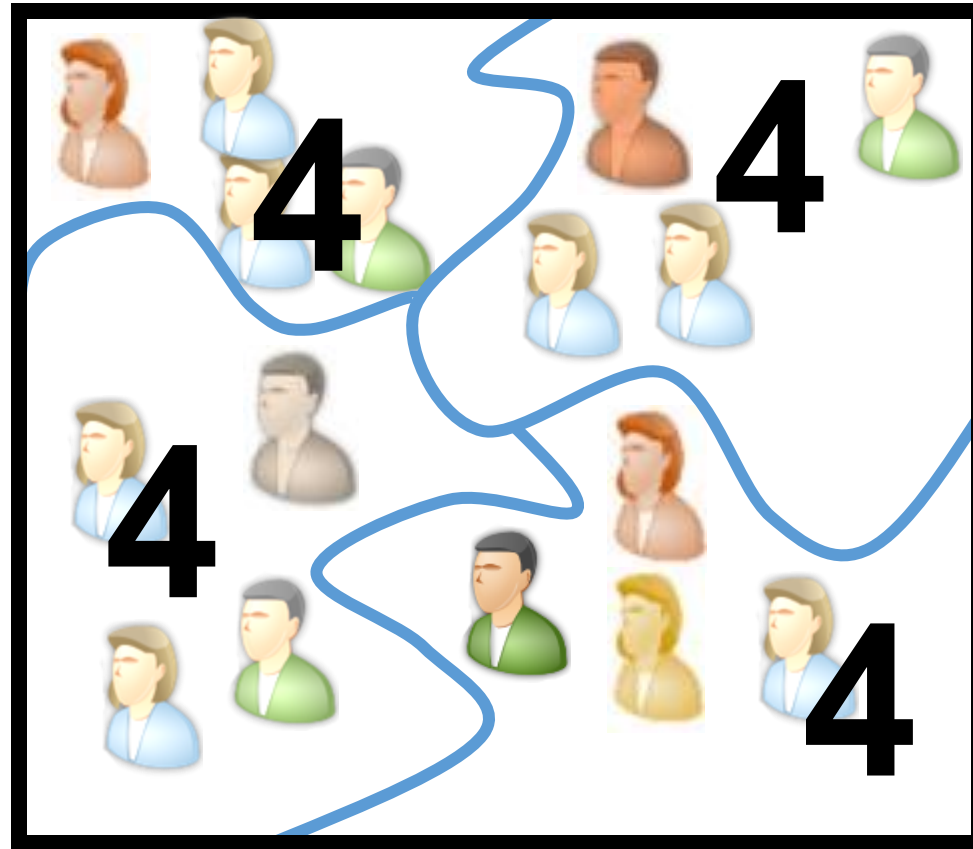




Common Cause

Holding Power Accountable

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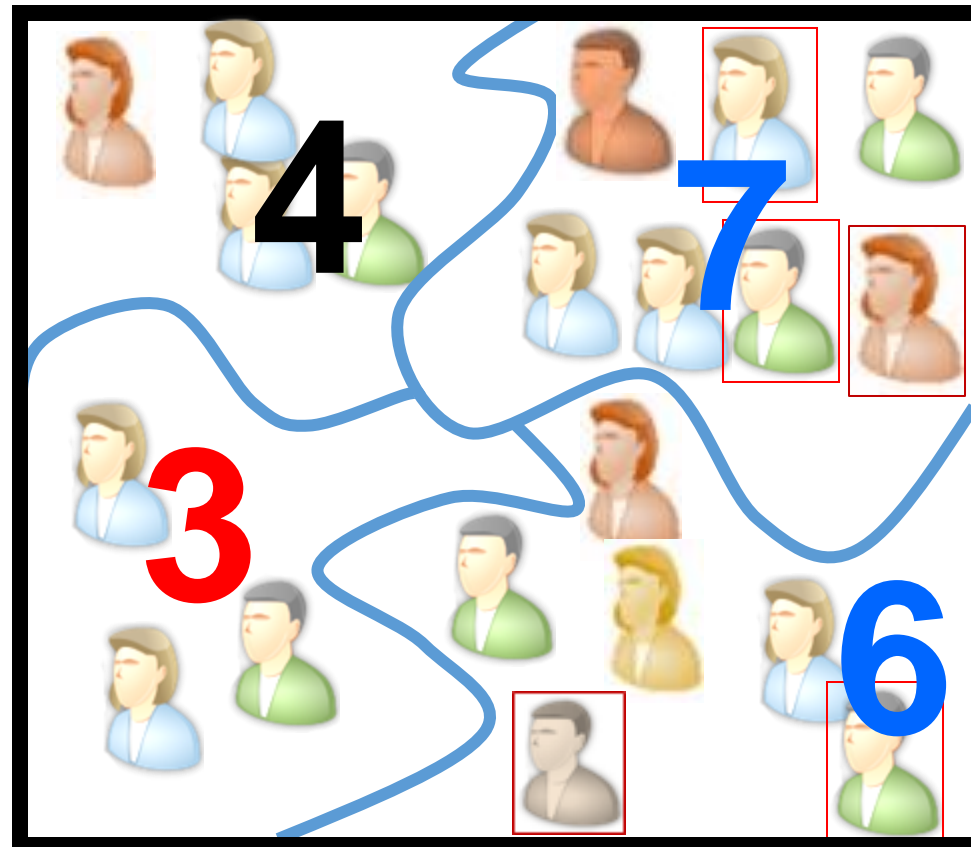


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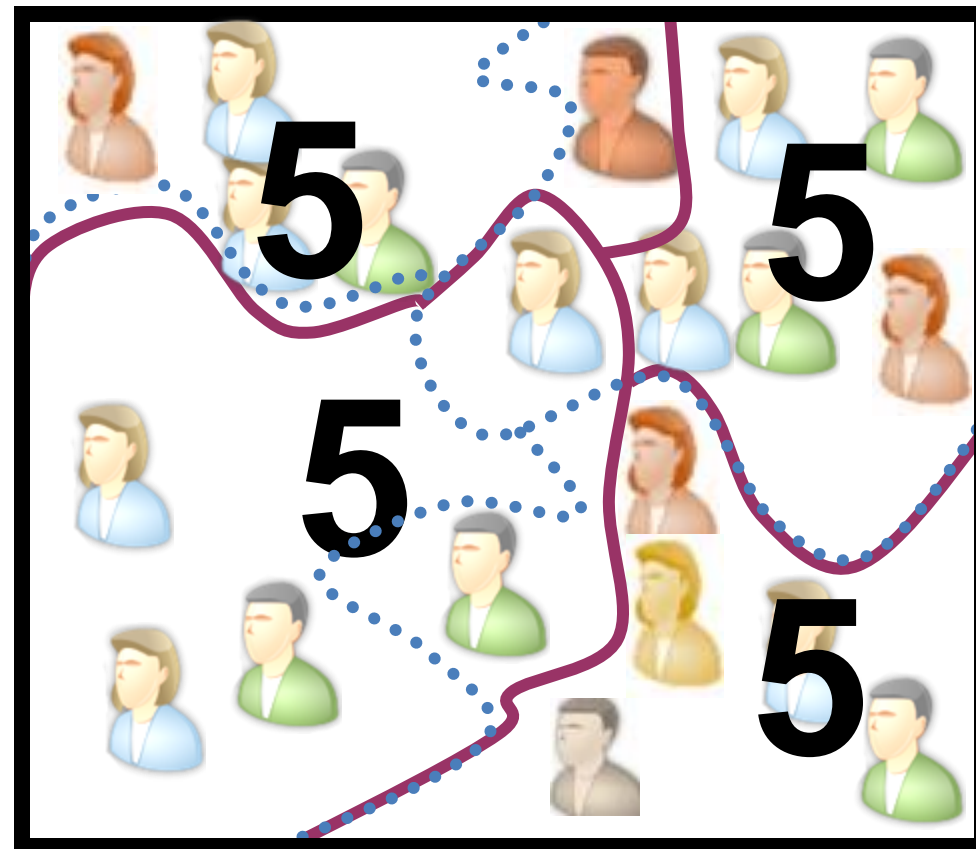


