



# County of Fresno Redistricting Workshop

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## Introductions



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# Today's Goals

You Learn From the Experts

Experts Listen to You

Mapping Tools Training

You Leave Empowered to Give Effective Feedback



# Today's Schedule

AGENDA: Start at 6 p.m.; Close at 8 p.m.

Process, Rules and Goals

Neighborhoods/Communities of Interest

**Mapping Tools** 

Next Steps



# Redistricting Process

Step	Description
Pre-Draft Public Hearing August 12, 6:30 p.m. Health and Wellness Center	<ul> <li>Advisory Commission Public Hearing</li> <li>Held prior to release of draft maps</li> <li>Educate, solicit input on the communities in the Districts</li> </ul>
Census Data Release Mid/Late August	• Census Bureau releases official 2020 Census population data
California Data Release Early October 2021	• California Statewide Database releases California's official 'prisoner- adjusted' 2020 redistricting data
Engagement Workshops	<ul> <li>July 14, 6-8 p.m. (Riverdale Unified School District)</li> <li>August 3, 6-8 p.m. (Gaston Middle School)</li> <li>August 4, 6-8 p.m. (Fresno High School)</li> <li>August 21, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (Woodward Park Regional Library)</li> <li>August 21, 2:30-4:30 p.m. (Clovis Veterans Memorial Center)</li> </ul>

#### Dates/locations subject to change



# Redistricting Process (continued)

Step	Description
Pre-Draft Public Hearing October 21, 6:30 p.m. Health and Wellness Center	<ul> <li>Advisory Commission Public Hearing</li> <li>Recommend communities of interest, neighborhoods for Board of Supervisors</li> <li>Recommend draft maps for Board of Supervisors</li> <li>Deadline to submit maps: October 20, 2021, 5 p.m.</li> </ul>
Draft Map Public Hearing November 2, 1 p.m. Board Chambers	<ul> <li>Board of Supervisors Public Hearing</li> <li>Discuss, revise the draft maps</li> <li>Discuss the election sequence</li> <li>Deadline to submit maps: October 20, 2021, 5 p.m.</li> <li>Deadline for maps to be posted to website: October 27, 2021, 5 p.m.</li> </ul>
Draft Map Public Hearing November 16, 1 p.m. Board Chambers	<ul> <li>Board of Supervisors Public Hearing</li> <li>Select final map and election sequence</li> <li>Deadline to submit maps: November 2, 2021, 5 p.m.</li> <li>Deadline for maps to be posted to website: November 9, 2021, 5 p.m.</li> </ul>

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# Redistricting Rules and Goals

#### 1. Federal Laws

- Equal Population
- Federal Voting Rights Act
- No Racial Gerrymandering



# 2. California Criteria for Counties

- 1. Geographically contiguous
- 2. Undivided neighborhoods and "communities of interest" (Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
- 3. Cities and CDPs
- 4. Easily identifiable boundaries
- 5. 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

### 1st Question: What defines your community?

- Geographic Area, plus
- Shared issue or characteristic
  - Shared social or economic interest
  - Impacted by county 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

## From July 14, 2021, public workshop:

- Riverdale
- Lanare
- East of CA 41/West of CA 41
  - Type of crops; no trees
  - Size of farms and corporations
  - Family farms
  - Housing type; access to resources
- Unincorporated communities
  - Lack access to water
  - Farmworker community

Data collected from the August 2021 public workshops will be shared at the October 2021 Public Hearing.

Data collected from all public workshops will be posted on the redistricting website.



# **Q&A** With The Experts



# **Neighbor Chats**

 15 minutes to review maps, thinks about communities of interest, talk with your fellow community members

Experts will be available to answer your questions

 After 15 minutes, we will swing by each group and ask you to share your thoughts on communities of interest

 Your thoughts and ideas will become part of the record and be recorded / written down



## **Break**



# Share Your Thoughts



Website: www.co.fresno.ca.us/resources/redistricting

Phone: 559.600.1221 | Email: FresnoCounty2021Redistricting@fresnocountyca.gov



# 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

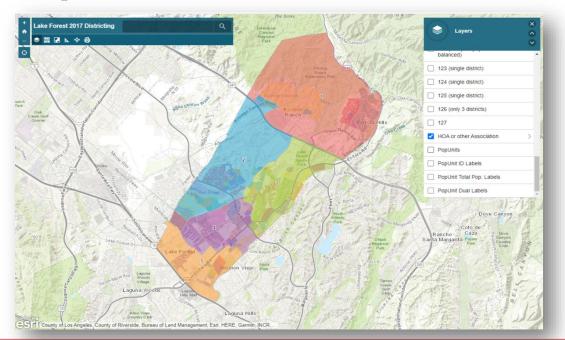
Whether you use the powerful (but complicated) online mapping tool, Excel, the paper kit, or just draw on a napkin, we welcome your maps!



