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# Introduction to Redistricting



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# Redistricting Process, Part I

| Step  | Description  |
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| Initial Hearings Summer/Fall 2021             | <ul> <li>Held prior to release of draft maps</li> <li>Education and to solicit input on the communities in the Districts</li> <li>Thursday, July 15, 6 p.m.</li> <li>Thursday, July 29, 11 a.m.</li> <li>Thursday, August 19, 6 p.m.</li> <li>Saturday, October 16, 10 a.m.</li> <li>Saturday, October 16, 2 p.m.</li> <li>Saturday, October 16, 6 p.m.</li> </ul> |
| Census Data Release<br>Mid/Late August        | Census Bureau releases official 2020 Census population data.   |
| California Data Release<br>Early October 2021 | • California Statewide Database releases California's official 'prisoner-<br>adjusted' 2020 redistricting data.  |



# Redistricting Process, Part II

| Step                                      | Description   |
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| Draft Map Hearing November 4, 2021 6 p.m. | <ul> <li>Discuss and revise the draft maps</li> <li>Discuss the election sequence</li> <li>Deadline to submit draft maps: October 21, 2021, 5 p.m.</li> <li>Post draft maps by October 28, 2021, 5 p.m.</li> </ul>  |
| Draft Map Hearing December 2, 2021 6 p.m. | <ul> <li>Discuss and select final map</li> <li>Discuss and determine election sequence</li> <li>First reading of ordinance</li> <li>Deadline to submit draft maps: November 19, 2021, 5 p.m.</li> <li>Post draft maps by November 24, 2021, 5 p.m.</li> </ul> |
| Map Adoption December 9, 2021 6 p.m.      | <ul> <li>Map adopted via second reading of ordinance</li> <li>Post draft map: December 2, 2021</li> </ul>   |

# Redistricting Rules and Goals

#### 1. Federal Laws

**Equal Population** 

Federal Voting Rights Act

No Racial Gerrymandering

# 2. California Criteria for Cities

- 1. Geographically contiguous
- 2. Undivided neighborhoods and "communities of interest"

(Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)

- 3. Easily identifiable boundaries
- 4. Compact

(Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

**Prohibited:** "Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party."

# 3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

Minimize voters shifted to different election years

Respect voters' choices / continuity in office

Future population growth

Preserving the core of existing districts

# Defining Neighborhoods

1st Question: What is your neighborhood?

2<sup>nd</sup> Question: What are its geographic boundaries?

Examples of physical features defining a neighborhood boundary:

- Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals and/or hills
- Areas around parks or schools
- Other neighborhood landmarks

In the absence of public testimony, planning records and other similar documents may provide definition.

# Beyond Neighborhoods: Defining Communities of Interest

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Question: What defines your community?

- Geographic Area, plus
- Shared issue or characteristic
  - Shared social or economic interest
  - Impacted by city policies
- Tell us "your community's story"

2<sup>nd</sup> Question: Would this community benefit from being "included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation"?

Or would it benefit more from having multiple representatives?

Definitions of Communities of Interest may <u>not</u> include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

# Possible Neighborhoods / Communities

# Public Mapping and Map Review Tools

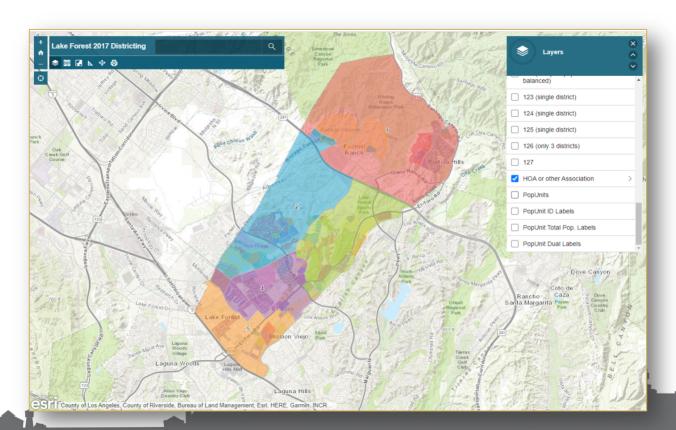
- Different tools for different purposes
- Different tools for different levels of technical skill and interest
  - Simple "review draft maps" tool
  - Easy-to-use "Draw your neighborhood" tool
  - Paper- and Excel-based simple "Draw a draft map" tools
  - Powerful, data-rich "Draw a draft map" tool

Whether you use the powerful (but complicated) online mapping tool, Excel, the paper kit, or just draw on a napkin, we welcome your maps!