What is Redistricting?

Over time, districts become uneven in population.



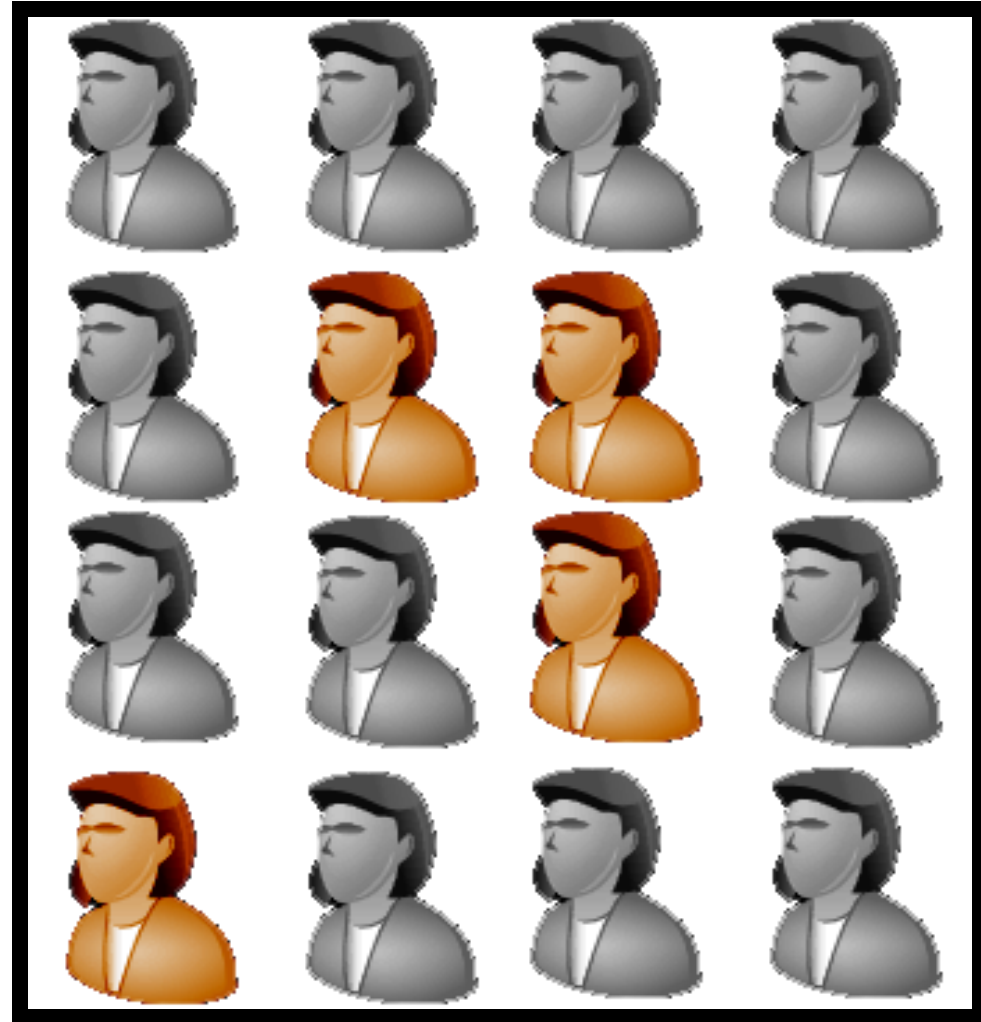
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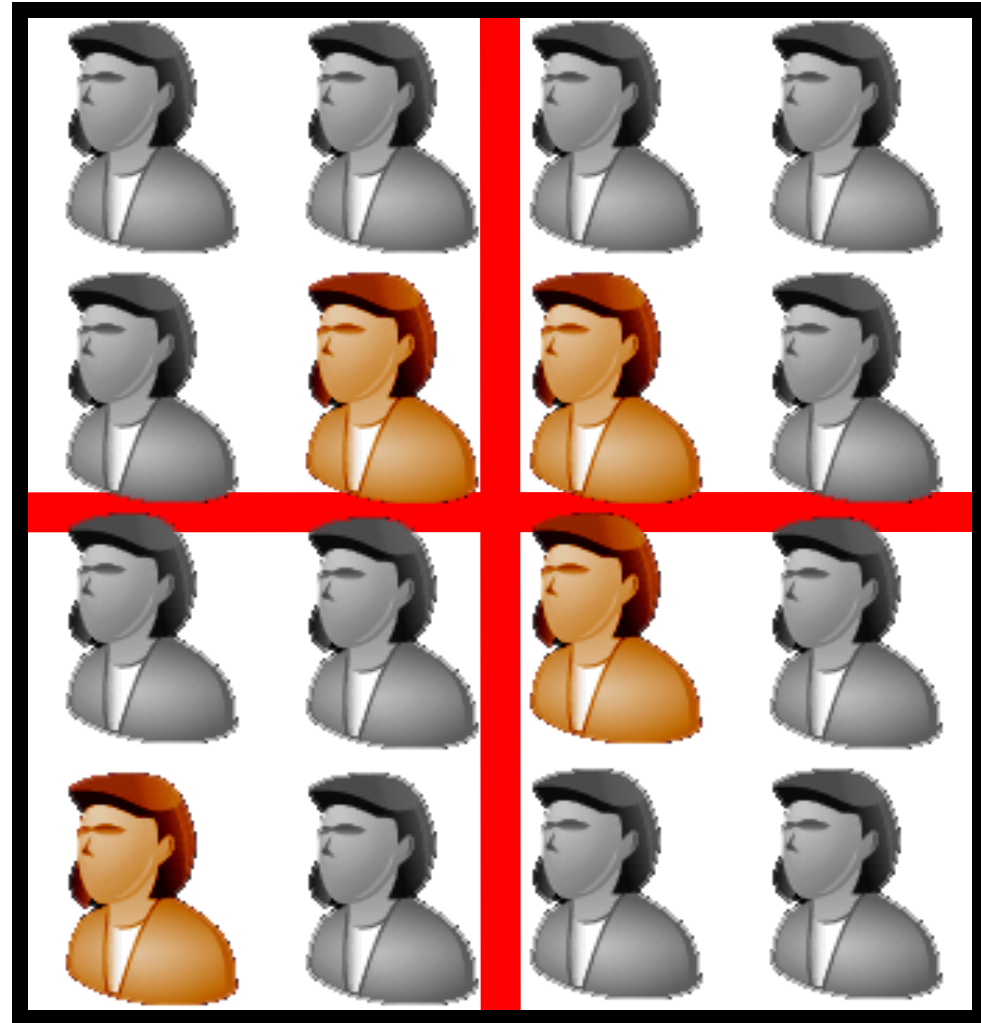
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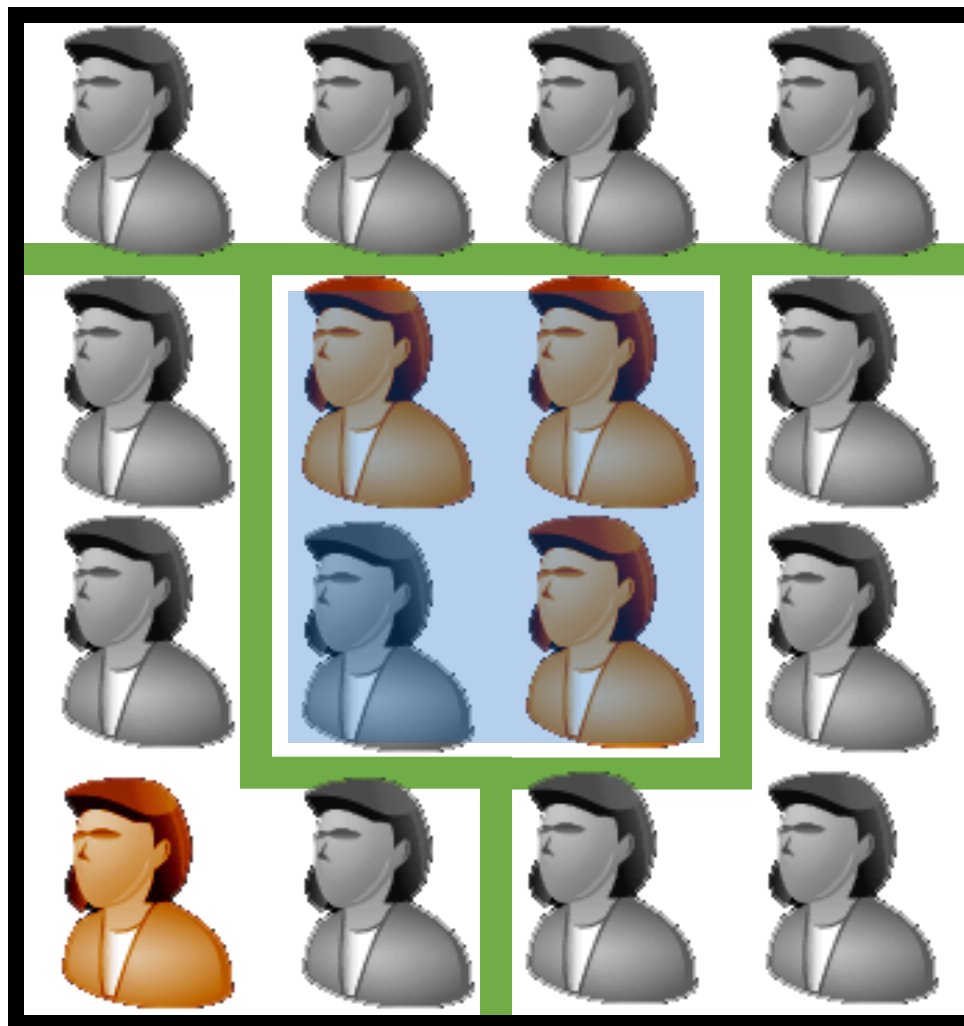
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When people organize, we can elect candidates of our **community's choice**.

