



City of Napa
2021 Redistricting
Community Outreach
Meetings



Welcome

Agenda

Things we will cover:

- Redistricting Basics
- Redistricting City
- Traditional Redistricting Principles
- Communities of Interest
- Map Tool Demonstration
- Public Testimony on Communities of Interest
- Public Hearing Schedule

What is Redistricting

Definition

Redistricting is the process of adjusting district lines every 10 years after the release of the U.S. Census. The well-known examples are Congressional and State Legislative Districts, but local governments also must do redistricting.

- Even though the City of Napa districted last year, we must go through this process again based on the 2020 Census Data.
- Beyond creating districts of equal population, redistricting also serves to empower local communities and preserve voting rights.

Traditional Redistricting Principles

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While communities of interest may include race, it cannot be the *predominant factor* in drawing district boundaries.

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- Historical communities
- Economic interests
- Racial composition
- Ethnic Areas
- Cultural amenities
- Religious facilities
- Immigrant communities
- Languages spoken
- Geographic features
- Neighborhoods
- Economic opportunity zones
- Tourism Areas
- School districts
- Outdoor recreation areas
- Communities defined by natural resource features
- Downtown / Urban
- Rural or Agricultural
- Homeowner or Renters
- Creative arts communities
- Media markets
- *Many, many more*

What is NOT a Community of Interest

Preventing a Districting from becoming a Gerrymander

The Fair Maps Act explicitly prohibits these groups from being considered as communities of interest

- Political party affiliation
- Incumbents
- Political candidates

It also is hard, in redistricting to truly utilize:

- *Groups of similarly minded people who do not share a similar geographic location or are citywide.*

Communities of Interest

Three Critical Questions in Defining YOUR Community

- Does the community have a shared culture, characteristics or bond?
- Is the community geographic in nature? Is the community able to be mapped?
- Describe the community's relationship with the jurisdiction and how it is affected by the policy decisions made by the elected officials.

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YES! This group of residents can easily to be mapped in a distinct area AND they share a common policy interest, which can be addressed through legislation or public services.

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NO! It is important that a community of interest is distinct enough to draw on a map. This group overlaps throughout the entire state, and it is unlikely that a governing agency has any say over these issues.

Community of Interest Forms

Submitting Your COI Form

Input can be provided in public hearings or using our “Community of Interest Survey Form” on the City’ website.



Map Submissions

Online Map Submissions will be available in the coming month.

Two types of expected input:

- Community of Interest Maps
- District Plans Based on 2020 Data

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Drawing YOUR Communities of Interest

The City of Napa will be using DistrictR as a public mapping tool to allow residents to draw their own Communities of Interest.



You draw the lines.

https://districtr.org/event/City_of_Napa

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There will also be laminated paper maps for the public to use to draw their own community of interest.

The City of Napa's Redistricting Process

Community Workshops

Date and Time	Location
Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Napa Valley College Community Room 2277 Napa Vallejo Highway
Saturday, January 15, 2022, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Harvest Middle School Library 2449 Old Sonoma Road
Saturday, January 15, 2022, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Las Flores Community Center Gym 4300 Linda Vista Avenue
Sunday, January 30, 2022, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Irene M. Snow Elementary School Library 1130 Foster Road
Sunday, January 30, 2022, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	St. John Baptist Catholic Church - Parish Hall 924 Napa Street

