CVRA and Districting

City of Napa
Our Background

Redistricting Partners has been working for more than 10 years conducting CVRA conversion and redistricting.

Clients include dozens of municipalities, most recently cities of Santa Ana and Davis.

Also include non-profits and community organizations, including ACLU, Irvine Foundation, Equality California and affiliated groups.
Traditional Redistricting Principles

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Population for the purposes of determining district size is drawn from the most recent decennial census.

2010 Census Population: 76,915

Ideal Population: 19,229

Maximum deviation of 10% from largest to smallest, a band that ranges from around 18,300 – 20,200
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What is Contiguous?

• Whole Pieces

• Functionally contiguous

• Area closest to an “island”

• How areas relate to each other – how you get from one place to another.
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- Communities covered by the Voting Rights Act
  - Latinos
  - Asians
  - African Americans

While race is a community of interest, it cannot be the predominant factor in drawing districts.
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For these populations we will use another dataset from the American Community Survey of the Census which gives us Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP)

Latino CVAP :  12,586 (25%)
Asian CVAP :  1,436 (3%)
Black CVAP :  426 (1%)
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• Other Communities, example are:
  • People living near an industry (farming, higher education, manufacturing)
  • Senior Citizens or Students
  • Downtown / Urban
  • Rural or Agricultural
  • Homeowners or Renters
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Existing municipal boundaries, overlapping jurisdictions, other physical demarcations can be utilized as a kind of de-facto community of interest designation.

• Neighborhoods
• Supervisor Districts
• Fire/Police service areas
• Precincts
Neighborhoods
Precinct Boundaries
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What’s Next

Public hearings will be held to obtain input on communities of interest before any map is drafted and receive feedback on potential districting plans prior to board adoption.

Input can be provided in public hearings or using our “Community of Interest Worksheet.”
Public hearings are scheduled to engage the public in the process.

- **First Hearing** – Public Information / Feedback
- **Second Hearing** – Public Information / Feedback
- **Outreach Meeting** – Public Map Drawing Exercises
  
  *Release of maps 7 days before next hearing*

- **Third Hearing** – Discussion of Maps
  
  *Release of Amended Maps 7 days before next hearing*

- **Fourth Hearing** – Selection of Map
  
  *Release of final map 7 days before next hearing*

- **Final Vote on plan** – (up or down, no significant changes)
Timeline

• **Sunday March 8 – Community Workshops **REVISED TIME/LOCATION**
  10:00 a.m. - McPherson Elementary School (2670 Yajome St)
  2:00 p.m. - John’s Baptist Catholic Church Parish Hall (924 Napa St)
  The City’s demographer will provide presentations at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., with hands-on exercises to draw sample maps after each presentation. A summary of the comments received at the Community Workshop will be presented to the City Council at the public hearing held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

• **Tuesday March 17 – 6:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chamber, 955 School Street**
  3rd Public hearing – 1st hearing with maps of proposed district boundaries produced by the demographer and published seven days in advance, and with a summary of comments received during the Community Workshop, for consideration and feedback by the public and Council

• **Tuesday April 7 – 6:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chamber, 955 School Street**
  4th public hearing - with revised map(s) of proposed district boundaries produced by the demographer and published seven days in advance; consideration of public input regarding the revised map(s), and introduction an ordinance establishing a district-based election system and map of district boundaries for Councilmembers

• **Tuesday April 21 – 6:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chamber, 955 School Street**
  5th public hearing to adopt an ordinance establishing a district-based election system and map of district boundaries for Councilmembers
www.cityofnapa.org/districtelections

- Meeting Materials
- FAQs
- Background and References
- Resources
- Maps (coming soon!)
District Elections

Transition from At-large to District-based City

February 14, 2020

On February 11, 2020, in response to a letter received on January 2, required to transition to district-based elections for Councilmembers, California Voting Rights Act, the City Council adopted Resolution RC1502020102, to intention to transition from an at-large election system to a district-based election system for use in the City’s General Municipal Election on November 3, 2020.

In a district-based election system, the City is divided into four districts. Each district will elect a Councilmember who resides in their district, however, the same Councilmember is elected at-large by voters throughout the City.

The community’s input in the development of the voting districts is essential to the process. A series of public hearings along with a community workshop will be held to seek community input on the development of district boundaries. The City Council will adopt the proposed district boundaries, and the community will have the opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions. Community members are encouraged to attend any of the public meetings as identified in the timeline below.
Email completed COI Worksheet to districts@cityofnapa.org, or drop off to the City Clerk Department at 955 School Street.
Complete an online COI Worksheet

1. What is the nature of the common social or economic interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.

2. Where is your community located? You can define it by neighborhood, streets, address, proximity to a key landmark such as a school or community center, or other boundaries.

3. What are the geographic definers/boundaries of your neighborhood? Examples of definers/boundaries could be highways, roads, rivers, hills, or parks.

4. What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this districting? Please describe how the issues before the City Council have a unique impact on your group.

[Translation]

1. ¿Cuál es el interés social o económico común de su comunidad? Describa cuáles son los intereses comunes de su comunidad y por qué o cómo son importantes.

2. ¿Dónde está ubicada su comunidad? Puede definirla por vecindario, calles, dirección, proximidad a un punto de referencia clave (como una escuela o centro comunitario), u otros límites.

3. ¿Cuáles son las fronteras/geográficos de su vecindario? Ejemplos de fronteras/límites pueden ser carreteras, caminos, ríos, colinas o parques.

4. ¿Cuál es el fundamento de su comunidad de interés para ser utilizada en este distrito? Describa cómo los temas ante el Consejo Municipal tienen un impacto único en su grupo.
CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The City of Napa has initiated the legal process to transition to district-based elections for Councilmembers and asks for your help in designing voting districts. A series of Public Hearings will be held to receive community input on the development of district boundaries.

Join us for a COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
on Sunday, March 8, 2020
McPherson Elementary School
2670 Yojone Street, Napa, CA 94558
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
&
St. John’s Baptist Catholic Church Parish Hall
924 Napa Street, Napa, CA 94559
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Please visit the City’s website for more information regarding District Elections at: www.cityofnapa.org/districtelections

ELECCIONES DEL DISTRITO DEL AYUNTAMIENTO

La Cuidad de Napa ha iniciado el proceso legal para la transición a elecciones distritales para miembros del Concejo y solicita su ayuda para diseñar distritos electorales. Una serie de audiencias públicas se llevará a cabo para recibir consideración de la opinión de la comunidad sobre el desarrollo de los límites del distrito.

Únete con nosotros para un TALLER COMUNITARIO
El Domingo, 8 de marzo de 2020
Escuela Primaria McPherson
2670 Yojone Street, Napa, CA 94558
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
&
En el Salón Parroquial de San Juan Bautista
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Visite el sitio web de la ciudad para obtener más información sobre las elecciones de distrito: www.cityofnapa.org/districtelections
Spreading The Word

Napa News Weekly

City of Napa to Explore By-District Elections

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- **Tuesday, February 25, 2020**
  - City Hall - Council Chamber
  - 6:30 p.m.
  - 1st Public Hearing without maps of proposed district boundaries; to provide information to the public and solicit input from the public and Council on composition of the districts

- **Public Hearing**
  - **Wednesday, March 4, 2020**
    - City Hall - Council Chamber
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    - 2nd Public Hearing without maps of proposed district boundaries; to provide information to the public and solicit input from the public and Council on composition of the districts

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