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If a majority
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requires it



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What are the real life impacts of gerrymanders?



Take a guess where this picture is from





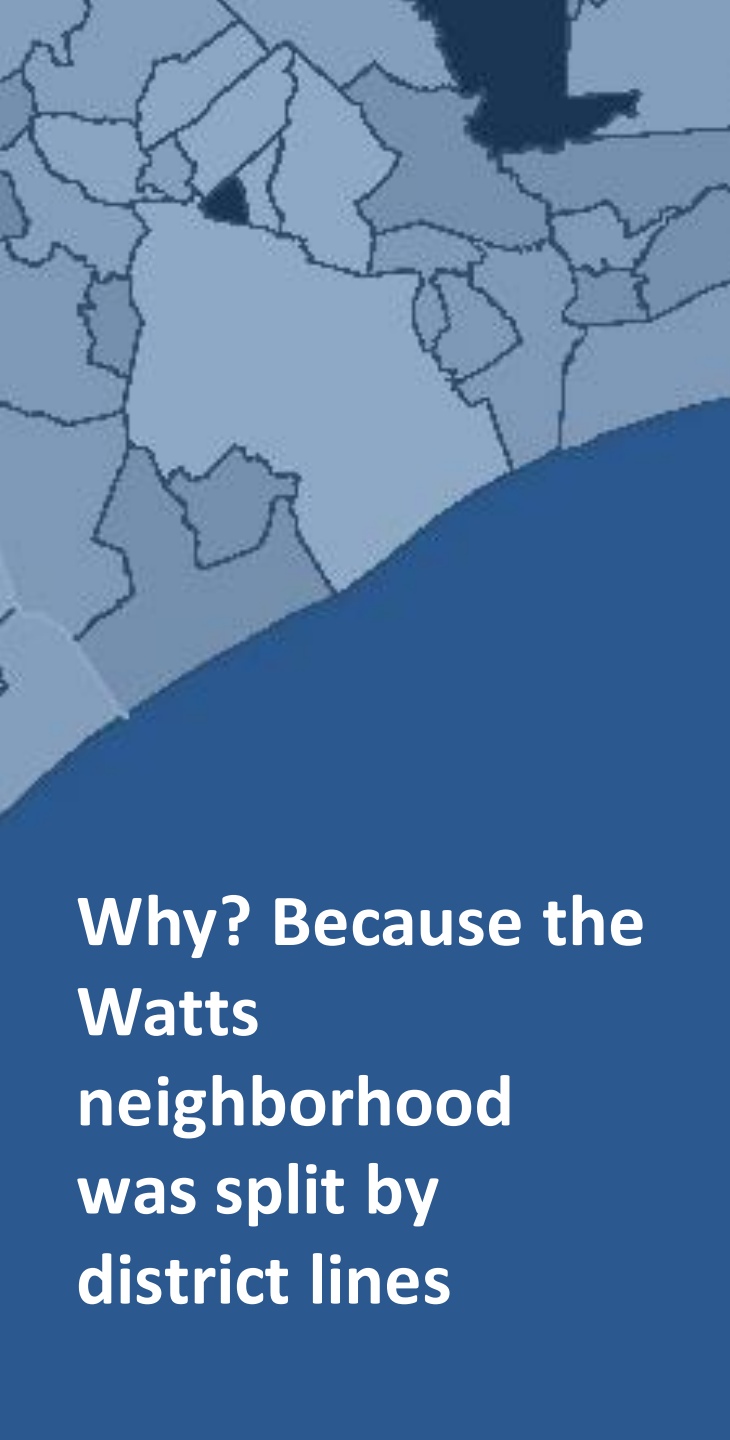
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Division of Watts in 2001: CA Congressional Districts