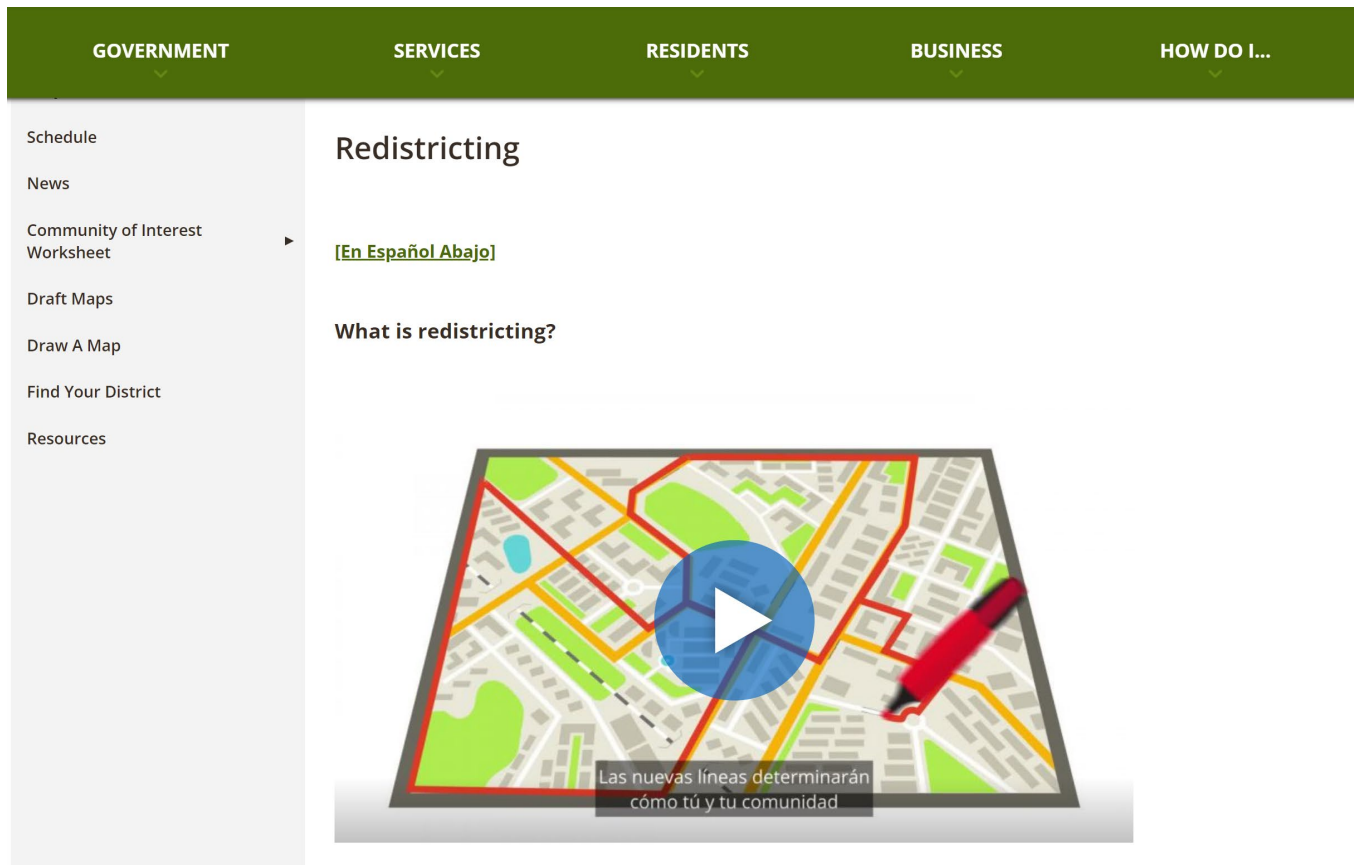
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Public Hearings

Date and Time	Location
Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 6:30 PM	Council Chambers at City Hall 955 School Street
Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 6:30 PM	Council Chambers at City Hall 955 School Street
Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 6:30 PM	Council Chambers at City Hall 955 School Street
Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 6:30 PM	Council Chambers at City Hall 955 School Street
Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 6:30 PM	Council Chambers at City Hall 955 School Street

City of Napa Redistricting Website

<https://www.cityofnapa.org/1010/Redistricting>



The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with options: GOVERNMENT, SERVICES, RESIDENTS, BUSINESS, and HOW DO I... The left sidebar lists: Schedule, News, Community of Interest Worksheet, Draft Maps, Draw A Map, Find Your District, and Resources. The main content area is titled "Redistricting" and includes a link for "[En Español Abajo]" and a section titled "What is redistricting?". Below this is a video player showing a map with red and orange district lines and a red pen drawing a line. A play button is centered over the map. A caption at the bottom of the video reads: "Las nuevas líneas determinarán cómo tú y tu comunidad".



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