# County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission

# WELCOME!

- No public input can be taken today on maps/map drawing.
- We do want your input and will provide information on how to contact us!

# AGENDA

- **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**.

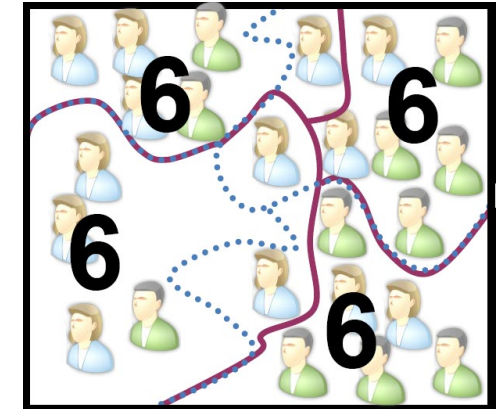- We redraw new boundaries **every 10 years** based on census data.

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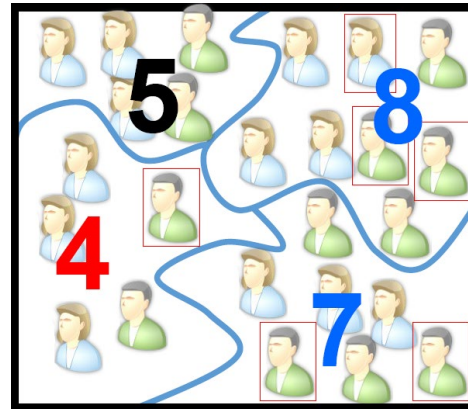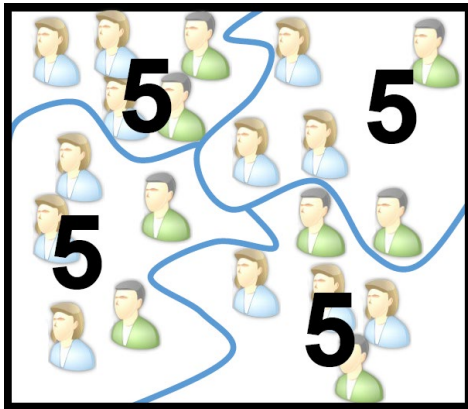
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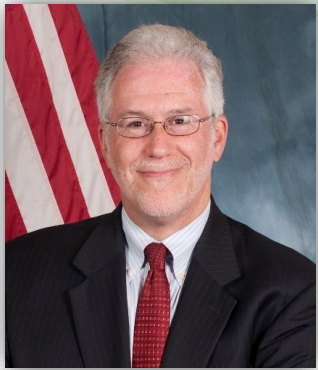# The Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC)



**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

# County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission

**Chair David Bame** District 1

**Co-Vice Chair Amy Caterina** District 3

**Co-Vice Chair Rosette Garcia** District 5

**Commissioner Colleen Brown** District 5

**Commissioner Chris Chen** District 5

**Commissioner Sonia Diaz** District 4

**Commissioner Elidia Dostal** District 1

**Commissioner Barbara Hansen** District 4

**Commissioner Ken Inman** District 2

**Commissioner Kristina Kruglyak** District 3

**Commissioner Arv Larson** District 4

**Commissioner Jack Russ** District 2

**Commissioner Frank Ponds** District 1

**Commissioner Ramesses Surban** District 3

# Diversity of Commission
# Overview of Political Party & Race/Ethnicity

| | Category | % of Registered Voters in San Diego County (Feb 2021) | IRC Composition |
|---|---|---|---|
| Political Parties* | Democratic | 40% | 6 (43%) |
| | Republican | 27% | 4 (29%) |
| | American Independent | 4% | 0% |
| | Green | 0.4% | 0% |
| | Libertarian | 1% | 0% |
| | Peace & Freedom | 0.4% | 0% |
| | No Party Preference/Unk/Other | 27% | 4 (29%) |
| | Category | U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates in San Diego County (July 2019) | IRC Composition** |
| Race/Ethnicity | Black/African American | 6% | 1 (7%) |
| | Hispanic/Latino | 34% | 4 (29%) |
| | Asian | 13% | 2 (14%) |
| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | 0.6% | 1 (7%) |
| | American Indian/Alaska Native | 1% | 0% |
| | White (Non-Hispanic) | 45% | 8 (57%) |

