CRC Redistricting Presentation
California Citizens Redistricting Commission
WeDrawTheLinesCA.org
Reminder—No Public Input Will Be Taken Today

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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.
Draw Your CA!

Tell the CRC about your community today!

Draw My CA Community allows users to draw a map of their community and respond to a few simple prompts about their Communities of Interest. When finished, users can submit community input directly to the California Redistricting Commission for consideration in the statewide redistricting process.

Draw My CA Districts is a free-to-use online tool for creating district maps.

Through Draw My CA Districts, users can create district maps throughout the state of California and submit those maps directly to the Commission.

Draw My CA is a free-to-use plugin for the open-source GIS platform, QGIS.

Through Draw My CA, users can create redistricting plans for the state of California and submit those maps directly to the Commission while having access to a full GIS platform.

Provide your input today at:
https://drawmycalifornia.org/
How to Get More Assistance

- Tutorial
- Chat with Tech Support
- Draw My CA Community - User Guide
  - Draw MY CA Districts - User Guide
- Draw My CA Community - How-To Videos
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- Sign Up for a Virtual Appointment
- Email: contact@drawmyncacommunity.org
- Call the helpline at (510) 280-3305
In Person Assistance: Redistricting Access Centers

- Fresno
- 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

See more on our flyer or at:
https://statewidedatabase.org/redistricting_access_centers/
Additional Ways to Provide Input

► Our Website:  
www.WeDrawTheLinesCA.org/contact

► By Email:  
VotersFirstAct@crc.ca.gov

► By Mail:  
California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

► Community Feedback on Visualizations Tool:  
Community Feedback Form
Help Spread the Word

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Receive e-blasts and the Commission’s weekly social media toolkit to help us spread the word.
https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/sign_up

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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/UCfTVZHUt30re3jflfCfcPg

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Timeline

- **February - July 2021**: Education Presentations (California Redistricting Basics)
- **June - September 2021**: Public Input Meetings (Communities of Interest)
- **August 12, 2021**: Census Data Received by the State
- **September 20, 2021**: Final dataset provided to Commission and Public with People in State Custody Reallocated
- **October - November 2021**: Public Input Meetings/Line Drawing Sessions
- **No Later than November 15, 2021**: Preliminary Draft District Maps Released
  
  *14 days following the release of Preliminary Draft District Maps, the Commission may not display any other maps for public comment during this period.

- **November-December 2021**: Following Release of Preliminary Draft Maps: Additional Public Input Meetings and Line Drawing Sessions
- **December 2021**: Possible additional draft District Maps Released
- **No Later than December 23, 2021**: Display of Commission Approved Final Maps
- **No Later than December 27, 2021**: Final District Maps Certified to Secretary of State
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