



City of Carlsbad Redistricting: Public Hearing #1



Redistricting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws

Equal Population
Federal Voting Rights Act
No Racial Gerrymandering



2. California Criteria for Cities

- 1. Geographically contiguous
- 2. Undivided neighborhoods and "communities of interest" (Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
- 3. Easily identifiable boundaries
- 4. Compact

(Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

Prohibited:

"Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party."

3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

Minimize voters shifted to different election years

Respect voters' choices / continuity in office

Future population growth

Preserving the core of existing districts

Carlsbad's Current Districts





Carlsbad Current Demographics

Carlsbad - Current Districts						
District		1	2	3	4	Total
2020	2020 Est. Total Pop	25,366	28,510	30,148	29,318	113,341
	Deviation from ideal	-2,970	175	1,812	982	4,782
	% Deviation	-10.48%	0.62%	6.40%	3.47%	16.88%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	% Hisp	16%	13%	10%	8%	11%
	% NH White	76%	74%	77%	84%	78%
	% NH Black	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	5%	9%	11%	7%	8%
	Total	17,845	20,859	20,781	21,547	81,032

Population numbers are estimates. We are waiting for final census data to be adjusted by the State of California for the actual population count to be used for redistricting.

Defining Neighborhoods

1st Question: What is your neighborhood?

2nd Question: What are its geographic boundaries?

Examples of physical features defining a neighborhood boundary:

- Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals and/or hills
- Areas around parks or schools
- Other neighborhood landmarks

In the absence of public testimony, planning records and other similar documents may provide definition.



"Community of Interest" Defined

- Elections Code Section 21621(c)(2):
 - To the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.
 - A "community of interest" is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.
- Cities should now formally identify "Section 21621(c)(2) Communities of Interest" early in the process.
 - Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates





Communities of Interest in Carlsbad

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1st Question: What defines your community?

- Geographic Area, plus
- Shared issue or characteristic
 - Shared social or economic interest
 - Impacted by county policies
- Tell us "your community's story"

2nd Question: Would this community benefit from being "included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation"?

Or would it benefit more from having multiple representatives?

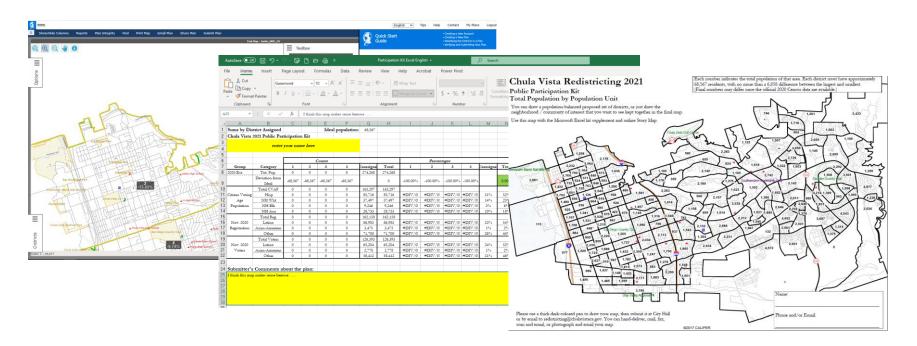
Definitions of Communities of Interest may <u>not</u> include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.



Public Mapping Tools

Tools for drawing your own maps are available on the City of Carlsbad Redistricting Page:

Carlsbadca.gov/City-Hall/City-Council/Redistricting





Public Hearing and Workshop Schedule

- Saturday, October 23, 2021 Public Workshops
- Saturday, November 13, 2021 Public Hearing #2
- Thursday, January 13, 2022 Public Hearing #3
- Thursday, February 17, 2022 Public Hearing #4

Please be advised this schedule is subject to change.



Next Steps

Fill out a Communities of Interest Survey
 Redistricting Survey (surveymonkey.com)

- Public Workshops Saturday October 23, 2021
 - Become familiar with Paper Mapping Kits and Online Tools
- Access the City of Carlsbad's Redistricting Page for more information:

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Discussion Topics

Questions about the process or mapping tools:

What is your neighborhood and what are its boundaries?

What other notable areas are in the City, and what are their boundaries?

What are the key Communities of Interest in Carlsbad?

- Geographic Area, plus
- Shared issue or characteristic
 - Shared social or economic interest
 - Impacted by county policies
- Other unifying characteristics