*Pursuant to Elections Code Section 21550(c), this data reflects total number of voters who were registered with each political party in the County of San Diego or who decline to state or do not indicate a party preference, as determined by registration at the most recent statewide election (March 2020).

**Total of 14 Commissioners but count for the number of Commissioners is 16. A few Commissioners identified as more than one race/ethnicity. Percentage does not equal 100%. A few Commissioners identified as more than one race/ethnicity

# San Diego County:
# Leader in Redistricting Reform

## 2012

**Prior to 2012**, the Board of Supervisors adopted the district maps.

## 2020

**Beginning 2020**, Independent Redistricting Commission formed:

- **Shifts power away from politicians** and into the hands of the public
- Requires **strict nonpartisan rules** for drawing maps
- **Prevents gerrymandering**,
- Produces **fairer maps** where citizens have a fair chance to elect the representatives of their choice

# Commissioner Duties

**Hold Public Meetings**

**Conduct Public Hearings**

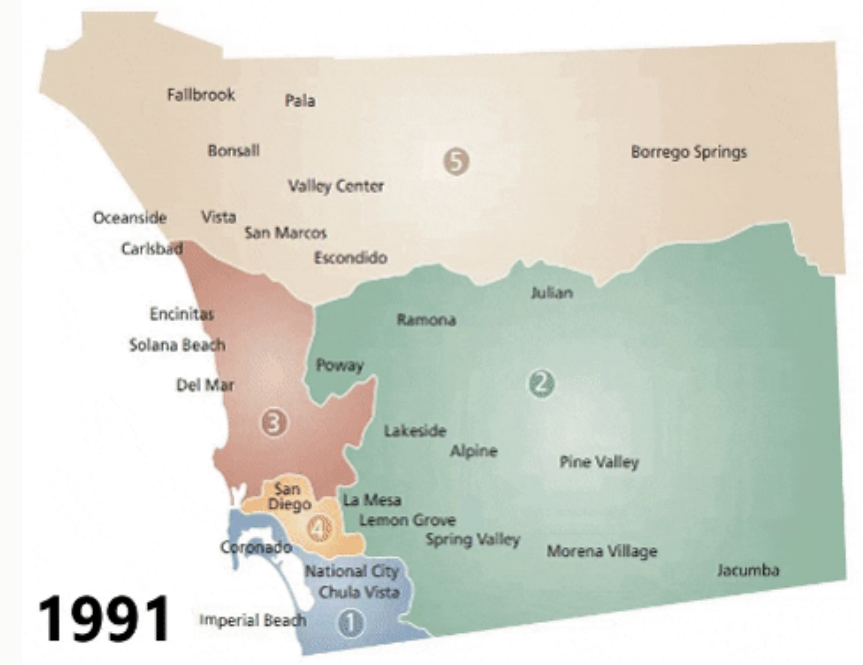**Gather Public Testimony**

**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
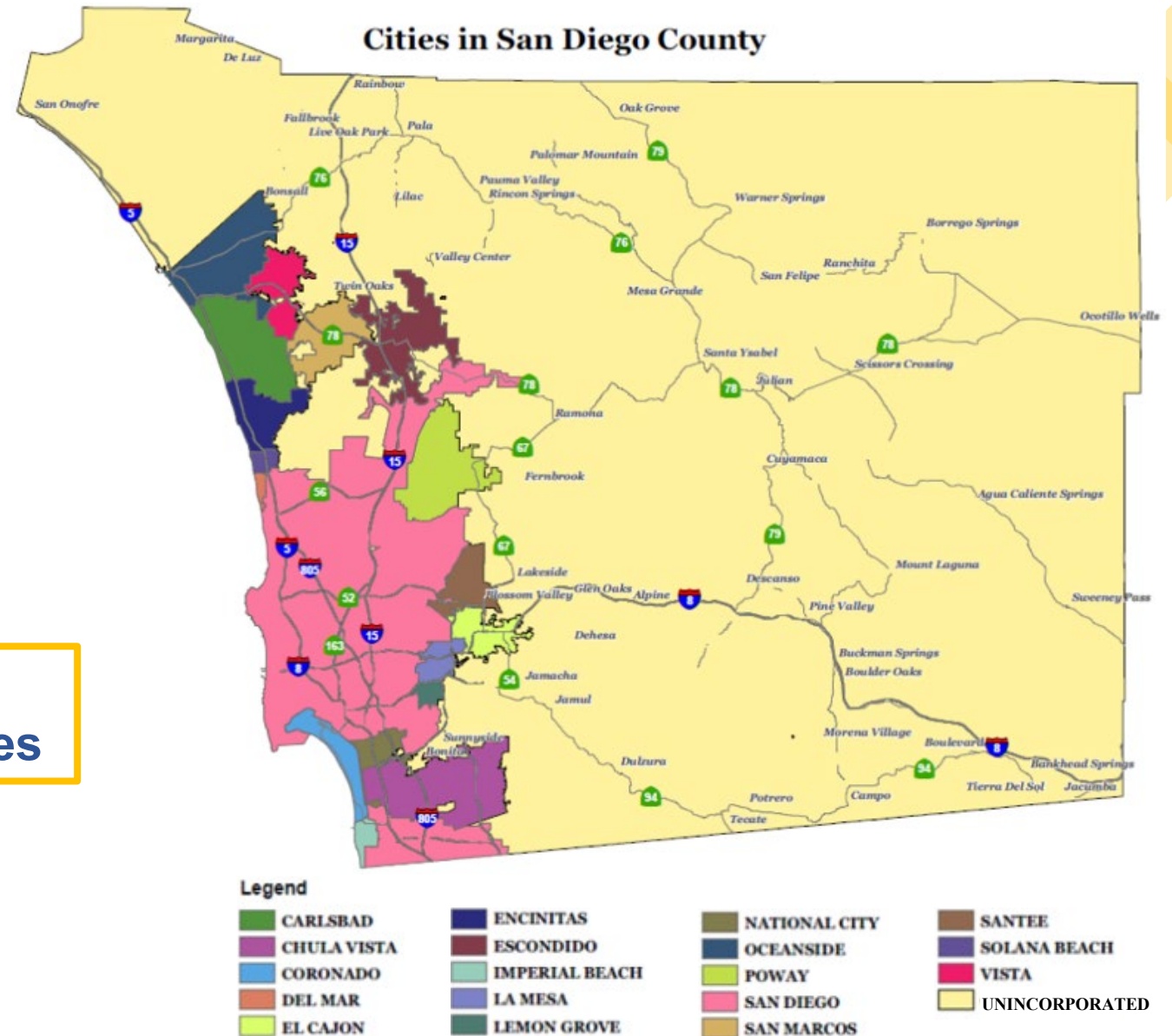
# San Diego County Specific Criteria

## 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**



Cities in San Diego County

**Legend**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CARLSBAD | ENCINITAS | NATIONAL CITY | SANTEE |
| CHULA VISTA | ESCONDIDO | OCEANSIDE | SOLANA BEACH |
| CORONADO | IMPERIAL BEACH | POWAY | VISTA |
| DEL MAR | LA MESA | SAN DIEGO | UNINCORPORATED |
| EL CAJON | LEMON GROVE | SAN MARCOS | |

