City of Napa
2021 Redistricting Community Outreach Meetings
Welcome
Meeting is being recorded

Introductions
Today’s Goals

*You* Learn From the Experts

Experts Listen to *You*

Mapping Tools Training

You Leave Empowered to Give Effective Feedback
Why You Should Care

• Democracy works better when people are engaged.
• You are experts on the community.
• You are an expert about your neighborhood.
• A once in a decade opportunity.
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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.
Redistricting Criteria

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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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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.
Your Turn: Communities of Interest

• Who is a part of your community?
• What are some meaningful places your community recognizes or gathers at?
• What are some common concerns you share with a group?
• What are some common cultural characteristics that unite a community?
• What are common work-related traits that bring a community together?
• What is significant about the physical environment?

Your thoughts and ideas will become part of the record.
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’s 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.
Mapping Tools Demonstration
Q&A With Your Hosts
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