



## Community of Interest (COI) Worksheet

### **Redistricting Process in 2021-2022**

Every ten years, local governments use new census data to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. This process, called redistricting, is important in ensuring that each Councilmember represents about the same number of constituents. Redistricting is done using U.S. Census data, which is anticipated to be released around September 30, 2021. For the City of Napa, the redistricting process must be completed by April 17, 2022.

Your input is needed to redraw voting districts for Councilmembers, and one way you can participate is by assisting the City in developing a list of “communities of interest” or “COI” that can be utilized in the process to redraw district lines.

### **What do the existing council districts look like?**

You can find a map of the City’s current Councilmember districts here: <https://arcg.is/1CrPXq>

### **What is a Community of Interest (COI)?**

A Community of Interest is a group of people that: share common social or economic interests, live in a geographically definable area, and should be included within a single district for purposes of effective and fair representation in future elections.

There are some communities of interest that are considered “protected classes” in that they have rights through state or federal civil rights or voting rights laws. Some examples of protected classes in districting would be ethnic and racial minorities such as a concentration of Latinx, Asian, or African American people.

There are other potential COI that can also be considered in districting, such as: senior citizens, college students, people who live in a particular neighborhood, or even people who share concerns such as parents with young children, bicycle enthusiasts, topic interest group, etc.

COI does not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

### **What You Can Do to Participate in the Process**

1. Provide your comments on your community of interest. If you need additional space for your responses to the questions, then please feel free to attach a sheet of paper.
2. Please return the completed worksheet via email to [redistricting@cityofnapa.org](mailto:redistricting@cityofnapa.org) or pick up and drop off a hard copy to City Hall, City Clerk’s Office, 955 School Street. Alternatively, you may also complete the online form on our website [www.cityofnapa.org/redistricting](http://www.cityofnapa.org/redistricting).
3. Attend the City’s Community Workshops and Public Hearings. The most-up-to-date schedule is available on our website [www.cityofnapa.org/redistricting](http://www.cityofnapa.org/redistricting).