# Incorporated Cities

- Del Mar
- Encinitas
- Escondido
- San Diego
- Solana Beach

# District 3

# Neighborhoods

- Cardiff
- Carmel Mountain
- Carmel Valley
- Leucadia
- Mira Mesa
- Miramar
- Rancho Bernardo
- Rancho Peñasquitos
- Sabre Springs
- San Pasqual
- Sorrento Valley
- Scripps Ranch
- Torrey Pines
- Tierrasanta
- University City

# Other

- Pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies pioneering and revolutionizing DNA and stem cell research
- Rich agricultural roots
- 3 Fortune 500 companies who employ thousands of residents—QUALCOMM, Sony, and Northrup Grumman
- Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

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- Public Health (COVID-19 response)
- Social Services
- Election Services
- Voter Registration

- Roads
- Parks
- Water
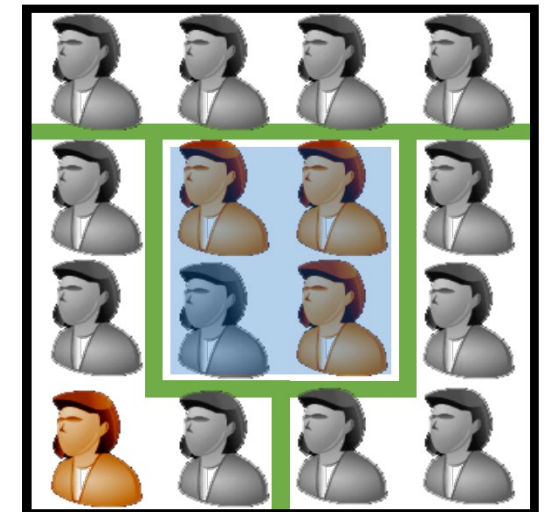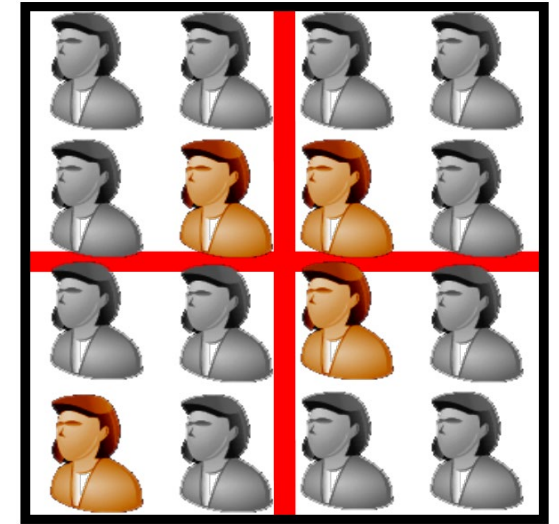- Libraries
- Law Enforcement/Jails

# 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.*

Graphic Source - Common Cause: https://www.commoncause.org/california/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2021/01/Kathay-Redistricting-101.pdf

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



**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.

THE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE OF INFORMATION IS FROM **YOU!** THE PUBLIC