# Simple Map Review Tool

#### Online Interactive Review Map

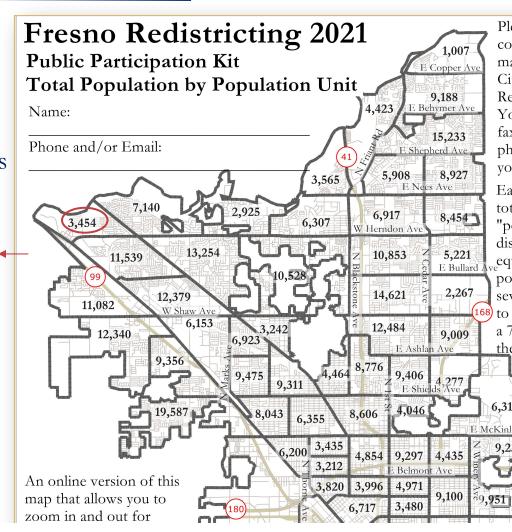
- ESRI's "ArcGIS Online" similar to Google Maps in ease of use
- Used to review, analyze and compare maps, not to create them
- Includes overlays of "community of interest" and other data



# Simple Map Drawing Tool

#### Paper "Public Participation Kit"

- For those without internet access or who prefer paper
- Total Population Counts only no demographic numbers



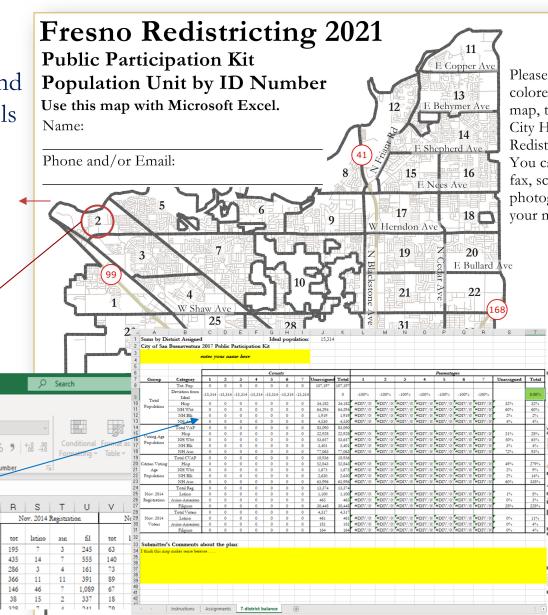
## Simple Map Drawing Tool + Excel Supplement

#### "Public Participation Kit"

 For those who know Excel and do not wish to use online tools

Lake Forest 5-district Kit ENG.xlsx •

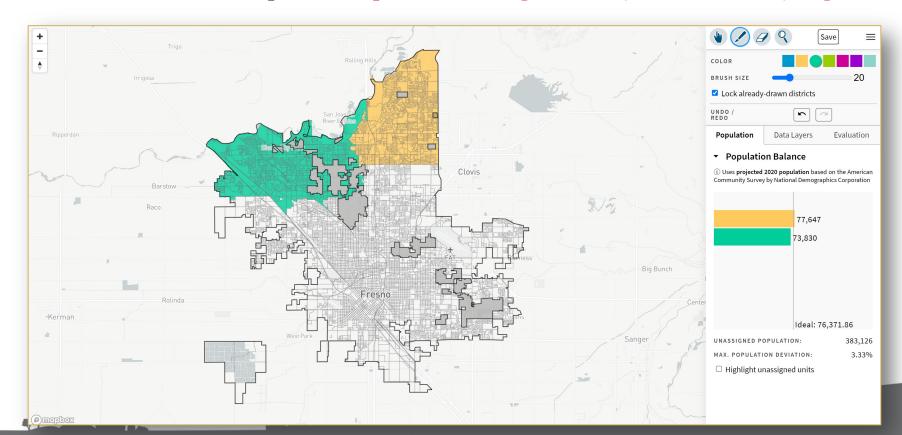
- Adds CVAP data
- Excel does the math



#### **DistrictR**

#### "Draw Your Community of Interest" focus

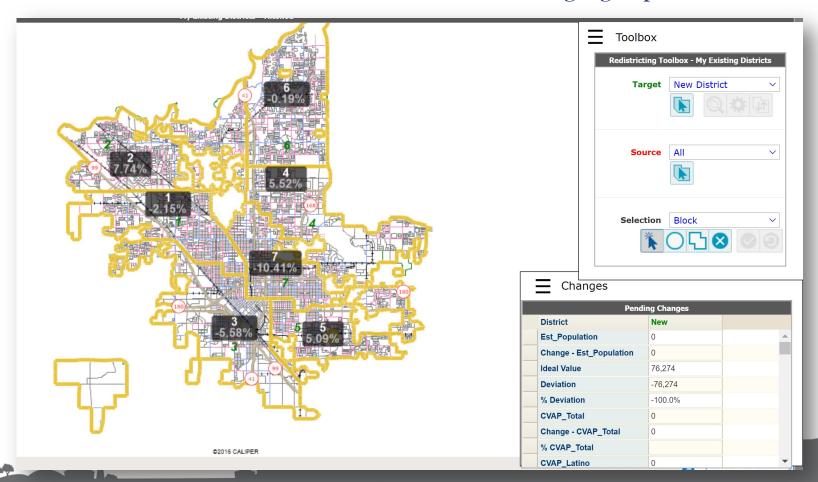
- districtR.org/tag/FresnoCity
- Also includes simple district-mapping tool; Only available in English
- Similar external options: Representable.org, DrawMyCACommunity.org



# Caliper's "Maptitude Online Redistricting"

#### Full Database, Powerful Online Mapping Tool

- https://inzolia.caliper.com/FresnoCity
- Powerful, common, data-rich online tool; six language options



### **Share Your Thoughts**



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# Public Hearing & Discussion

- □ What is your neighborhood and what are its boundaries?
- □ What other notable areas are in the City, and what are their boundaries?

□ Any questions about the mapping tools?

#### Council discussion on:

- "neighborhoods"
- "communities of interest"