

City of Davis Redistricting 2021-22





Agenda

Things we will cover:

- Communities of Interest
- Public Testimony on Communities of Interest
- Public Hearing Schedule



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While communities of interest may include race, it cannot be the *predominant factor* in drawing district boundaries.



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- Historical communities
- Economic interests
- Racial composition
- Ethnic Areas
- Cultural amenities
- Religious facilities
- Immigrant communities
- Languages spoken
- Geographic features
- Neighborhoods
- Economic opportunity zones

- Tourism Areas
- School districts
- Outdoor recreation areas
- Communities defined by natural resource features
- Downtown / Urban
- Rural or Agricultural
- Homeowner or Renters
- Creative arts communities
- Media markets
- Many, many more



What is NOT a Community of Interest

Preventing a Districting from becoming a Gerrymander

The Fair Maps Act explicitly prohibits these groups from being considered as communities of interest

- Political party affiliation
- Incumbents
- Political candidates

It also is hard, in redistricting to truly utilize:

• Groups of similarly minded people who do not share a similar geographic location or are citywide.



Three Critical Questions in Defining YOUR Community

- Does the community have a shared culture, characteristics or bond?
- Is the community geographic in nature? Is the community able to be mapped?
- Describe the community's relationship with the jurisdiction and how it is affected by the policy decisions made by the elected officials.



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YES! Historical communities and areas with historic discrimination can and should be recognized as a community of interest when drawing maps.



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NO! It is important that a community of interest is distinct enough to draw on a map. This group overlaps throughout the entire state, and it is unlikely that a governing agency has any say over these issues.



Community of Interest Forms

Submitting Your COI Form

Input can be provided in public hearings or using our "Community of Interest Survey Form" on the city's redistricting website.



Community of Interest Worksheet

Your input is needed to shape the new districts for the North Marin Water District Board of Directors, and one way Your input is needed to shape the new outricts for the North Marin Water District Board of Directors, and one will you can be helpful is by assisting the board in developing a list of "communities of interest" or "COf" that can be utilized in districting.

A Community of Interest is any cohesive group of people that live in a geographically definable area and should be considered as a potential voting bloc in current or future elections.

ne communities of interest that are considered "protected classes" in that they have rights through There are some communities of interest that are considered "protected classes" in that they have rights through state or federal civil rights or voting rights law. Some examples of protected classes in districting would be ethnic and radial minorities like a concentration of Latino, Asian or African Americans within a congressional district, volverever applicable to define these areas and make sure that they are not being harmed by the district hyporrelation.

There are other COI that can also be considered in districting, but don't have the higher legal requirem There are other COI that can also be considered in districting, but don't have the higher legal requirements as ethnic or racial minorities, but still are critical to the process. These could be clusters of senior citizens in one community, or a group of college students hinging in a densely populated area area carmous, or people who live in advantage on a senior community, or a group of coaege students awing in a densety populated area near a campus, or people who is a downtown area or hillside, agricultural, urban, or even people who share concerns such as transportation, airport noise, dog parks, etc...

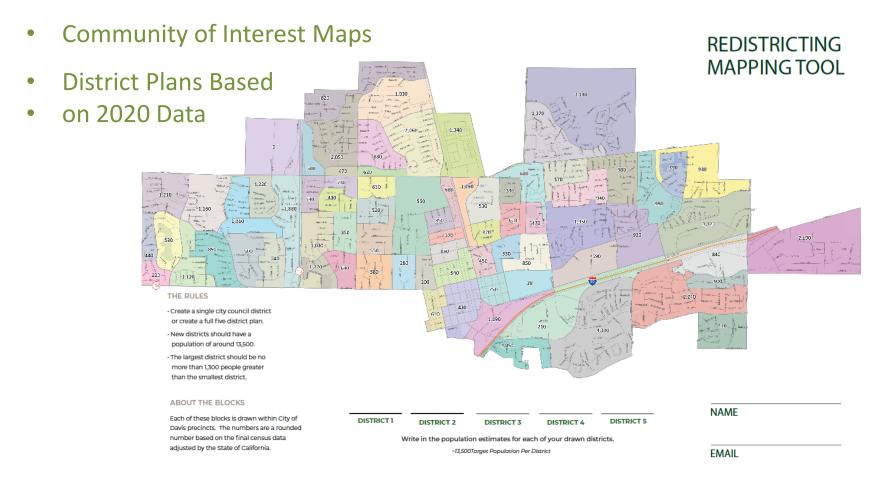
- What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your community? You can describe what the How to document your COI common interests of your community are, and why or how they are important.
- Where is your community located? You can define it by drawing it on a map or describing it by natural or
- What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this districting? You can describe how street/city/school board or other political boundaries. what is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this outricting? You can describe the the community interacts with the agency being districted, and how the issues before the board have a unique. impact on that community.

- Attend one of the informational meetings or hearings! Go to nmwd.com to learn more.
- Email the information to: info@nmved.com in your own words or complete the attached worksheet
- Mail or drop it off at: North Marin Water District, 999 Rush Creek PJ, Novato, CA 94945



Map Submissions

Two types of expected input:





Drawing YOUR Communities of Interest

There will also be laminated paper maps for the public to use to draw their own community of interest.



City of Davis Redistricting Timeline

Jan. 4, 2022 Draft Maps Released

Jan. 11, 2022, 6:30pm City Council Meeting:

Draft Maps

Jan. 25, 2022 Second Draft Maps Released

Feb. 2, 2022, 6:30pm City Council Meeting:

Draft Maps

Feb. 8, 2022 Final District Maps Released

Feb. 15, 2022, 6:30 City Council Meeting: Vote on Final Map



City of Davis Redistricting Website

https://www.cityofdavis.org/districts

