



# County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission



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# AGENDA

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- **What is Redistricting?**
- **Who/What is the Independent Redistricting Commission?**
- **Why Does Redistricting Matter?**
- **How Can I Participate?**



# What is Redistricting?

- The process of **redrawing district boundaries** for each of our supervisorial districts so that each has **roughly equivalent populations**.
- We redraw new boundaries **every 10 years** based on census data.

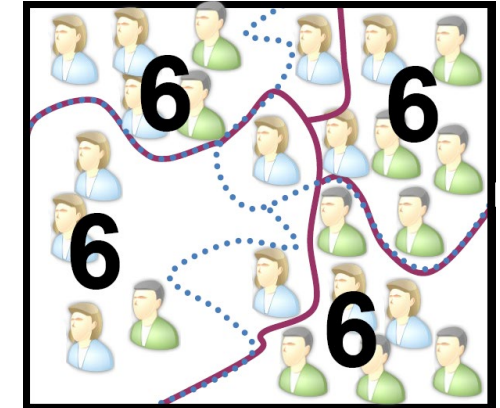
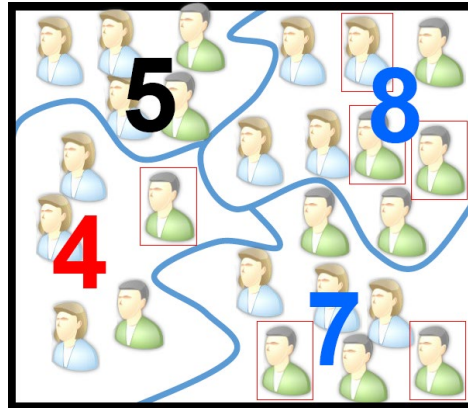
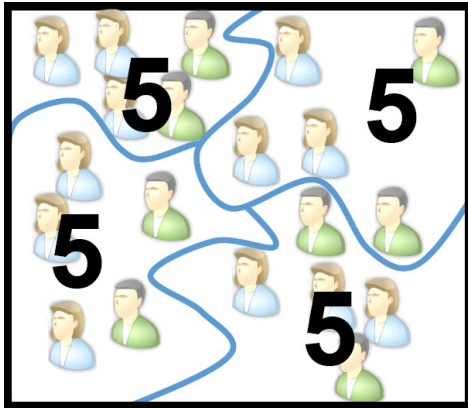
# Why Are New District Boundaries Drawn?

- To account for **changes** in populations
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# The Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC)



## 14 citizen volunteers

- Nearly **300 applicants**
- Narrowed to **60 most qualified**
- **First 8 Commissioners** selected in random drawing.
- **Next 6 Commissioners** selected by first 8 based on:
  - Qualifications
  - Party affiliation (proportionate to the political party breakdown of the County)
  - Geographic and other diversity criteria



## **Commissioner Duties**

**Hold Public Meetings**  
**Conduct Public Hearings**  
**Gather Public Testimony**  
**Draw Draft Maps**  
**Adopt Final Map**

