



County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission



LIVE WELL
SAN DIEGO

A large bridge with multiple concrete pillars spans a body of water at dusk. The bridge's lights are on, and their reflection is visible in the water. The sky is a deep blue, and the water is dark with bright orange and yellow reflections from the bridge lights.

AGENDA

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

REMINDER

- 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!





What is Redistricting?

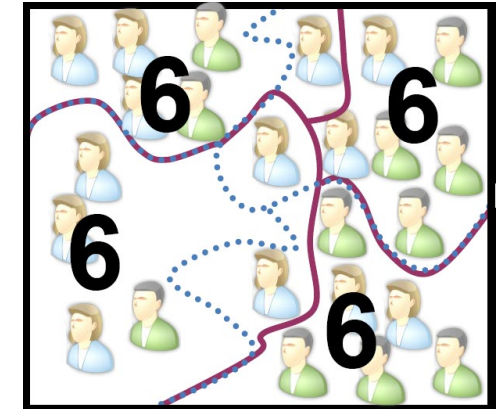
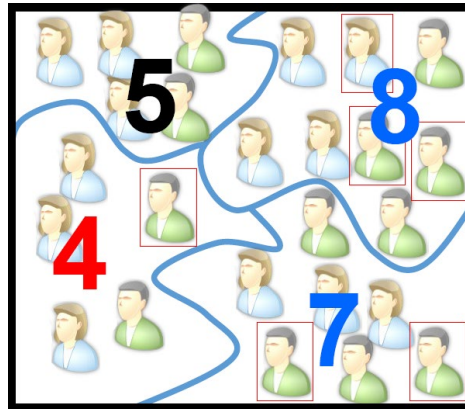
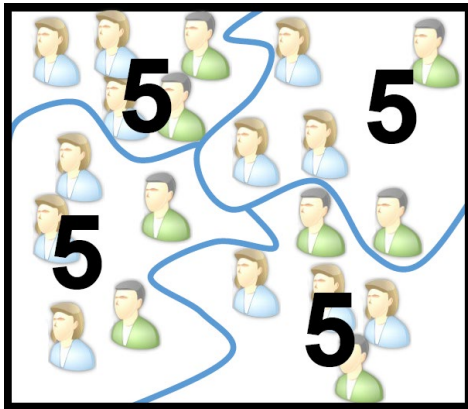
- The process of **redrawing district boundaries** for each of our supervisorial districts so that each has **roughly equivalent populations**.
- We redraw new boundaries **every 10 years** based on census data.

Why Are New District Boundaries Drawn?

- To account for **changes** in populations
 - Communities may **grow** from births, move into our neighborhoods, or move from one place in the County to another
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To **rebalance** the districts
so they are **equal** in population
and will allow fair representation.

The Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC)

