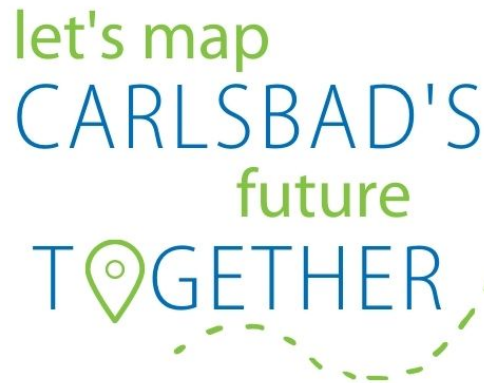


# City of Carlsbad Redistricting



Redistricting is the process of redrawing the boundaries of election districts, including local election districts such as city councils, school boards, county boards of supervisors, and more. Local governments must redistrict at least once every 10 years, based on federal census data, to reflect changes in population and to ensure that all districts have about the same number of residents of voting age.



## Why redistricting matters

Redistricting will determine which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for the purposes of electing a City Council member. The goal of electing City Council members by district is to give a greater political voice to traditionally underrepresented communities.

The City of Carlsbad has four City Council members who are elected by district and a mayor who is elected citywide.



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## Independent Redistricting Commission

The City Council chose to have an independent redistricting commission make the final decision about the new City Council district map. Working with the commission, the city will seek input from the community at several stages of the process. The commission will consider this input in choosing the final map.

The commission's meetings are open to the public and include time for public comments. Get the meeting schedule at [carlsbadca.gov/districts](https://carlsbadca.gov/districts).



## Steps in the process

New maps must be approved by April 17, 2022, so they are ready for the November 2022 election.



### Identify communities of interest

What groups should stay together because they share common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation?



### Get the latest census data

See how Carlsbad's population has changed so boundaries can be redrawn to ensure about the same number of people in each district.



### Draw maps

Members of the public and the city's professional demographer will draw suggested maps that balance the city's population and keep communities of interest together.



### Review, refine maps

The public will give input on proposed maps. The Independent Redistricting Commission may direct the demographer to make certain changes to proposed maps



### Publish final proposed map

The final proposed map must be published on the city's website at least 7 days before it is considered for approval by the Independent Redistricting Commission



### Approve new map by April 17, 2022



## Communities of interest

A community of interest is a “contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.”

The following elements help define communities of interest:

- Shared interests in schools, housing, community safety, transit, health conditions, land use, environmental conditions, and/or other issues
- Common social and civic networks, including churches, mosques, temples, homeowner associations, and community centers, and shared use of community spaces, like parks and shopping centers
- Racial and ethnic compositions, cultural identities, and households that predominantly speak a language other than English
- Similar socio-economic status, including but not limited to income, homeownership, and education levels
- Shared political boundary lines from other jurisdictions, such as school districts, community college districts, and water districts

## Public input

### Public hearings

Sept. 23, 2021

Nov. 13, 2021

Jan. 13, 2021

Feb. 17, 2021

### Mapping workshops

Saturday, Oct. 23



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## Commonly asked questions

### **Why does redistricting matter to me?**

Redistricting will determine which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for the purposes of electing a City Council member. The goal of electing City Council members by district is to give a greater political voice to traditionally underrepresented communities.

### **How many districts are in Carlsbad?**

The City of Carlsbad has four City Council members elected by district voters, and a mayor who is elected citywide.

### **How and why were the current districts decided?**

As a result of litigation against the city, the Carlsbad City Council moved from at-large elections to by-district elections and adopted the city's current voting district map in 2017. The map was drawn by Carlsbad community members through a public involvement process, and the final map was selected by City Council and included in Section 2.04.070 of the Carlsbad Municipal Code.

### **Why was it necessary to draw district lines in 2017 when they are changing again in 2022?**

The City of Carlsbad was sued under the California Voting Rights Act in 2017. The City of Carlsbad agreed to move from at-large City Council elections to by-district elections. Based on data from the 2010 Census, the City Council adopted a map of voting districts, which was used in the 2018 and 2020 local elections. Following the 2020 Census, the current district lines must be redrawn to ensure each district has about the same number of residents of voting age.

### **How is an independent redistricting commission different from other ways of creating new districts?**

California local governments can choose to have their governing body, such as the City Council, redraw their own voting districts. Local jurisdictions can also utilize an Advisory Redistricting Commission or an Independent Redistricting Commission. The Carlsbad City Council chose to appoint an independent commission that will adopt the final district map.

### **When do City Council member terms expire?**

Districts 1, 3 are up for election in November 2022.

Districts 2, 4 are up for election in November 2024.

**If you have questions about redistricting, email us at [redistricting@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:redistricting@carlsbadca.gov).**