



City of Lake Elsinore

Introduction to Redistricting 2021

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Redistricting Process

Step	Description
Two Initial Hearings August 10 & September 14	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the communities in the Districts.
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.
Two Draft Map Hearings February 22 & March 22	Two Public Hearings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
Map Adoption By April 17, 2022	Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption. Map adopted via ordinance.*

Redistricting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws

Equal Population
Federal Voting Rights Act
No Racial Gerrymandering



2. California Criteria for Cities (rank ordered)

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

Demographic Summary of Existing Districts

City of Lake Elsinore - Current Districts

Category	Field	1	2	3	4	5	Count
2020 Est. Population	2020 Estimated Pop.	10,388	14,274	16,363	12,722	13,123	66,870
	Estimated Deviation	-2,986	900	2,989	-652	-251	5,975
	Est. Pct. Deviation	-22.32%	6.73%	22.35%	-4.87%	-1.88%	44.67%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	5,774	8,356	8,756	7,137	6,233	36,256
	Hisp	43%	42%	26%	52%	53%	42%
	NH White	42%	40%	45%	39%	30%	40%
	NH Black	6%	5%	17%	4%	11%	9%
	Asian/Pac.Isl.	6%	12%	11%	3%	6%	8%

Estimates using official 2020 demographic data and NDC's estimated total population figures.

Each of the 5 districts must contain about 13,374 people.

Defining Neighborhoods

1st Question: What is your neighborhood?

2nd 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”

2nd 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 not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

Beyond Neighborhoods: Communities

Under the California Elections Code, “community of interest” has a very specific definition in the context of districting and redistricting cities and counties:

A “community of interest” is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.

Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

(emphasis added)

Public Map Review Tools

- Different tools for different purposes
- Story Map: Simple tool for learning about your community and exploring different data layers
- Interactive Review Map: Simple tool for viewing multiple data layers from the Story Map at once, and for reviewing draft maps that are posted
- Paper Map Kit: Simple tool for those without internet access

Public Hearing & Discussion

- What are the neighborhoods in the city, and what are their boundaries?
- What are the communities of interest in the city, and what are their boundaries?
- Council Discussion, then Action:
 - ▣ Vote on areas that meet each definition according to state law:
 - ▣ “Neighborhoods”
 - ▣ “Communities of interest...that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation”

Share Your Thoughts

Website

<http://www.lake-elsinore.org/city-hall/city-clerk/election-information/election-districts/2021-2022-redistricting>

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