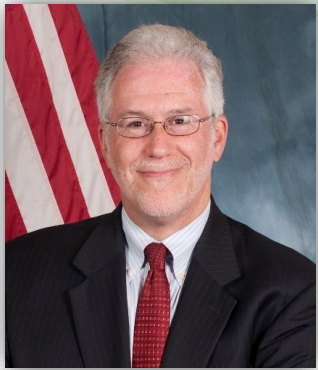


14 citizen volunteers

- 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

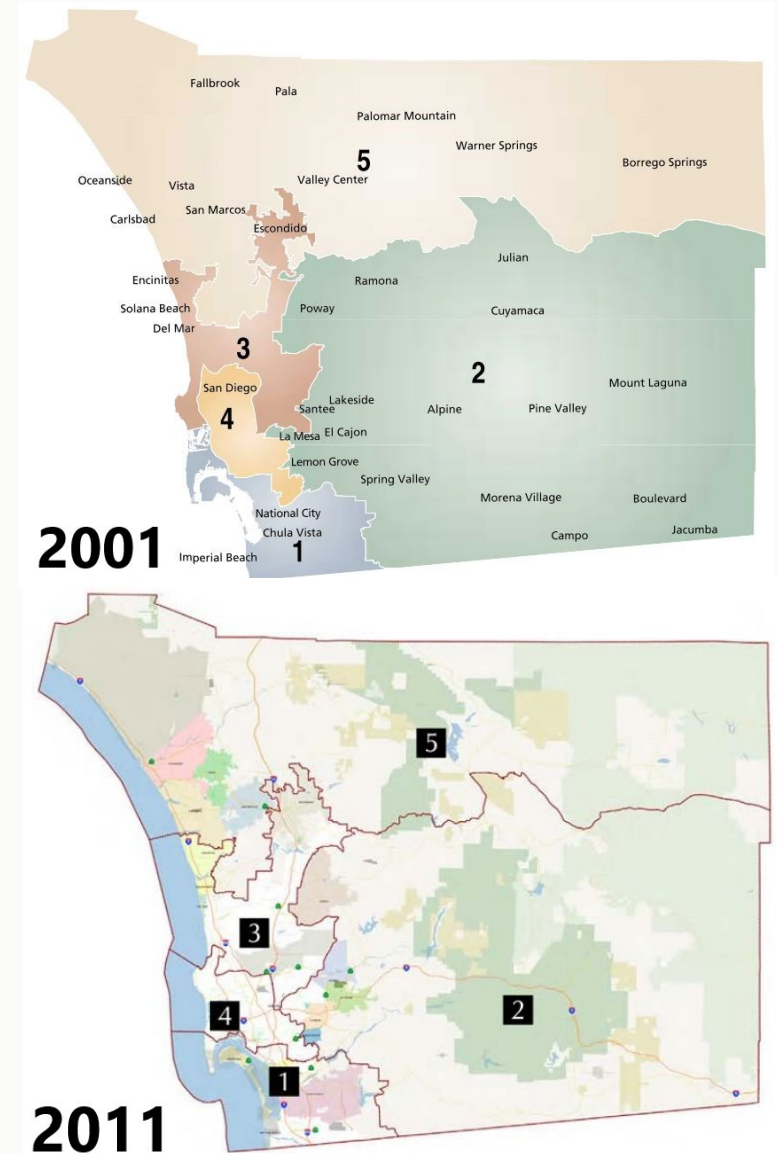
Criteria to Draw New Boundaries

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

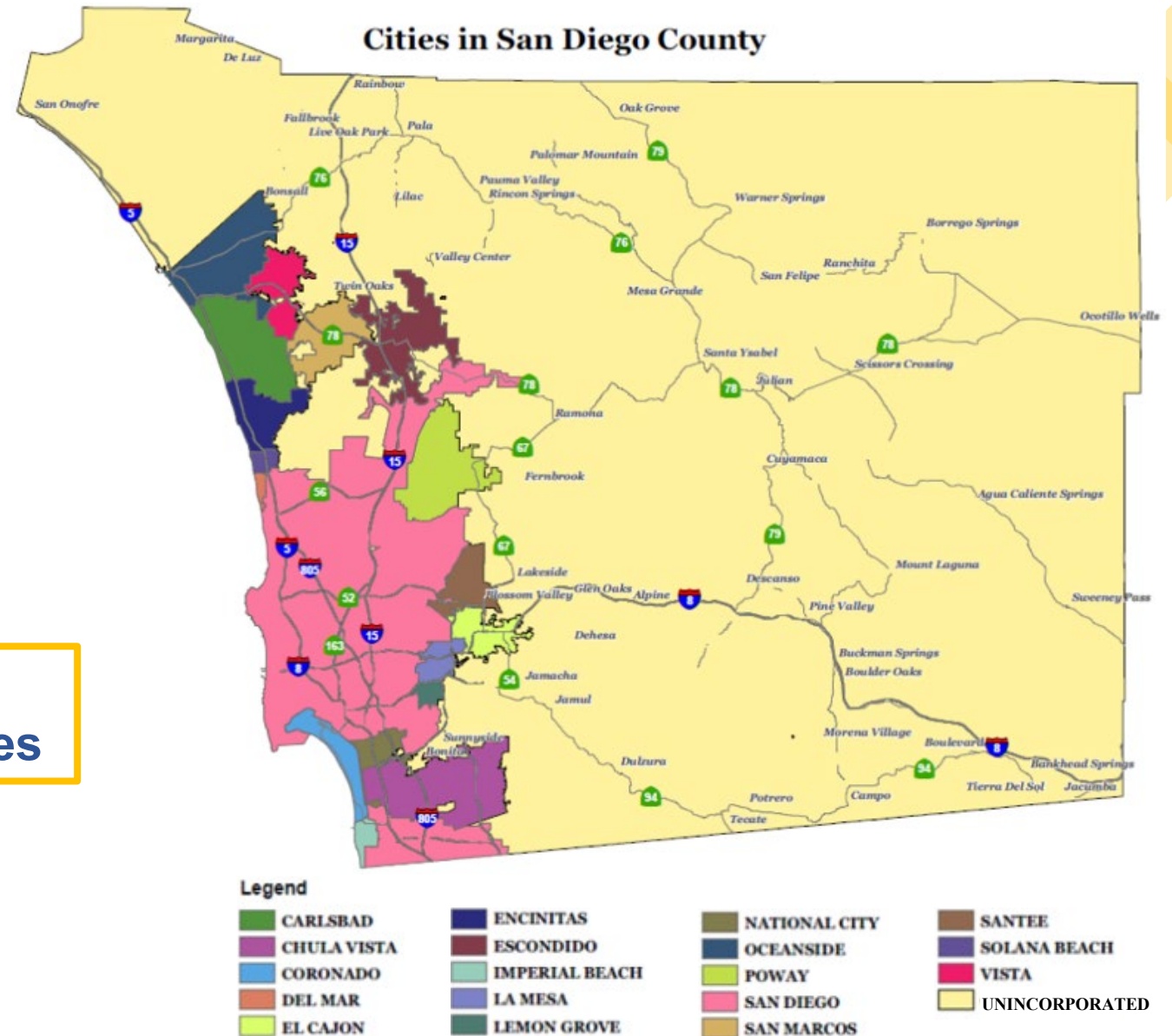


