

# Redistricting 2021

A brief overview

# What is Redistricting?

- Done every 10 years after the US Census
- Areas must be redrawn so that each district is equal in population
- LA City Redistricting Commission is formed-21 members-to make recommendations
- Creates plan to set boundaries for the City Council Districts
- Must be completed by December 31, 2021

# Why Redistrict?

- Council Districts, Counties, State and school districts change based on population
- Helps communities have equal access to political representation based on demographics and socioeconomic status.
- This is important to have communities pick elected officials that represent their community
- Also keeps the number constituents that officials they represent similar.

# Criteria for Redistricting

- Each district shall be substantially equal in total population to the other districts.
- Districts shall comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- Districts shall be geographically contiguous.
- The geographic integrity of neighborhoods and communities of interest shall be kept intact to the extent feasible.
- Districts shall be drawn utilizing natural boundaries and streets and to encourage geographic compactness to the extent feasible.
- Besides the above criteria, districts shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

#### How to Get Involved-City

- Join the Commission Meetings (meeting has passed for our CD)
- RSVP for a public Hearing Meeting
- Submit a Community of Interest form
- The public may also provide written public comments by submitting them via email to: <a href="mailto:redistricting.lacity@lacity.org">redistricting.lacity@lacity.org</a>
- You can find more information here: <u>https://laccrc2021.org/how-to-get-involved/</u>

### Meeting Schedule-LAUSD

- Similar to LA City, but the commission has fifteen members. They meet on:
- Wed, August 11, 2021
- Wed, September 8, 2021
- Wed, September 15, 2021
- Wed, September 29, 2021
- Wed, October 20, 2021
- Wed, October 27, 2021
- <u>http://redistricting2021.lacity.org/LAUSDRC/index.html</u>

#### How to Get Involved-County

- There are 10 public hearings on the county redistricting. Some have already passed, however, the Citizens redistricting Commission will provide information and take input from any district area.
- Our suggested area was on July 20<sup>th</sup>, but there are upcoming meetings
- Upcoming Dates: July 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm, August 7<sup>th</sup> 10am (in Spanish), August 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm, August 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm, and August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2pm.
- See below link for more information including zoom link:
- <u>https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/public-hearings/</u>

#### How to Get Involved-State

- Redistricting done by the voter-approved California Citizens Redistricting Commission
- Redistricting of California's Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and Board of Equalization districts is completed-also every 10 years
- Our area (Los Angeles) will be covered for Communities of Interest Input on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, from 4-8pm.
- More information can be found at:
- <u>https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/</u>



#### Summary/Questions