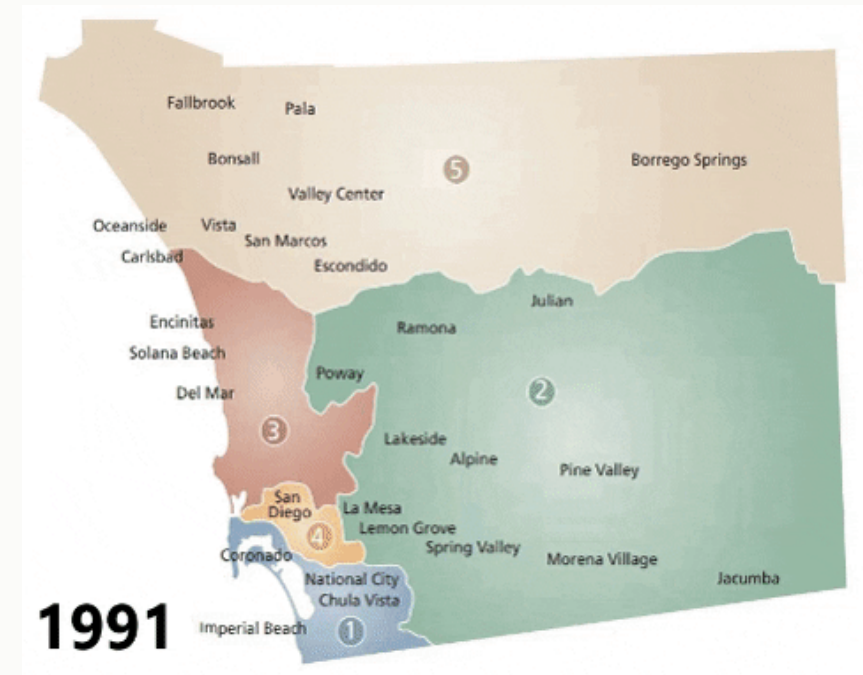
# Criteria to Draw New Boundaries

## California Elections Code Section 21550-21553:

- Have nearly equal population (~650,000 residents per district)
- Comply with Voting Rights Act (minorities have fair opportunity to elect representative of their choice)
- Be drawn contiguously (all parts of district are connected)
- Minimize division of cities, counties, neighborhoods, and communities of interest
- Be geographically compact

### May NOT:

- Consider place of residence of any incumbent or political candidate
- Favor or discriminate against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party