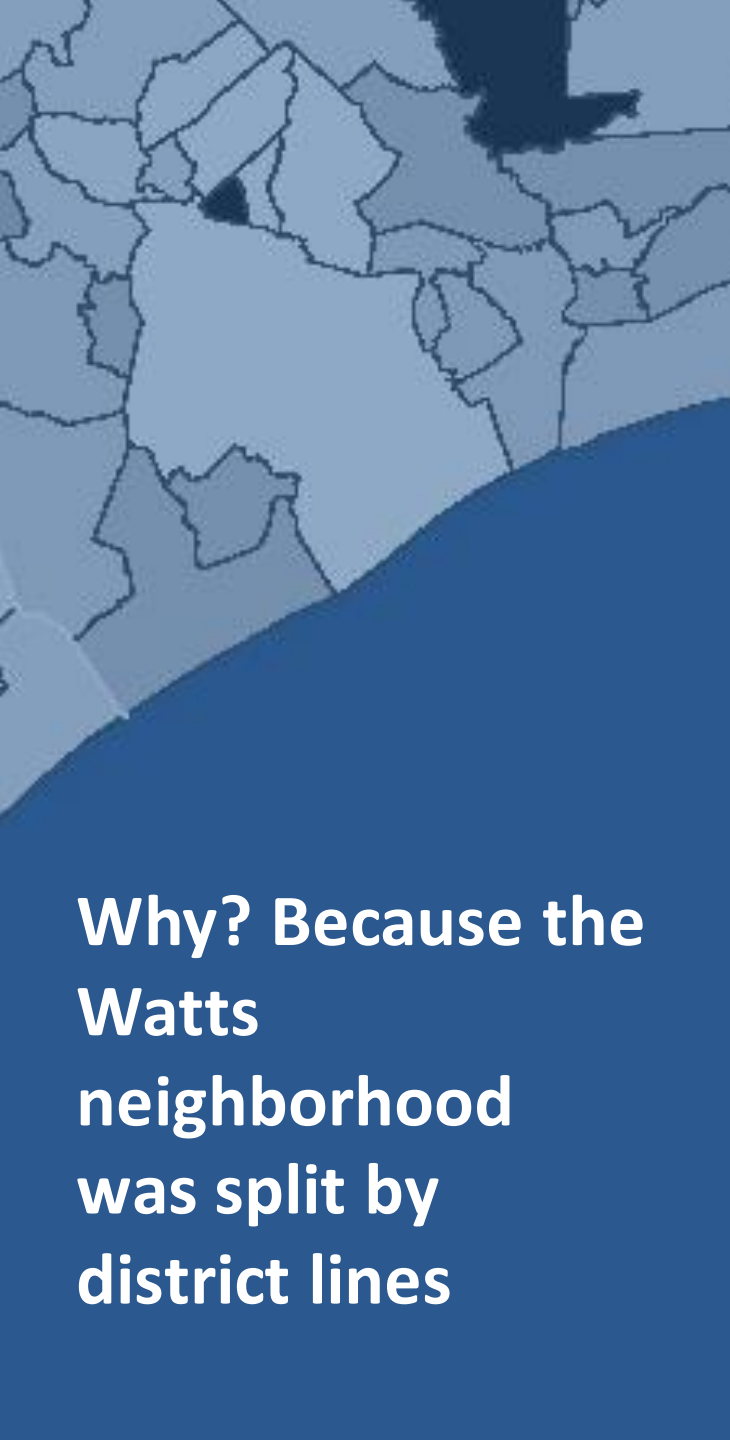
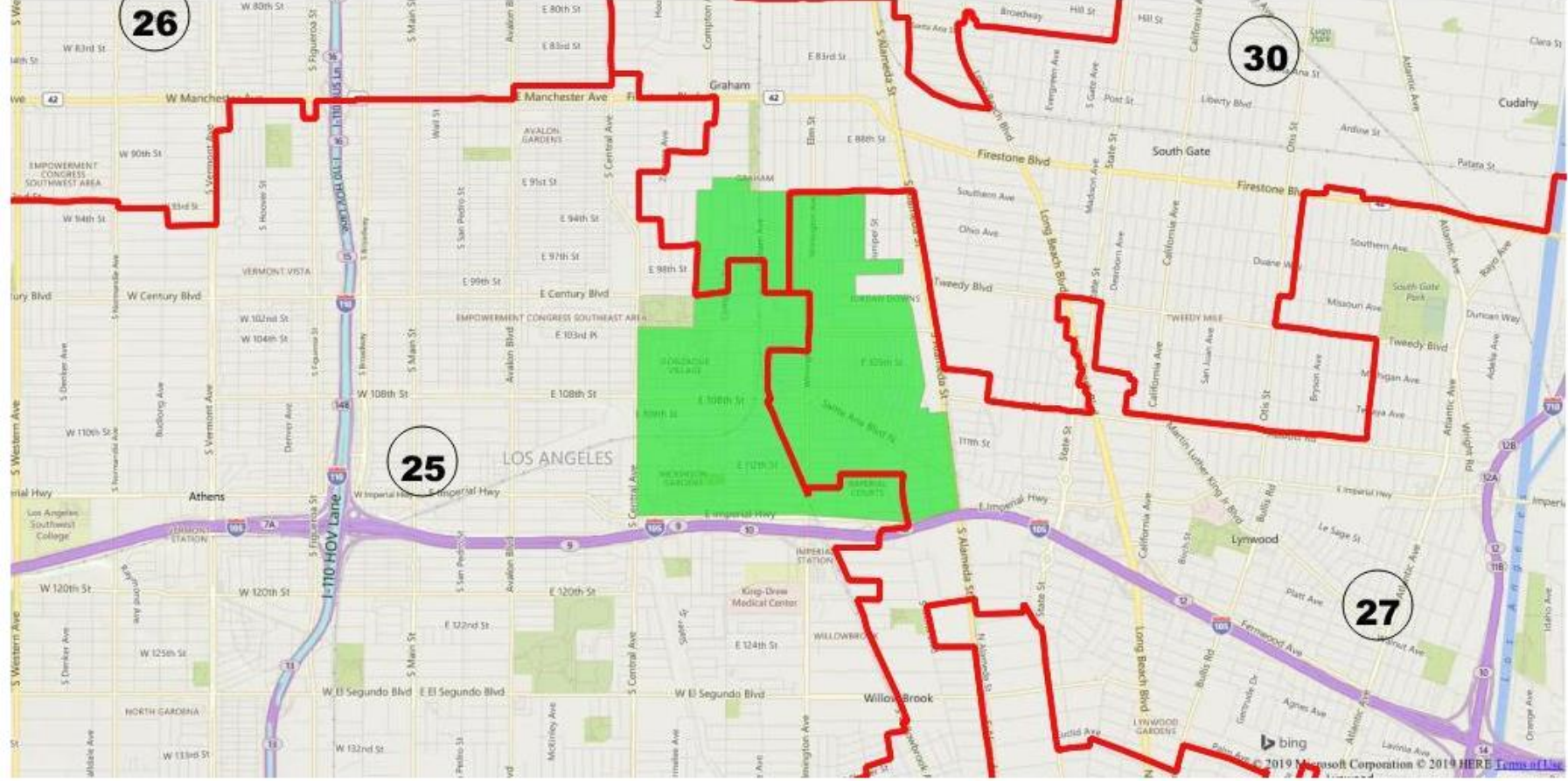
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