and districts may not be drawn for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party.
Communities of Interest (COI)

- **Communities of Interest (COI)**—A community of interest is a concentrated population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.

- Examples include culture, areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media.

- People can belong to multiple communities of interest.

- Community of Interest is not the same as a district but are key building blocks of districts.
Participating in the Process

1. **DESCRIBE**
   your community

2. **DRAW**
   your community on a map

3. **SEND**
   your testimony directly to the Commission

Provide your input today at:
DrawMyCACommunity.org
Getting Started:
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Welcome to Draw My CA Community!

Getting started

LOGIN
CONTINUE AS GUEST

Need an account? Sign up here.

If you log in, you will be able to save a draft of your work to return to later and you will be able to view any community you have already submitted to the Commission.

If you continue as a guest, you do not need to create an account or log in, but you will not be able to save your work to return to later. Guest users can create an account or log in to their pre-existing account at any time.
My Community

1. Describe your community

Give your community a name*
Required

Tell us about your community. What are your shared interests? What brings you together? What is important to your community?*
Required

Are there nearby areas you want to be in a district with? Nearby areas you don't want to be in a district with? Why or why not?

Is there anything else you can tell us about your community?

2. Draw your community

Describe Your Community

What are your shared interests?

What is important to your community?

Are there nearby areas you don't want to be in a district with?

Are there nearby areas you want to be in a district with?
Draw Your Community

Zooming In/Out

Searching
Draw Your Community

Move Map
Add by Clicking
Add by Rectangle
Add by Freehand
Remove Area

2. Draw your community

Drawing tools

Drawing layer

Choose drawing layer?
Counties
Basemap style
Colorful

Example Basemap

Example Drawing Layer
Exporting, Saving and Submitting Your Input

Menu Button

3. Submit your community

Save
Submit
How to Get More Assistance

- Tutorial
- Chat with Tech Support
- User Guides
- How-To Videos
- Sign Up for a Virtual Appointment
- Call the helpline at (510) 280-3305
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- Long Beach
- Oakland
- Sacramento
- San Bernardino
- San Diego

Publicly accessible computers
Redistricting software developed by the Statewide Database.
Staff available to support the public

Appointments are required to visit a Redistricting Access Center

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SUBSCRIBE TO OUR MAILING LIST AND SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT
Receive e-blasts and the Commission’s weekly social media toolkit to help us spread the word.
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Gather members, constituents and community to watch a Commission meeting, Redistricting Basics video or COI Tool Training Video
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMKfuZnixpNCXte_Qh-Me4Q
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfTVZHUt3Ore3jfllfCfcPg

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