



City of Pomona  
Independent Redistricting Commission  
Communities of Interest  
and Mapping Tools Discussion

# 2021 Pomona Redistricting

- The 2021 redistricting process
  - Timeline Update
  - Receive Feedback Regarding Communities of Interest
  - Next steps and hearings
  - Overview of Online Mapping Tool

# Redistricting Rules and Goals

## 1. Federal Laws

- Equal Population
- Federal Voting Rights Act
- No Racial Gerrymandering



## 2. California Criteria for Cities

- 1. Geographically contiguous**
- 2. Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest”**  
(Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
- 3. Easily identifiable boundaries**
- 4. Compact**  
(Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

### ***Prohibited:***

*Shall not favor or discriminate against an incumbent, a candidate, or a political party.*

## 3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

- Minimize voters shifted to different election years
- Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office
- Future population growth
- Preserving the core of existing districts

# Defining Neighborhoods

**1<sup>st</sup> Question: what is your neighborhood?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Question: what are its geographic boundaries?**

**Examples of physical features defining a neighborhood boundary:**

- ❑ Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals and/or hills
- ❑ Areas around parks or schools
- ❑ Other neighborhood landmarks

**In the absence of public testimony, planning records and other similar documents may provide definition.**



# Defining Communities of Interest

## 1<sup>st</sup> Question: what defines your community?

- ❑ Geographic Area, plus
- ❑ Shared issue or characteristic
  - ❑ *Shared social or economic interest*
  - ❑ *Impacted by city policies*
- ❑ Tell us “your community’s story”

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Question:

Would this community benefit from being “included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation”?

- ❑ Or would it benefit more from having multiple representatives?

*Definitions of Communities of Interest may not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.*

# List of Communities Previously Discussed

1. **Ganesha Park & areas around the Fairplex**
2. **Pomona Historic District**
3. **Downtown/areas Around Civic Center**
4. **COIs around Schools?**
5. **Phillips Ranch**
6. **North Pomona along Foothill Boulevard**
7. **Communities along Garey Avenue**

# Timeline & Next Steps

June 23, 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> Independent Redistricting Commission
Fall 2021	Mapping software released to the public.* *Estimated time
July 28, 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> Public Hearing Held prior to the release of draft maps
August 25, 2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing (held prior to the release of draft maps) Identify “neighborhoods” and “communities of interest.” Mapping tools overview.
Around October 1, 2021	Redistricting data available. Census data was released August 12th. California prisoner-adjusted redistricting data released September 27.
TBA	Proposed 3rd hearing
TBA	Maps due from the public.
TBA	Proposed 4th hearing.
TBA	Publish revised map(s)
TBA	Final Hearing and Commission to adopt District map. Must be submitted to LA County Registrar of Voters no later than April 17, 2022
4/17/2022 (E-205)	Commission deadline to adopt and submit map to Registrar
November 2022	2022 Election



# Remaining Items to Discuss

- Provide feedback to NDC on the possible Communities of Interest
- Review the online mapping tool
- The online mapping tool can be accessed at <https://districtr.org/California>. Click on the grey “cities” tab in the middle of the page and select Pomona from the list.
- Currently, the mapping tool has estimated 2020 data. We are working with the vendor to load the official 2020 data set.