San Diego County Specific Criteria

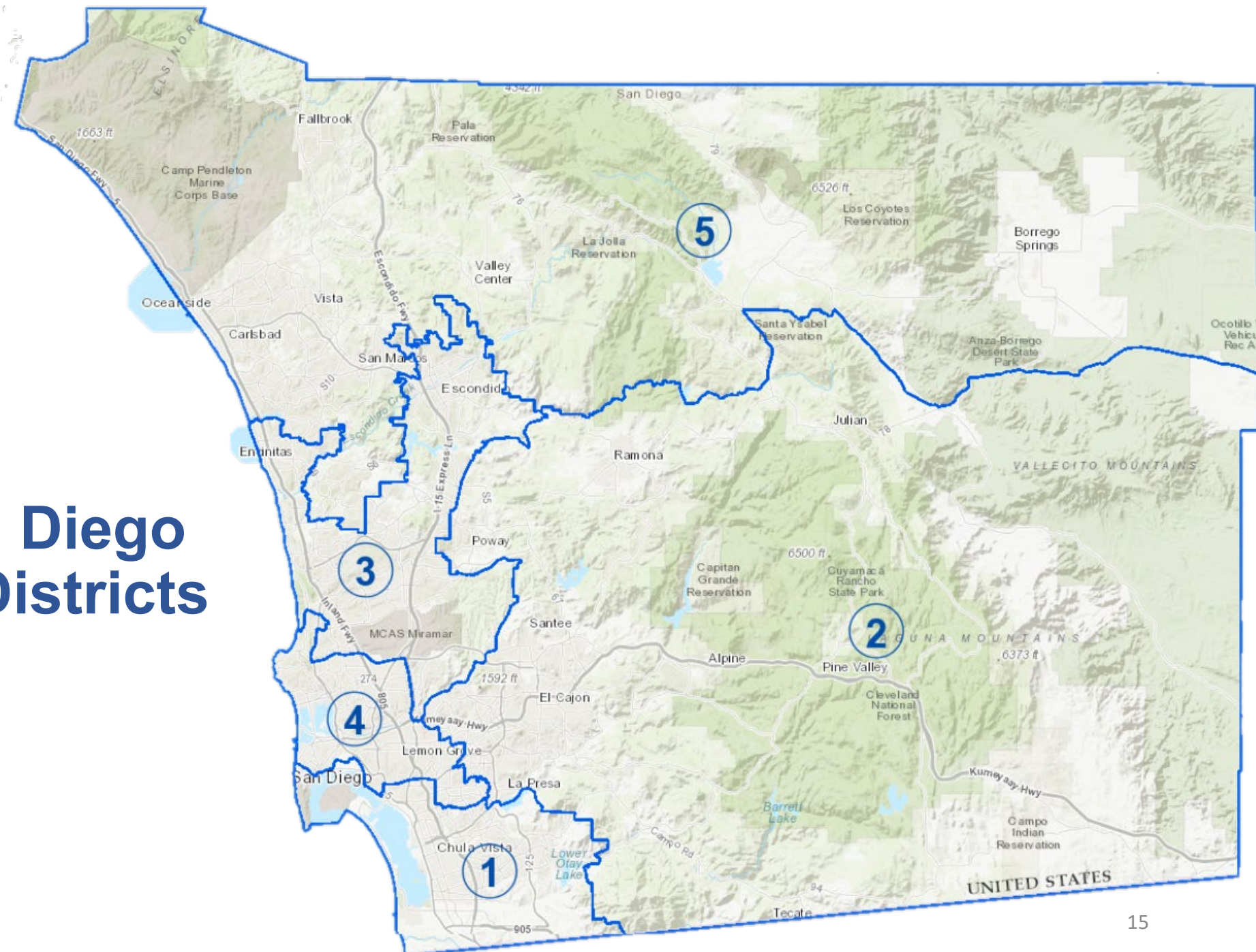
San Diego County Charter, Article IV, Section 400.1:

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

The County of San Diego includes 18 incorporated cities



County of San Diego Supervisory Districts



District 4

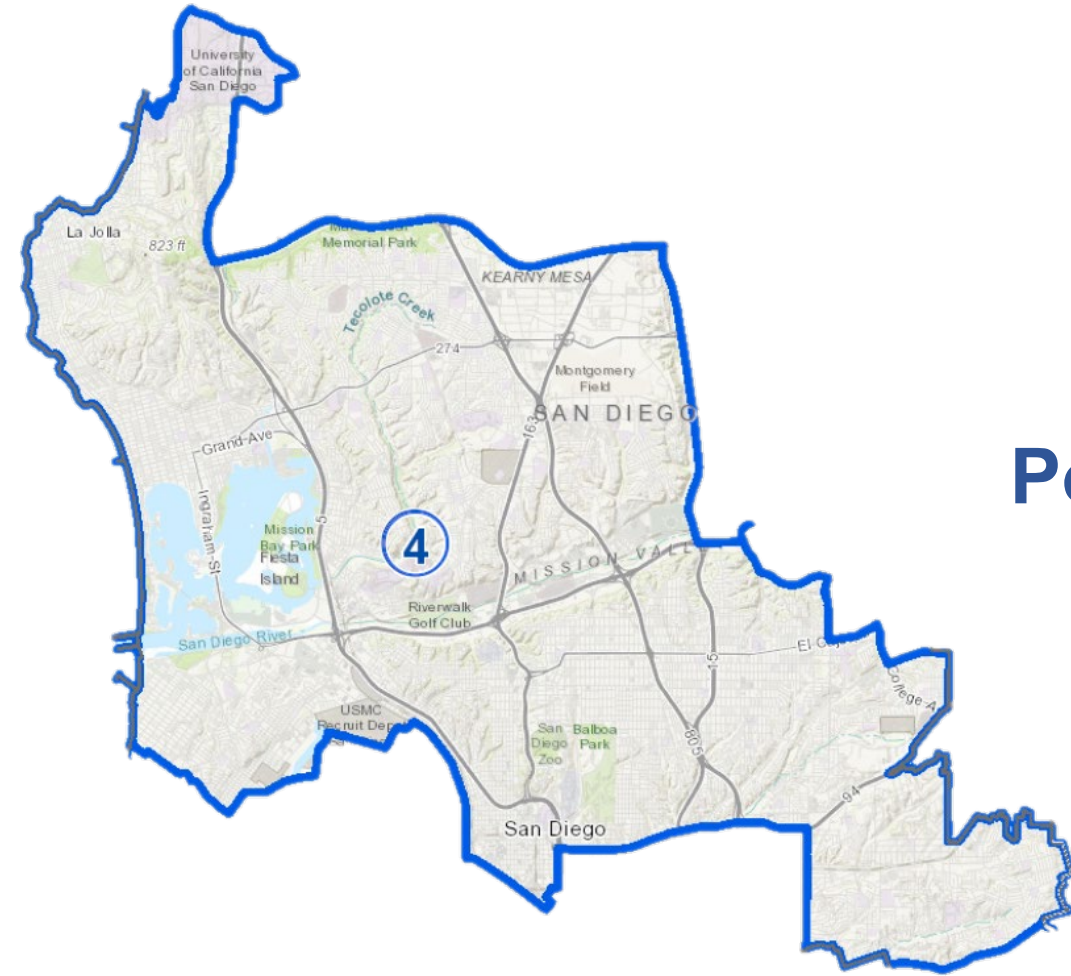
Neighborhoods

- Balboa Park
- City Heights (where more than 30 languages are spoken)
- Downtown
- Encanto
- Gaslamp Quarter
- Hillcrest
- La Jolla
- Little Italy
- Mission Beach
- Mission Valley
- North Park
- Ocean Beach
- Old Town
- Paradise Hills
- Pacific Beach
- University Heights

...and many more!

Points of Interest

- New Americans Museum
- Old Town San Diego State Historic park
- Balboa Park
- Mission Bay & Beaches
- Marine Corps Recruit Depot
- Worldbeat Cultural Center
- Liberty Station
- UC San Diego
- La Jolla Cove
- San Diego Zoo
- Petco Park
- Hillcrest Business District
- San Diego Central Library
- Mount Soledad
- University of San Diego
- Jacobs Center





Why does Redistricting Matter?





2020-21

ADOPTED BUDGET

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

\$6.5 BILLION



Why does Redistricting Matter?

- Public Health (COVID-19 response)
- Social Services
- Election Services
- Voter Registration
- Roads
- Parks
- Water
- Libraries
- Law Enforcement/Jails

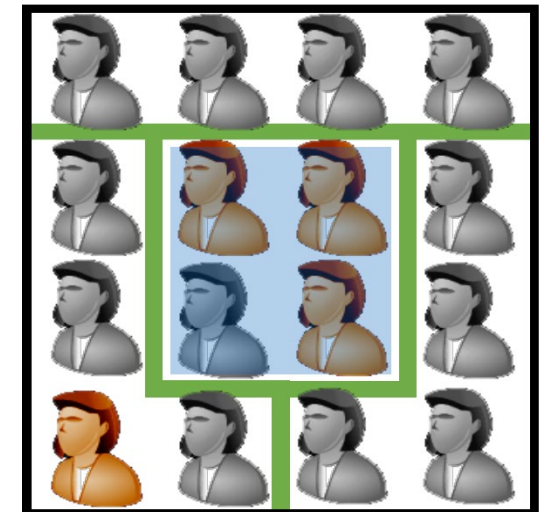
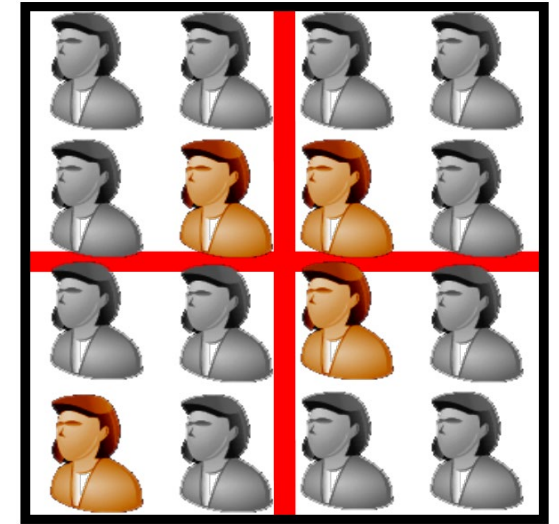


Why does Redistricting Matter?