## 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 Story Map data
- Sample map from Lake Forest

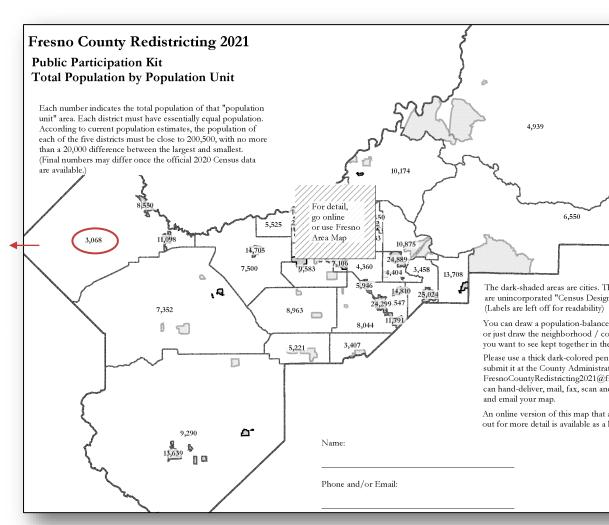




# Simple Map Drawing Tool

# Paper "Public Participation Kit"

- For those without internet access or who prefer paper
- Total Population
   Counts only no
   demographic numbers
- Geographic units would be tracts, CDP's and smaller cities



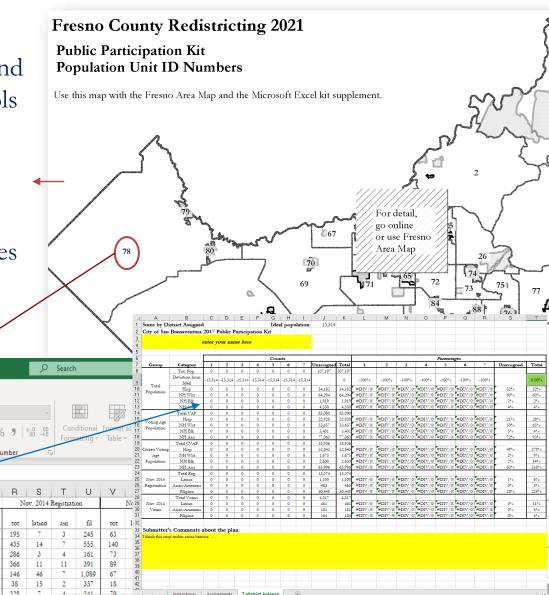


## Simple Map Drawing Tool + Excel Supplement

## "Public Participation Kit"

- For those who know Excel and do not wish to use online tools
- Adds CVAP data
- Excel does the math
- Geographic units would be tracts, CDP's and smaller cities

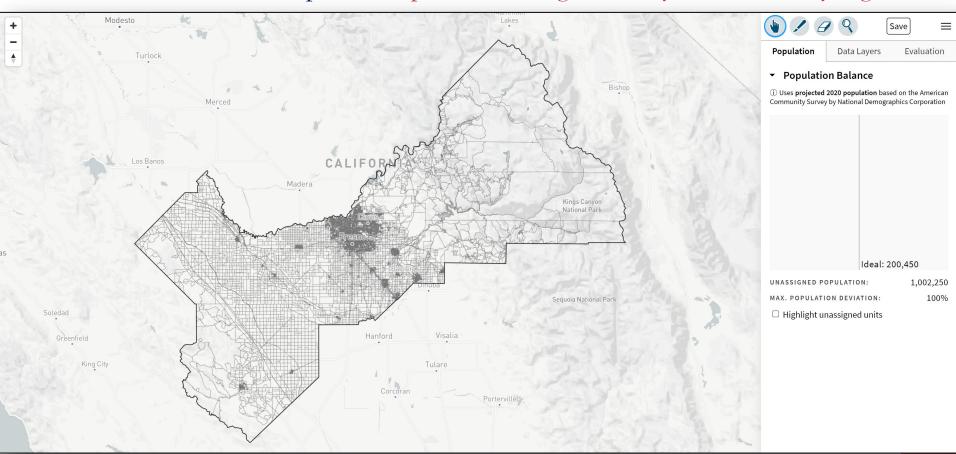
Lake Forest 5-district Kit ENG.xlsx



## **DistrictR**

## "Draw Your Community of Interest" focus

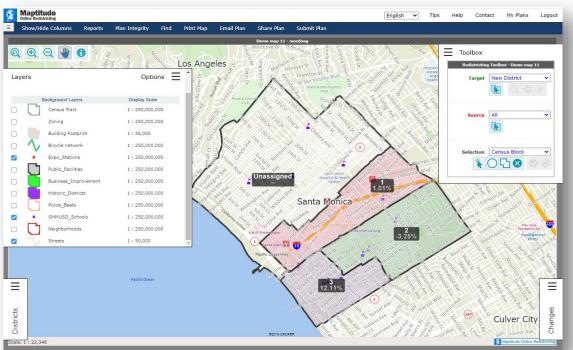
- districtR.org
- Also includes simple district-mapping tool; Only available in English
- Similar external options: Representable.org, DrawMyCACommunity.org



# Caliper's "Maptitude Online Redistricting"

## Full Database, Powerful Online Mapping Tool

- Powerful, common, data-rich online tool
- Six language options: English, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Mandarin and Korean
- Quick Start Guide



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