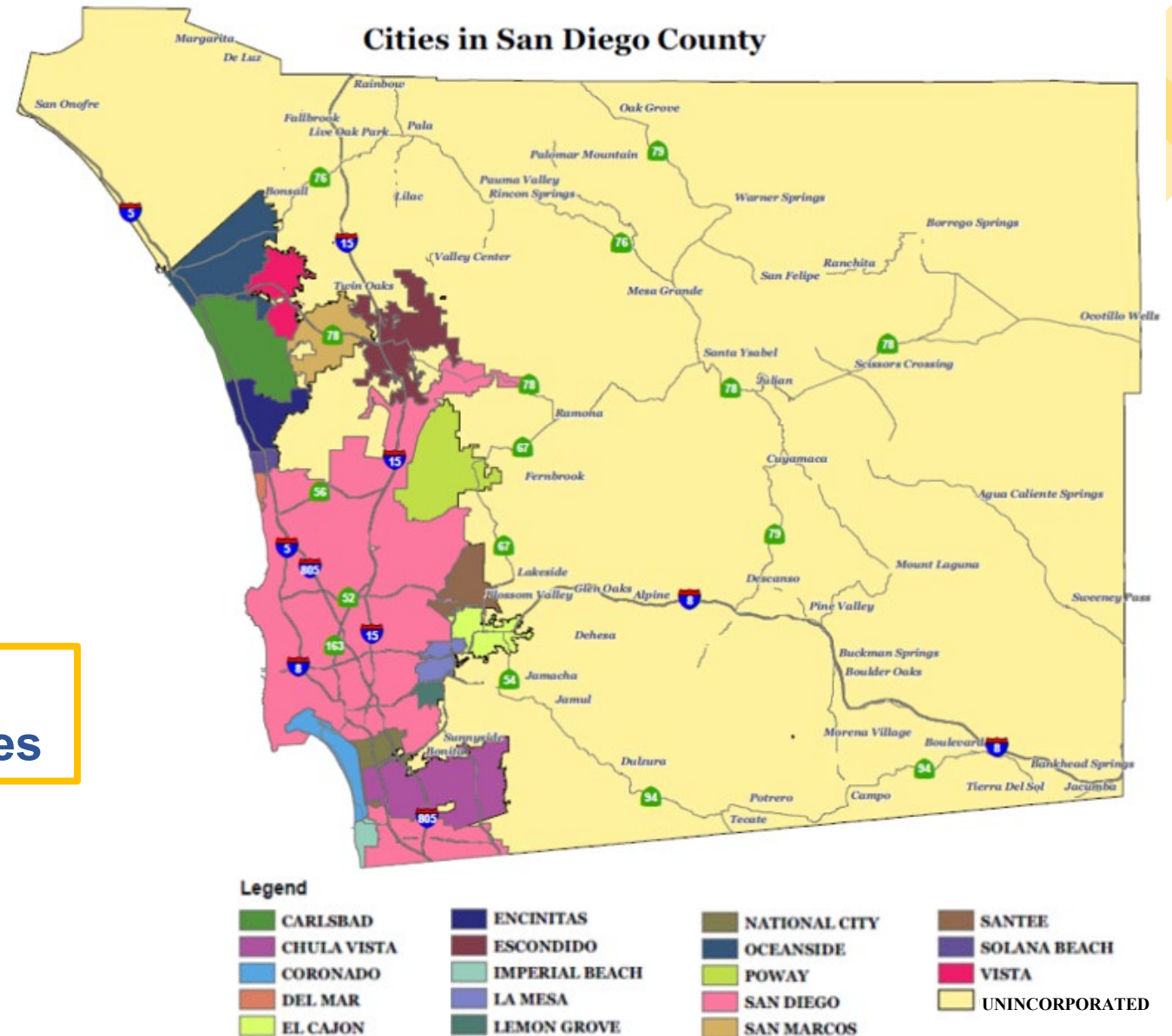


# San Diego County Specific Criteria

## San Diego County Charter, Article IV, Section 400.1:

- At least three districts shall include unincorporated territory
- Two must be primarily unincorporated areas

The County of San Diego includes 18 incorporated cities



# DISTRICT 2

## Indian Reservations

- Barona
- Campo
- Cosmit
- Ewwiiaapaayp
- Inaja
- Jamul
- La Posta
- Manzanita
- Mesa Grande
- Santa Ysabel
- Sycuan
- Viejas

## Incorporated Cities

- El Cajon
- La Mesa
- Lemon Grove
- Poway
- Santee

## Communities

- Agua Caliente
- Allied Gardens
- Alpine
- Barrett
- Blossom Valley
- Bostonia
- Boulevard
- Campo
- Canebrake
- Casa de Oro
- College Area
- Crest
- Cuyamaca
- Dehesa
- De Cerro
- Descanso
- Dulzura
- Eucalyptus Hills
- Fernbrook
- Flinn Springs
- Granite Hills
- Grantville
- Guatay
- Harbison Canyon
- Jacumba
- Jamul
- Johnstown
- Julian
- Lake Morena
- Lakeside
- Mount Helix
- Pine Hills
- Pine Valley
- Potrero
- Ramona
- Rancho San Diego
- Rolando
- San Carlos
- San Pasqual
- Santa Ysabel
- Shelter Valley
- Spring Valley
- Tecate
- Tierra del Sol
- Vallecitos
- Wynola

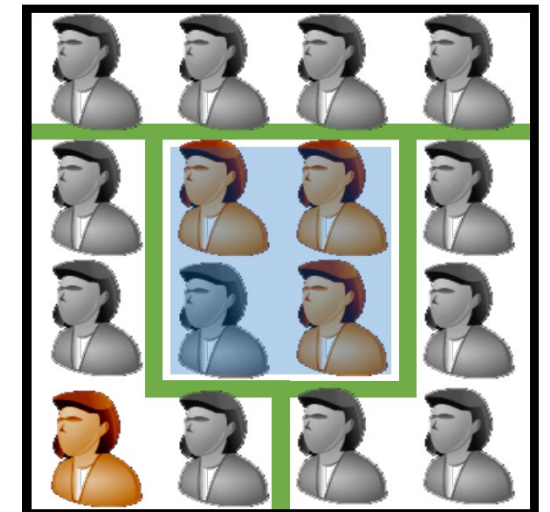
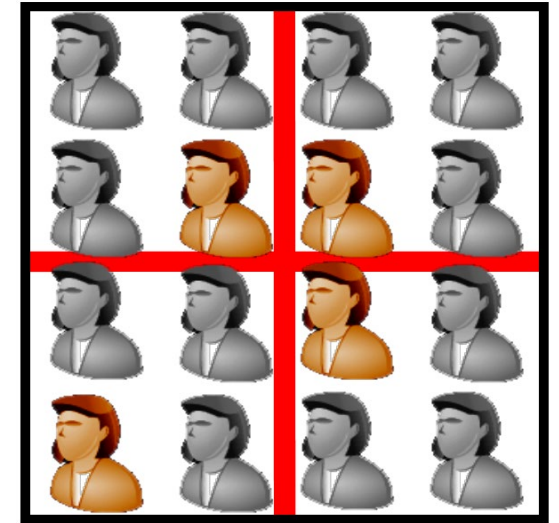


# Why does Redistricting Matter?

Redistricting can suppress minority voices...