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.

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.

**YOUR
VOICE
MATTERS**

THE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE
OF INFORMATION IS FROM

YOU!
THE PUBLIC





How Do You
Know If You
Belong to a
COI?

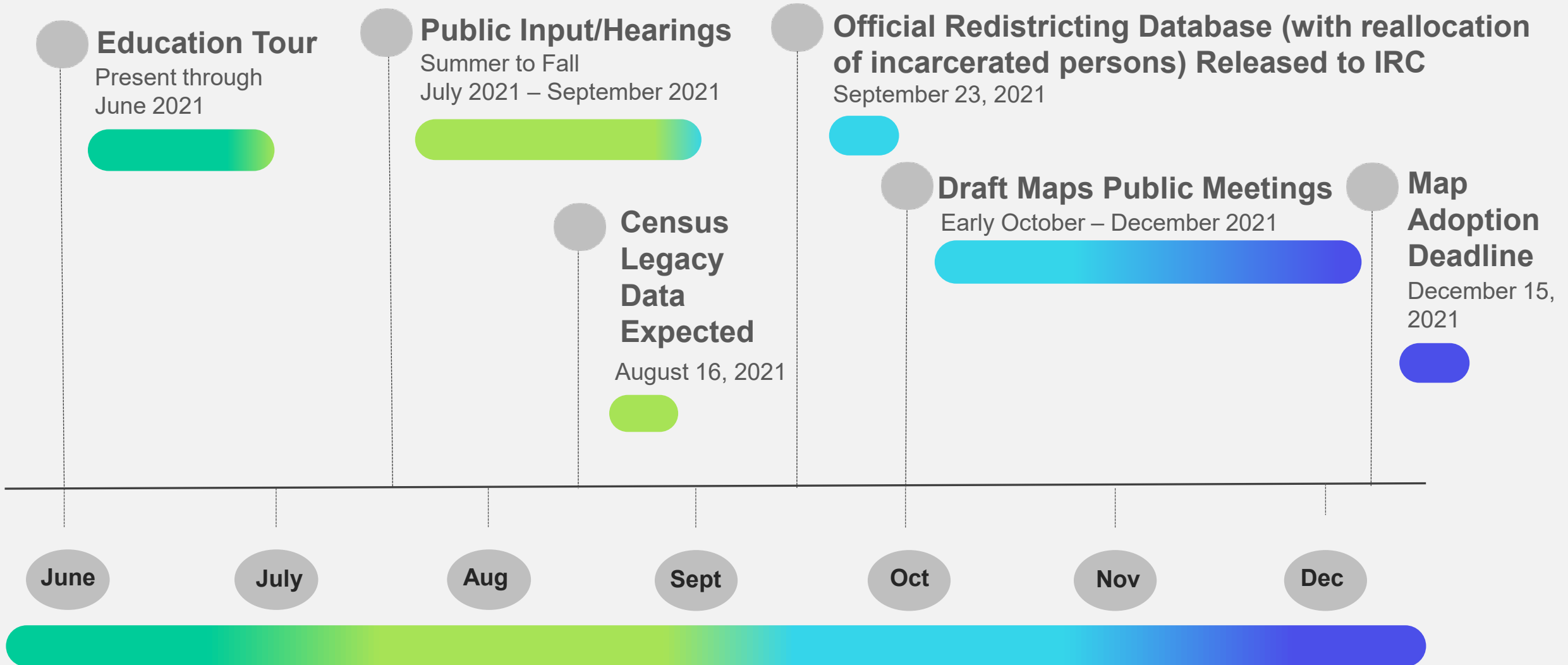
Ways to Provide Public Input on COI

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*



*Dates subject to change

Barrio Logan: Public Input Matters



*We need
your input!*

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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