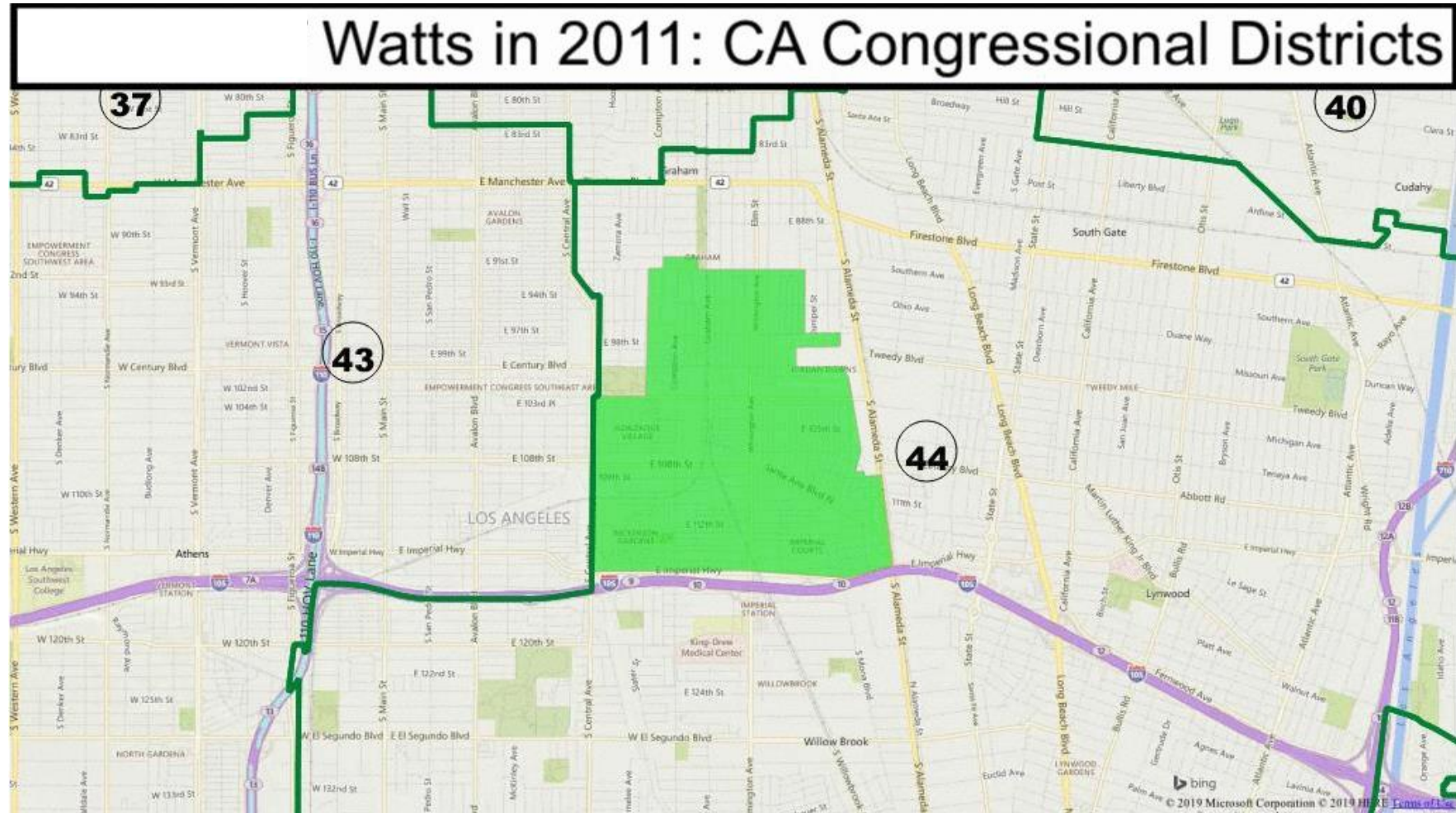
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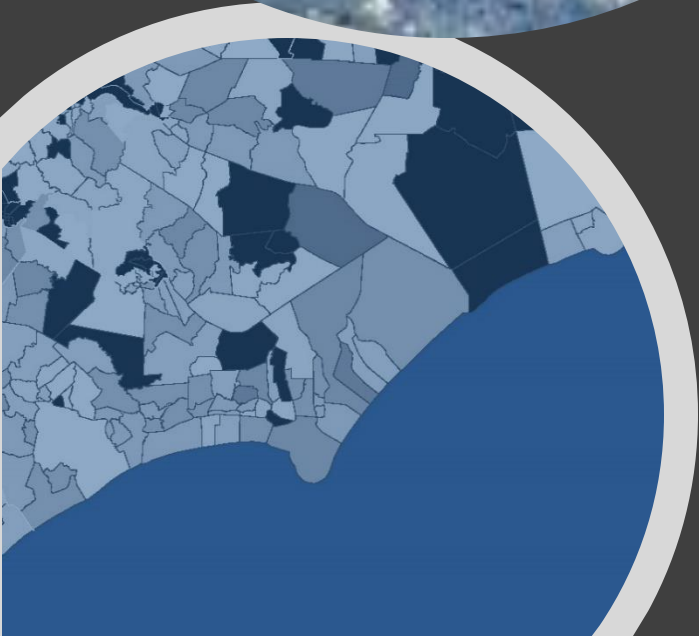