# How Do You Know If You Belong to a COI?
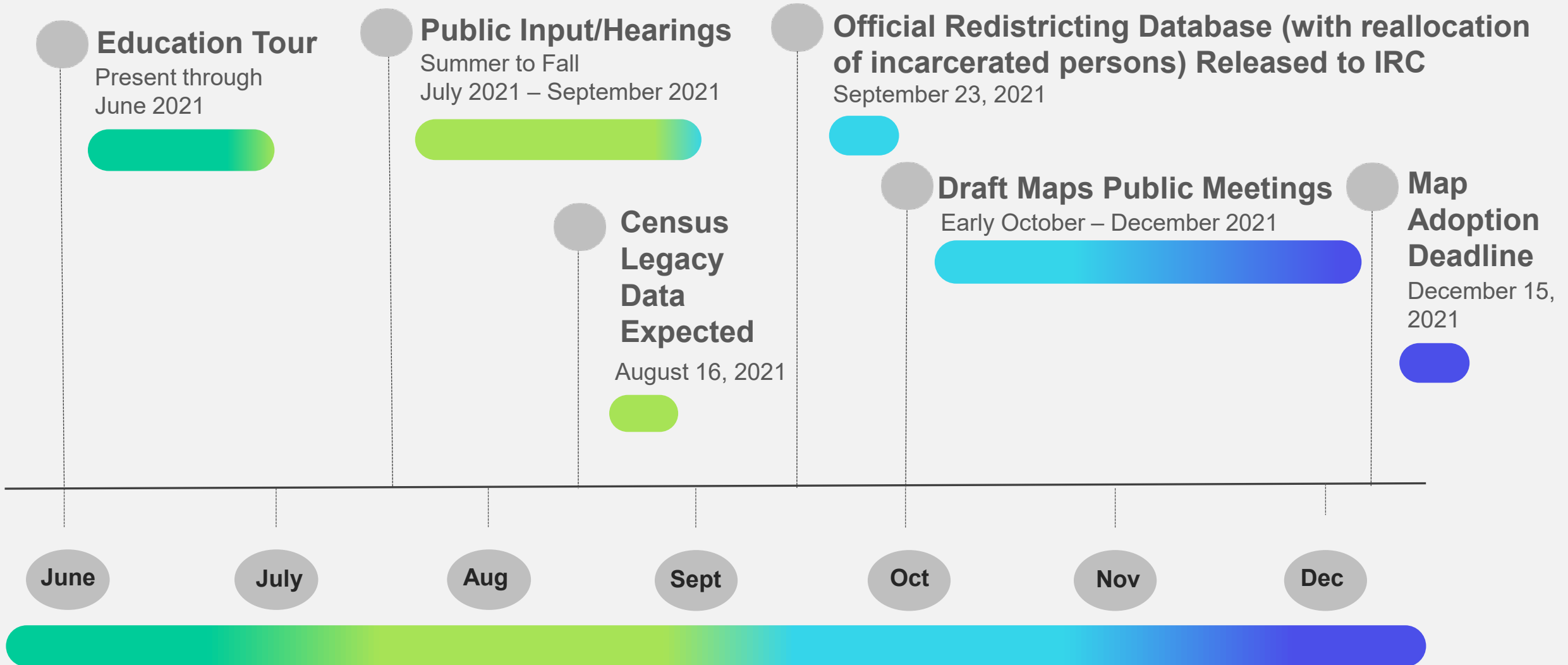
# Ways to Provide Public Input on COI

**One person one vote – every person's vote counts equally!**



- Provide oral testimony at public hearing
- Submit written testimony at any time - email, regular mail, submitting eComments via IRC website
- Draw a map - electronic tool at website or paper map
- Provide as much detail as you can about your community and the characteristics or issues that bind you together and why you should not be separated!

# TENTATIVE TIMELINE*

**Education Tour**
Present through
June 2021

**Public Input/Hearings**
Summer to Fall
July 2021 – September 2021

**Official Redistricting Database (with reallocation of incarcerated persons) Released to IRC**
September 23, 2021

**Census Legacy Data Expected**
August 16, 2021

**Draft Maps Public Meetings**
Early October – December 2021

**Map Adoption Deadline**
December 15, 2021

| June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
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**\*Dates subject to change**

# Barrio Logan:
# Public Input Matters

**We need your input!**

# Ways to Participate!

**ATTEND**

www.sandiegocounty.gov/redistricting

**EDUCATIONAL SESSION**

www.sandiegocounty.gov/redistricting

**SUBMIT**

**Email:** redistricting@sdcounty.ca.gov
**USPS:** San Diego County IRC
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 402
San Diego, CA 92101

**SUBSCRIBE**

www.sandiegocounty.gov/redistricting

# 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

## EMAIL

redistricting@sdcounty.ca.gov

## PHONE

(619) 409-3003

## WEBSITE

www.sandiegocounty.gov/redistricting