OR

Redistricting can allow minority voices to be fairly heard on election day



*If a majority minority can be drawn, the Voting Rights Act requires it.*



# What Data Will the IRC Use to Draw New Boundaries?

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**Census data,**  
which will come to  
us in a variety of  
ways



Public input to help  
us learn about and  
understand  
**communities of  
interest**



# What are Communities of Interest (COI)?

- A population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of effective and fair representation.
- COI do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

**YOUR  
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MATTERS**

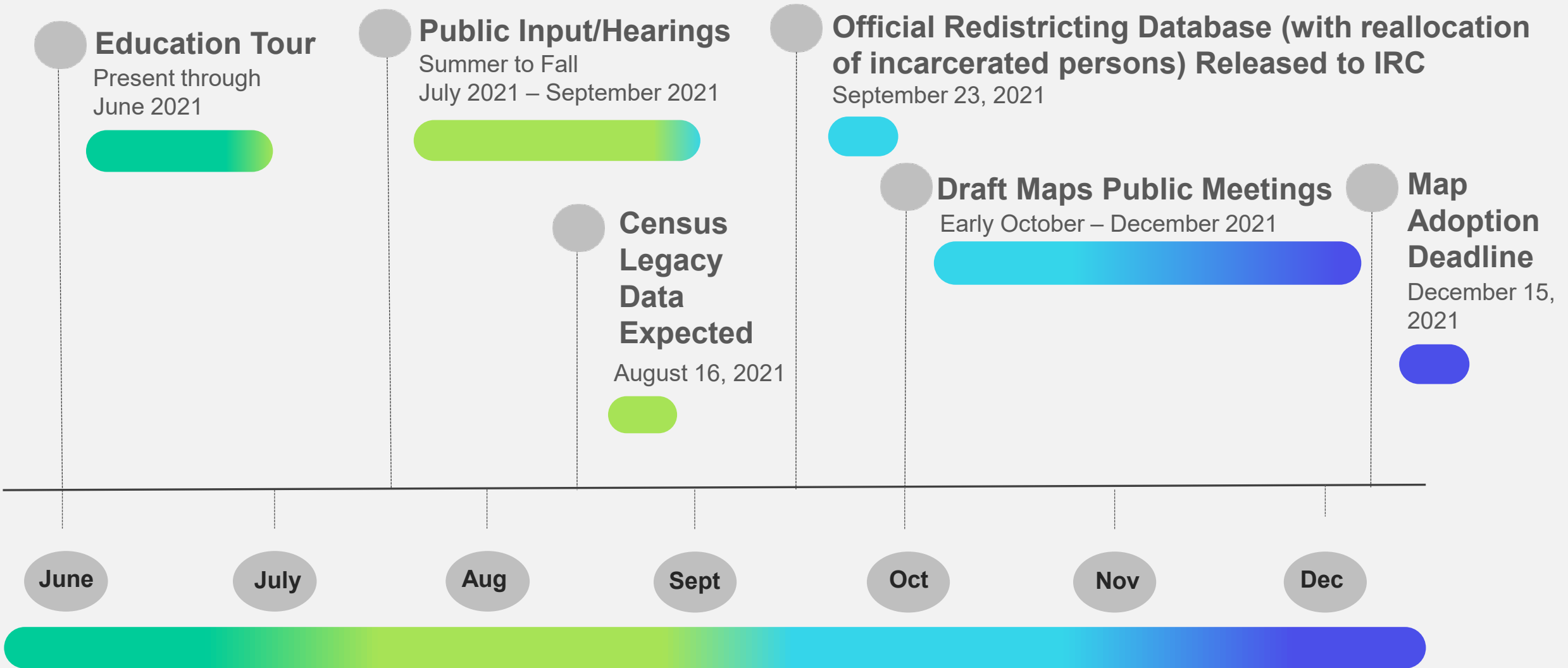
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OF INFORMATION IS FROM

**YOU!**

**THE PUBLIC**



# TENTATIVE TIMELINE\*



\*Dates subject to change



# Ways to Participate!



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# Takeaways

- Redistricting only happens once every 10 years
- CoSD IRC is committed to
  - Drawing **fair and accurate maps** that will deliver fair representation
  - Obtaining as **broad and diverse participation as possible**
- We need **YOU** to help us do the best job we can

***Thank You!***





# How to Contact the IRC



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