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After 2011, leaders united to testify about Watts before the CA Citizens Commission.
Watts was made whole.



Redistricting matters because it can lift community voices



**Because of
redistricting,
community voices
and needs were
abandoned.**

*“At the time of the 2003 flood, I remember our office trying to be very responsive, but there was a lot of **ping-ponging** of constituents between elected representatives. Residents weren't sure who actually was their member of Congress.*

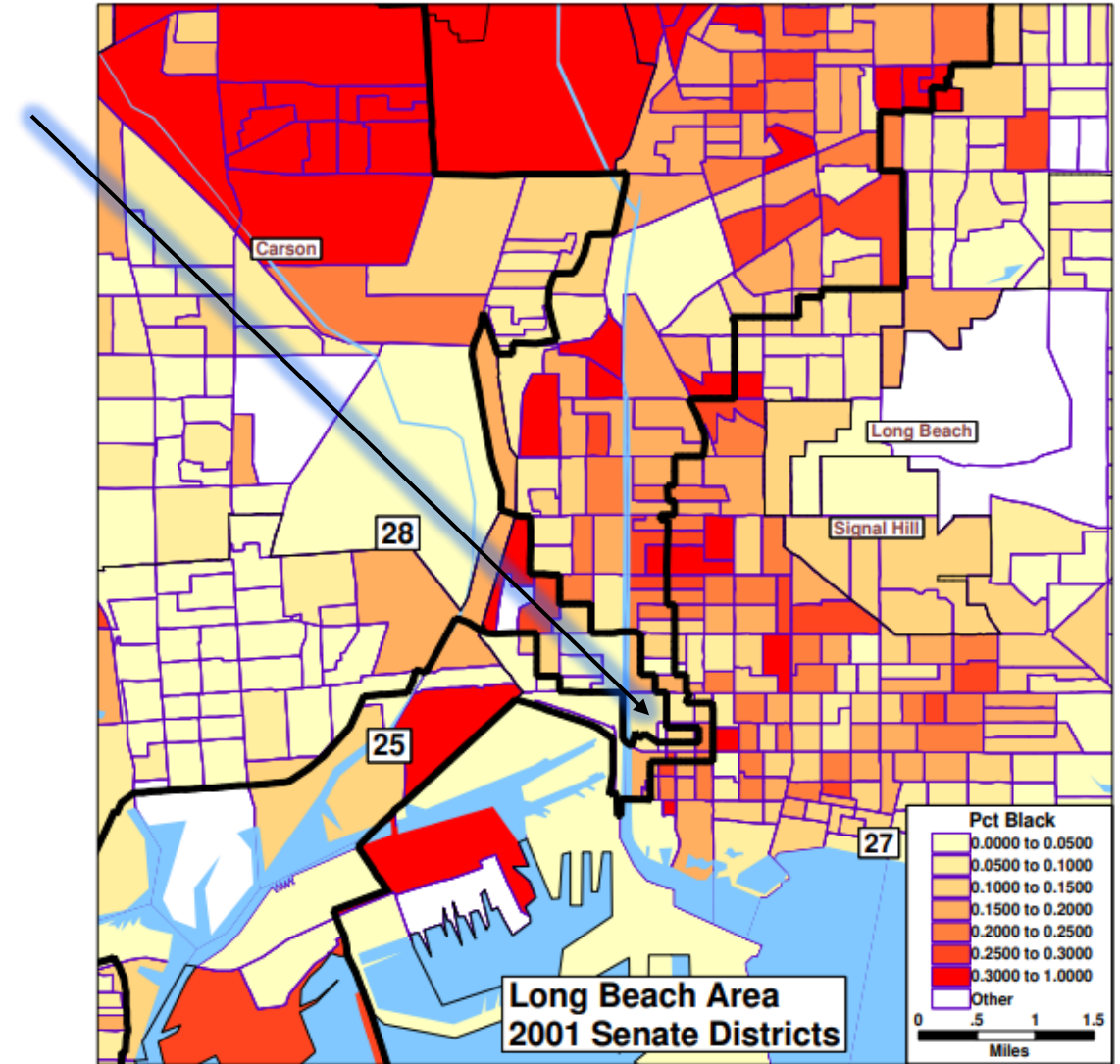
*Watts is cut into three different Congressional and state Senate districts. Residents who live on the same street may live in **different districts**. There was a lot of unnecessary **frustration** for constituents during a difficult time.*

This would have never happened if all of Watts belonged to one district.”

- Romulo Rivera, former Congressional staffer

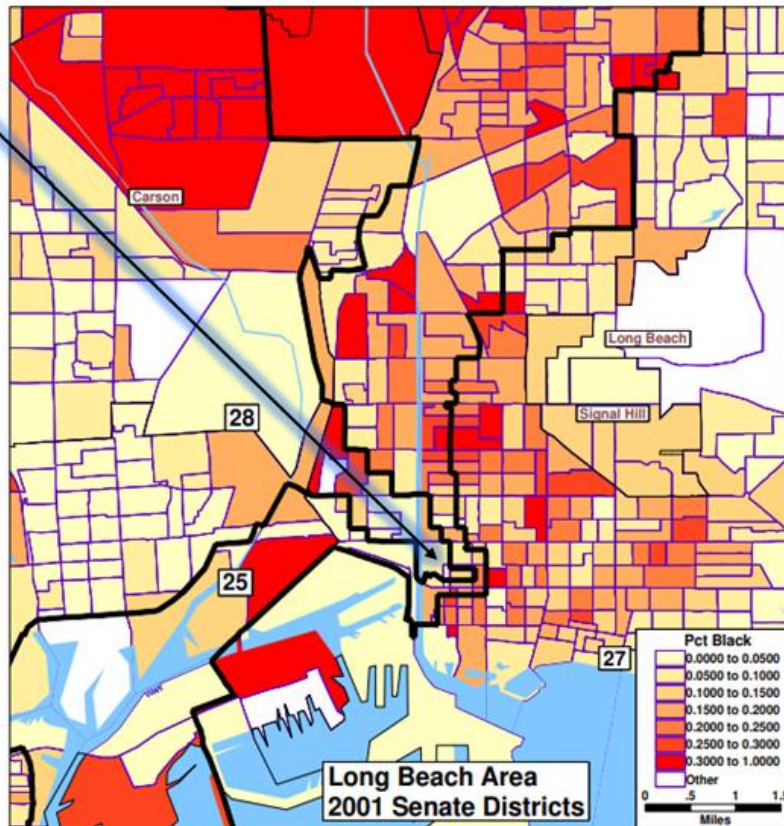
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Community Mapping: What to look for

In 2001, the Legislature gave Long Beach the “boot.”



Culture:

- Long Beach has large African American and Latinx population
- Washington neighborhood has a lot of working class Latinx families. When we have community gatherings, you will hear a lot of Spanish spoken.

Concerns:

- Mrs. Zazueta: “At least every other day, I have to tell my 8-year-old daughter that she can’t play outside with her friends. She has asthma and we live in an area known as ‘Asthma Alley.’ We had to go to the hospital night after night because Emma would wake up gasping for air.”

Counts:

- Washington neighborhood is one of the poorest parts of Long Beach, with almost 20% unemployment.
- 29% of households surveyed are home to at least one adult that has asthma, and 18.9% are home to at least one child with asthma.

