

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.

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! Historical communities and areas with historic discrimination can and should be recognized as a community of interest when drawing maps.

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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’s website.

[Sign in to Save Progress](#)

Community of Interest Worksheet (2021 Redistricting)

Name:

Email Address:

Are you a resident of Napa?

Yes

No

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.

5) What do you like about the current district lines? What do you dislike about the current district lines?

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

Communities of Interest

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

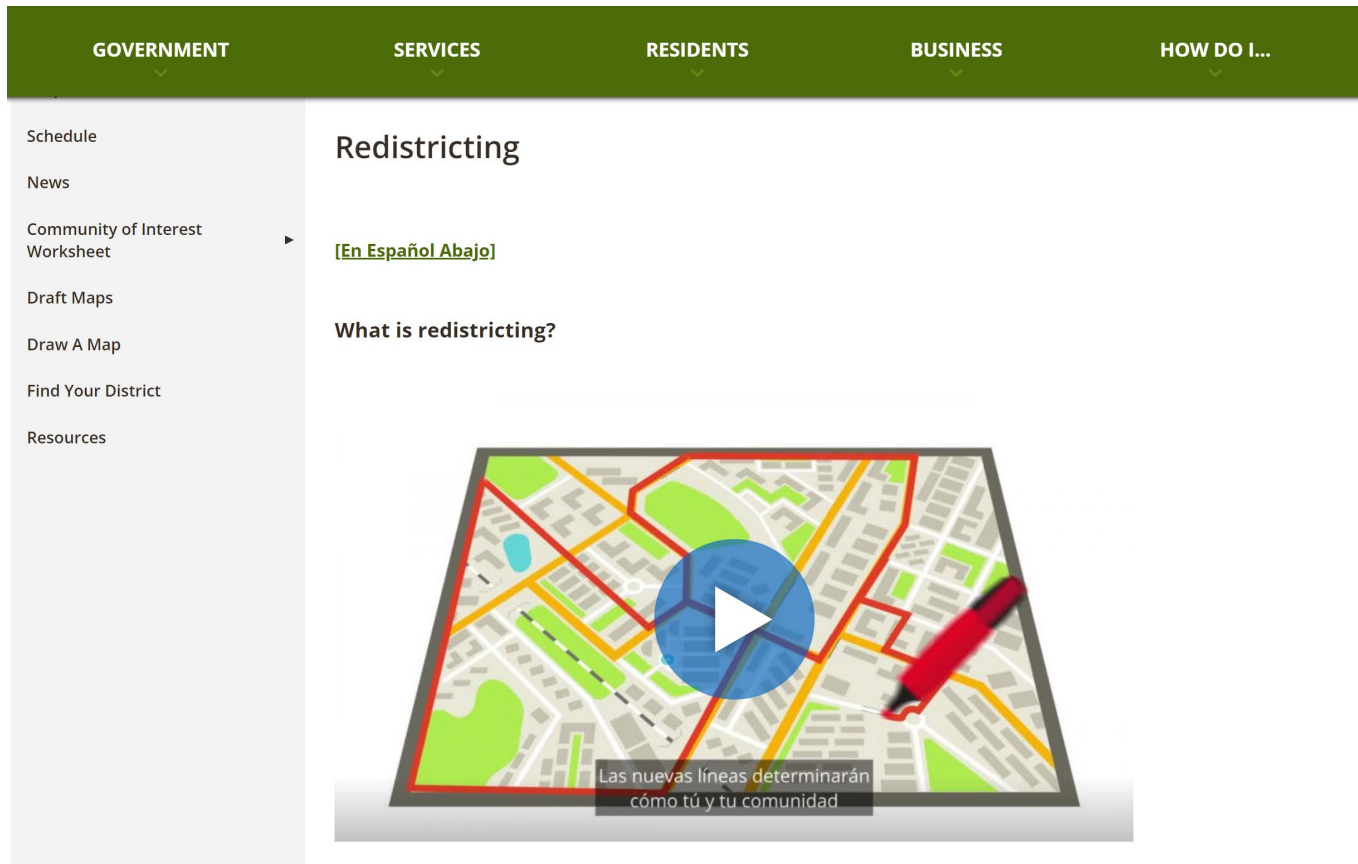
The City of Napa's Redistricting Process

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 | VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM |
| | Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:30 PM | TBD |

City of Napa Redistricting Website

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



The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu and main content area. The navigation bar includes: 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 features the title "Redistricting" and a link "[En Español Abajo]". Below this is the heading "What is redistricting?". The central image is a map with a red pen drawing new district lines, overlaid with a blue play button icon. A caption at the bottom of the image reads: "Las nuevas líneas determinarán cómo tú y tu comunidad".



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