

### Redistricting 2022

August 2, 2022

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# **Redistricting Partners**

#### Experience

Redistricting Partners has conducted over 100 CVRA and FAIR MAPS Act redistricting projects over the last decade and was the line drawer for five of the ten largest cities, including the first Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission, the cities of San Jose, Oakland, Bakersfield, and Los Angeles.

The work has extended outside of California into several states and the State of New York Independent Redistricting Commission and New York City Districting Commission.



# **Redistricting Partners**

Team / Background

The team for this redistricting includes experts in redistricting and outreach, with a support team to ensure smooth workflow and completion.

- Paul Mitchell, Owner of Redistricting Partners
- · Chris Chaffee, Chief Operating Officer
- Liz Stitt, Redistricting Manager & Project Lead

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## The Redistricting Process

Under the Fair Maps Act

The City of Riverside is required to hold at least four hearings under the Fair Maps Act (FMA).

- One to two pre-map hearings to collect community of interest testimony
- Two map hearings to discuss proposed maps, the second hearing can be the final if selected map has been identified as a draft plan and been public for seven days.
- An optional final hearing to pass the final map



# The Redistricting Process

#### Under the Fair Maps Act

Other required parts of the process are intended to create a fair and transparent redistricting:

- Encourage public engagement by reaching out to media and community-based organizations.
- Language outreach and creating opportunity for public to attend hearings, including requiring at least one evening / weekend outreach hearing.
- Posting of all redistricting commission information on a website that is maintained for the next 10 years.

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# What is Redistricting?

<u>Redistricting</u> is at its core the act of equalizing population among districts.

This is important in order to meet two requirements - one constitutional, one from Supreme Court precedent:

- Equal Representation (14<sup>th</sup> Amendment) how effective any resident can be at advocating for themselves or being represented within a jurisdiction.
- One Person One Vote equal ability to elect a candidate of choice.

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# What is the Voting Rights Act?

<u>The Voting Rights Act</u> is federal law that seeks to remedy racial disenfranchisement. It has two sections impacting redistricting:

Section 2 – Majority Minority Districts

**Section 5** – Preclearance (inactive)

<u>The California Voting Rights Act</u> does not apply to the City of Riverside as it deals only with agencies with "at large" elections.

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Ranked criteria that must be followed in city redistricting

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- Relatively equal size people, not citizens
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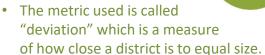


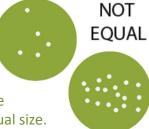
## **Equal Population**

Utilizing the U.S. Census Decennial File

What is "equal" population has been a key subject in redistricting litigation.

 Population Equality is based on "People" not citizens or voters or other metrics.





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# Contiguity

Two definitions for what is contiguous

Contiguity should be thought of as "literal" and "functional."

- An area that is one whole piece is "literally contiguous."
- An area that represents how the population functions or how people are connected is "functionally contiguous."



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### **Communities of Interest**

Bringing like people together for representation

A community of interest is a population residing close to one another that shares social and economic interests and <u>would benefit from being districted</u> together to ensure effective and fair representation.

- Many more, including:
  - Senior Citizens or Students
  - Downtown / Urban
  - Rural or Agricultural
  - Homeowners or Renters
  - Wilderness Urban Interface

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When discussing historically disadvantaged neighborhoods, "Two is not better than one."

"...maintaining a neighborhood in a manner that 'minimizes its divisions' and preserving the local neighborhood 'to the extent practicable.""

This is done to preserve communities and maximize representative and voting power for groups even outside of the Voting Rights Act requirements.



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### Easily Identifiable and Understandable Lines

Using logical boundaries to divide wards

**FAIR MAPS Act:** 

Council district boundaries should be easily identifiable and understandable by residents. To the extent practicable, council districts shall be bounded by natural and artificial barriers, by streets, or by the boundaries of the city

Examples of natural boundaries:

- Rivers/Creeks
- Mountains

Examples of artificial or man-made boundaries:

- Highways
- Train tracks
- · Main roads



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### Compactness

Determining what is "compact"

California has a rather elegant/simple definition.

 Not bypassing nearby populated areas in favor of more distant populated areas

Other states require mathematical formulas or have have simply outlawed "funny shapes"



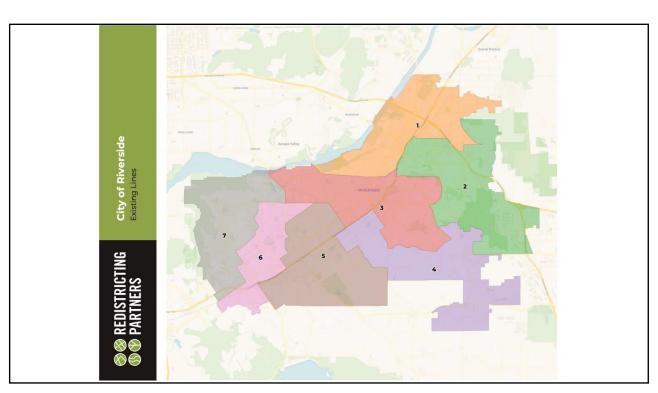


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Deviation	-574	708	-1,058	665	-1,482	1,627	113
Deviation %	-1.3%	1.6%	-2.4%	1.5%	-3.4%	3.7%	0.3%
Other	15,908	13,922	20,619	20,794	16,535	11,001	12,173
Other %	37.1%	31.6%	48.7%	47.2%	39.4%	24.4%	28.0%
Latino	18,888	19,620	17,914	14,832	21,610	29,843	26,262
Latino %	44.1%	44.5%	42.3%	33.6%	51.5%	66.3%	60.3%
Asian	3,940	6,085	1,456	4,632	1,635	1,844	2,974
Asian %	9.2%	13.8%	3.4%	10.5%	3.9%	4.1%	6.8%
Black	4,106	4,496	2,369	3,822	2,153	2,355	2,120
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Other CVAP %	51.0%	45.2%	60.0%	56.6%	58.1%	43.9%	45.6%
Latino CVAP	8,050	7,502	8,286	7,055	7,941	10,360	9,560
Latino CVAP %	31.8%	30.8%	30.2%	26.5%	32.2%	45.4%	42.3%
Asian CVAP	1,701	3,019	1,252	2,309	1,022	892	1,564
Asian CVAP %	6.7%	12.4%	4.6%	8.7%	4.1%	3.9%	6.9%
Black CVAP	2,678	2,812	1,422	2,185	1,371	1,556	1,181

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Other	15,189	15,351	18,408	19,290	13,577	9,394	10,480
Other %	33.9%	33.2%	41.6%	43.4%	31.2%	19.9%	22.8%
Latino	23,204	22,227	22,143	16,691	25,518	33,275	30,099
Latino %	51.8%	48.1%	50.0%	37.5%	58.6%	70.5%	65.5%
Asian	3,042	4,636	1,603	5,180	2,445	2,296	3,255
Asian %	6.8%	10.0%	3.6%	11.7%	5.6%	4.9%	7.1%
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