CA's Citizen Redistricting Commission

CITIZEN
EMPOWERMENT



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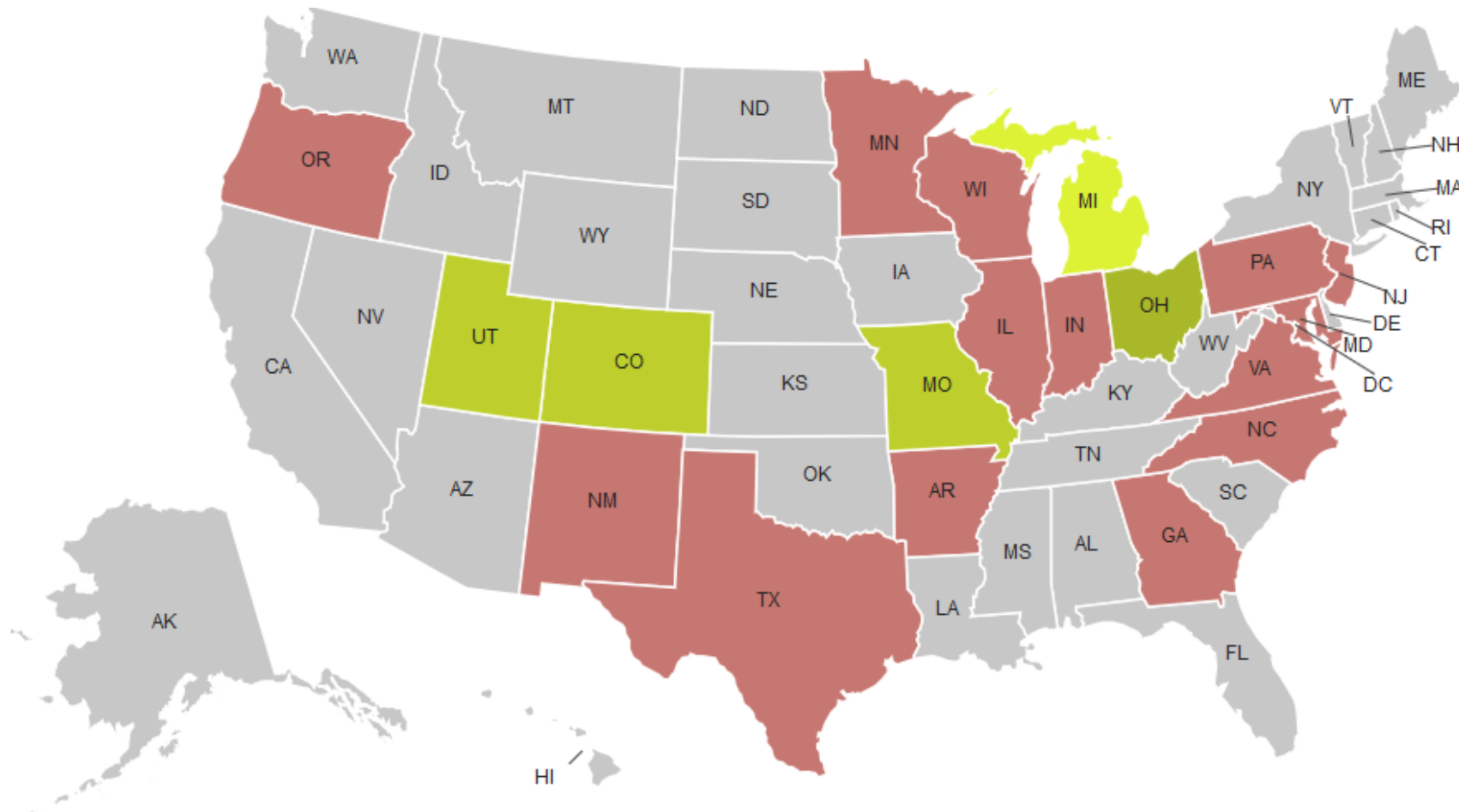
PUBLIC ACCESS



In all, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

- **Held over 100 public meetings**
- **Met in 32 cities over an eight month period.**
- **Received input from over 20,000 members of the public**

CA sparked a Redistricting Revolution



**5 states adopted
Redistricting Reforms in
2018**

- **Ohio**
- **Michigan**
- **Missouri**
- **Colorado**
- **Utah**

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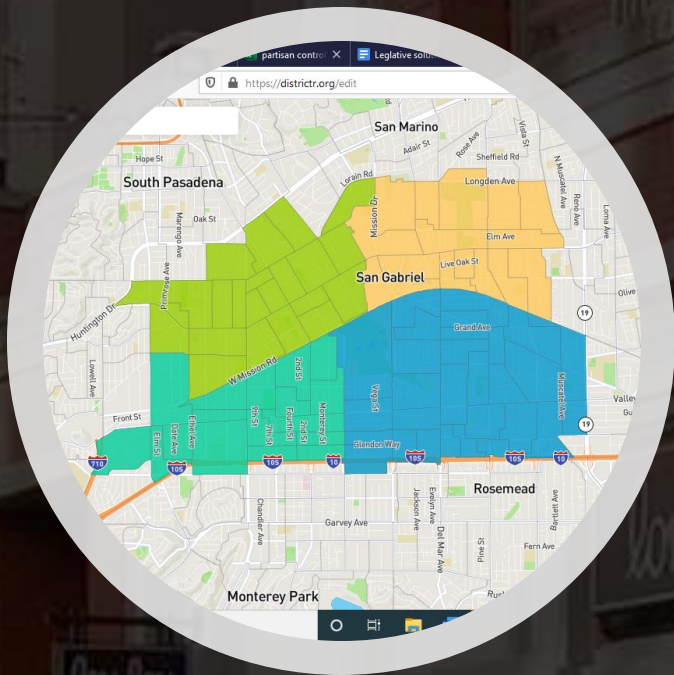


California cities and counties also moved to independent commissions:

- Berkeley
- Chula Vista
- Escondido
- Oakland
- Long Beach
- **Los Angeles County**
- Roseville
- Sacramento
- San Diego City
- San Diego County
- Santa Barbara County

3 Driving Principles





How can you help communities participate?

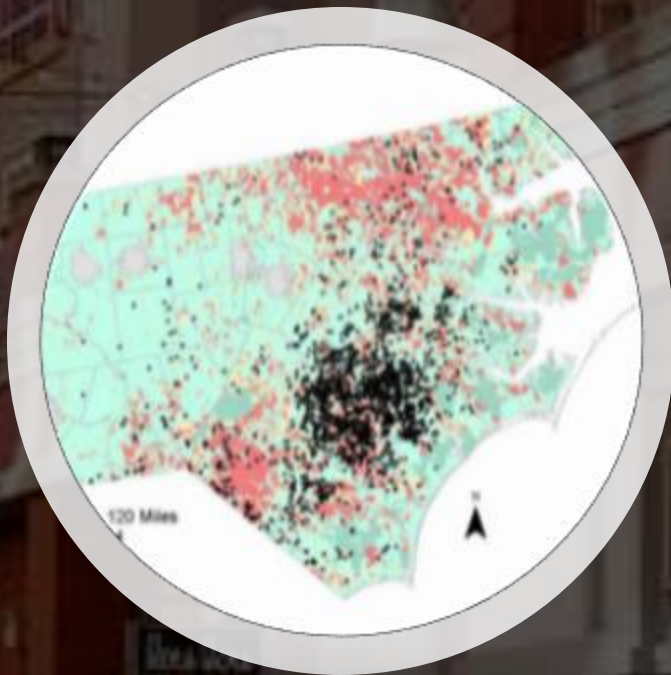
Listen to the stories of Los Angeles communities

- Explain how to give input
- Organize community-centered mapping workshops
- Adopt a free mapping software platform like Districtr.org for input



How can you create a transparent and inclusive process?

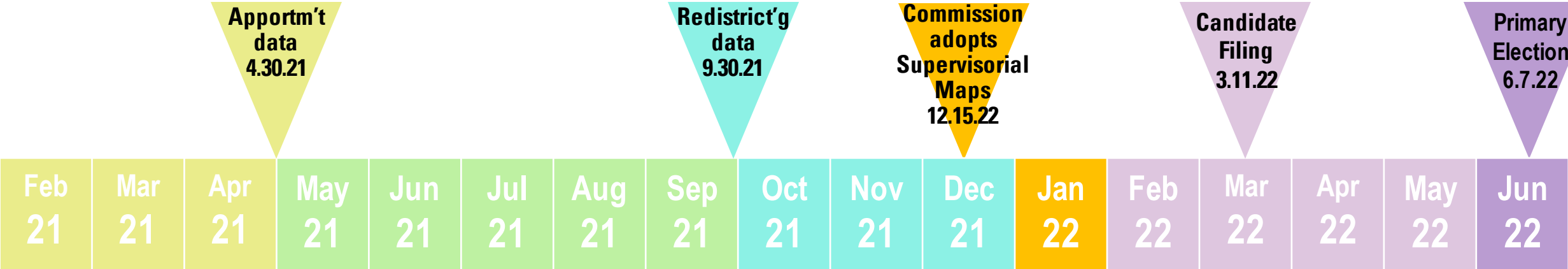
- Allow community leaders to submit district proposals for consideration
- Hold meetings / webinars with videos turned on. Maps are visual!
- Give people time to comment on draft maps
- Think about language and disability access



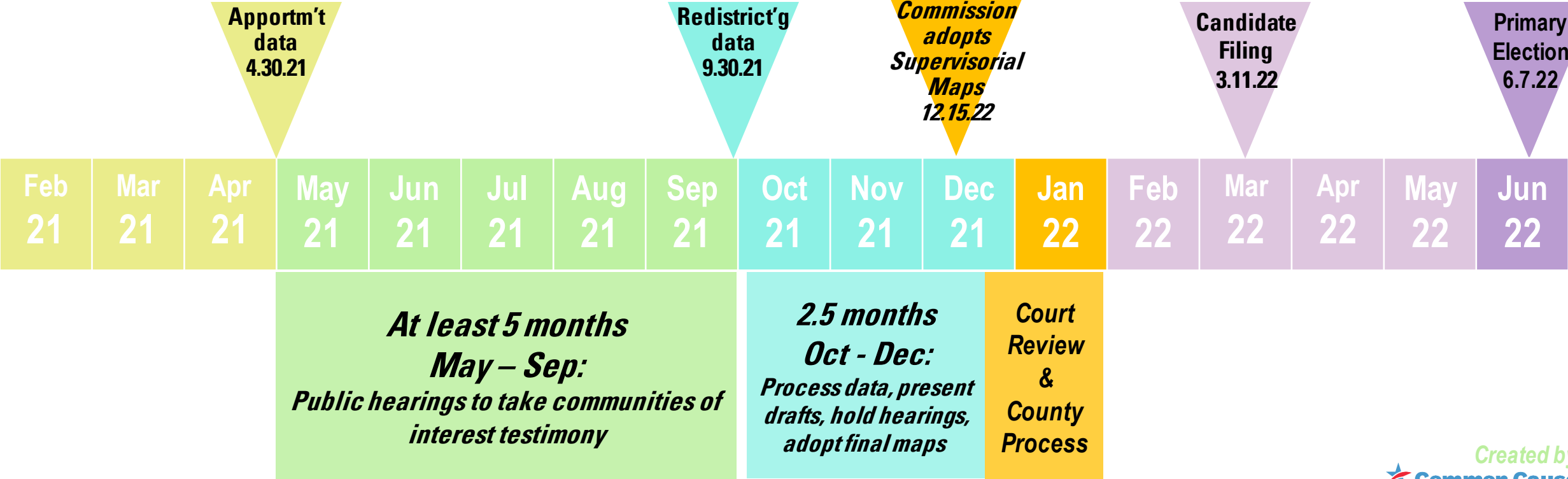
How can you lead us
to more
representative
government?

- Bring your lived experience. Listen to others' stories.
- Get to know your fellow commissioners.
- Set an example for the country.

Redistricting Rules: LA Timeline



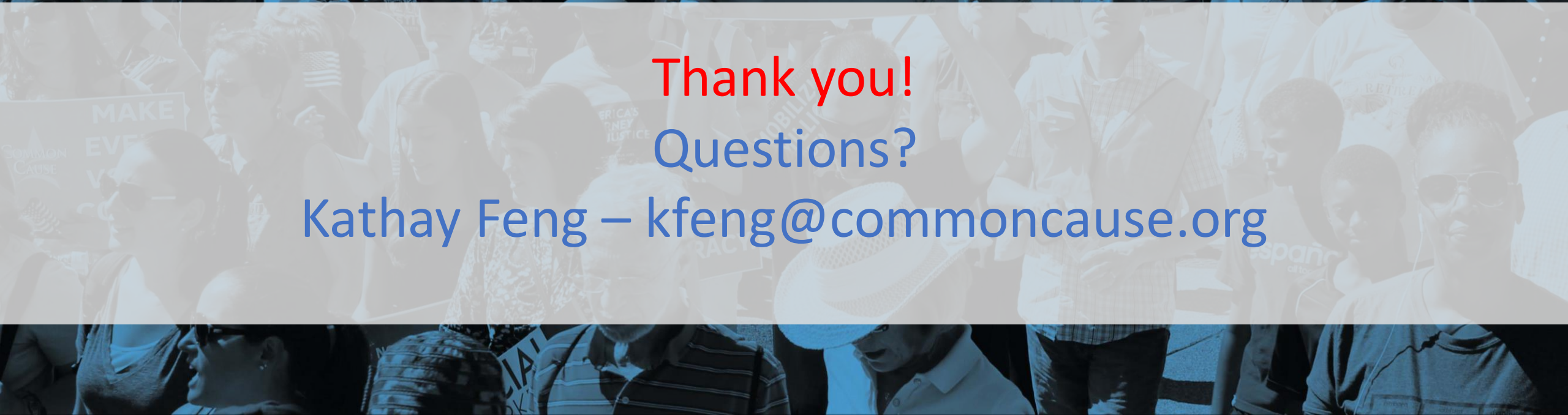
Redistricting Rules: LA Timeline



Redistricting Rules: SB 958

Senate Bill 958 established the **first-ever** Los Angeles County Independent Redistricting Commission, designed to be independent of the Board of Supervisors and representative of the county's diversity. SB 958 requires the commission to:

- Create single-member supervisorial districts according to ranked redistricting criteria
- Hold **at least seven** public hearings before drawing a draft map, including, to the greatest extent practicable, opportunities for in-person participation in public hearings
- Hold **at least two** hearings after drawing a draft map
- Encourage county residents to participate in the redistricting process by:
 - Providing information through media, social media, and PSA's
 - Coordinating with community organizations
 - Posting information on the county website



Thank you!

Questions?

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