

# Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting (CRC) Commission

## Public Hearings for Community of Interest (COI) Input

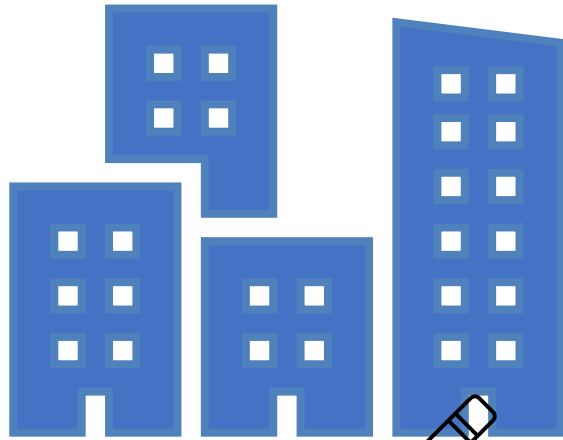


## LOS ANGELES COUNTY **REDISTRICTING** 2021



# Topics

- **New Approach with LA County CRC**
- Significance, diversity, and size of Los Angeles County
- Redistricting overview
- What your organization can do



5 newly drawn  
Supervisorial Districts





# LA County Redistricting Approach

## Past Approach

- The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appointed an advisory-only Boundary Redistricting Committee (BRC) to study proposed changes to the boundaries.
- The Board of Supervisors could make revisions before adopting the final redistricted boundaries.

## New Approach with California SB 2016

- Formation of Citizens Redistricting Commission to draw the boundary lines of the five single-member supervisorial districts for the next 10 years
- **Independent** from the influence of the Board
- Reasonably representative of the County's diversity





# Our Values

**Accountability:** We are accountable to the process and each other to serve all the constituents of Los Angeles County.

**Transparency:** We are committed to openness in all aspects of the redistricting process.

**Objectivity:** We are careful, intentional, fair-minded, and impartial and will actively resist undue influence in establishing supervisorial district boundaries in an equitable manner.

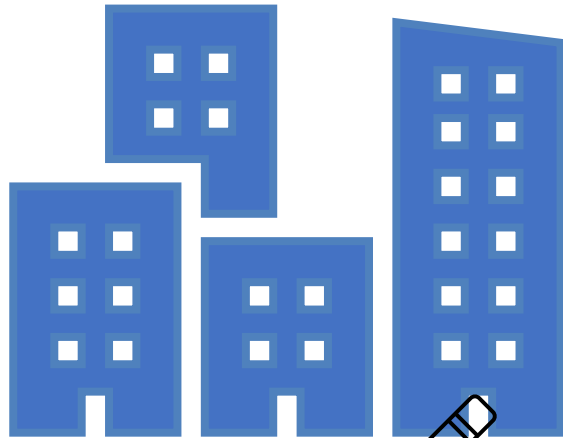
**Integrity:** We are honest, truthful, ethical, principled, respectful, and professional.

**Inclusion & Equity:** We seek to create and foster a true sense of belonging and eliminate potential barriers by being purposeful, deliberate, and effective in comprehensive public outreach, engagement, and feedback.



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# Why Redistricting is Important

- At the local level, periodic redistricting and redrawing of the boundaries are important to:
  - Rebalance district populations
  - Ensure the Board of Supervisors fairly reflects the County's diverse population
  - Design districts that are reasonably equal in population
  - Vote for the supervisor of your choice
  - Enable you to vote for the supervisor of your choice

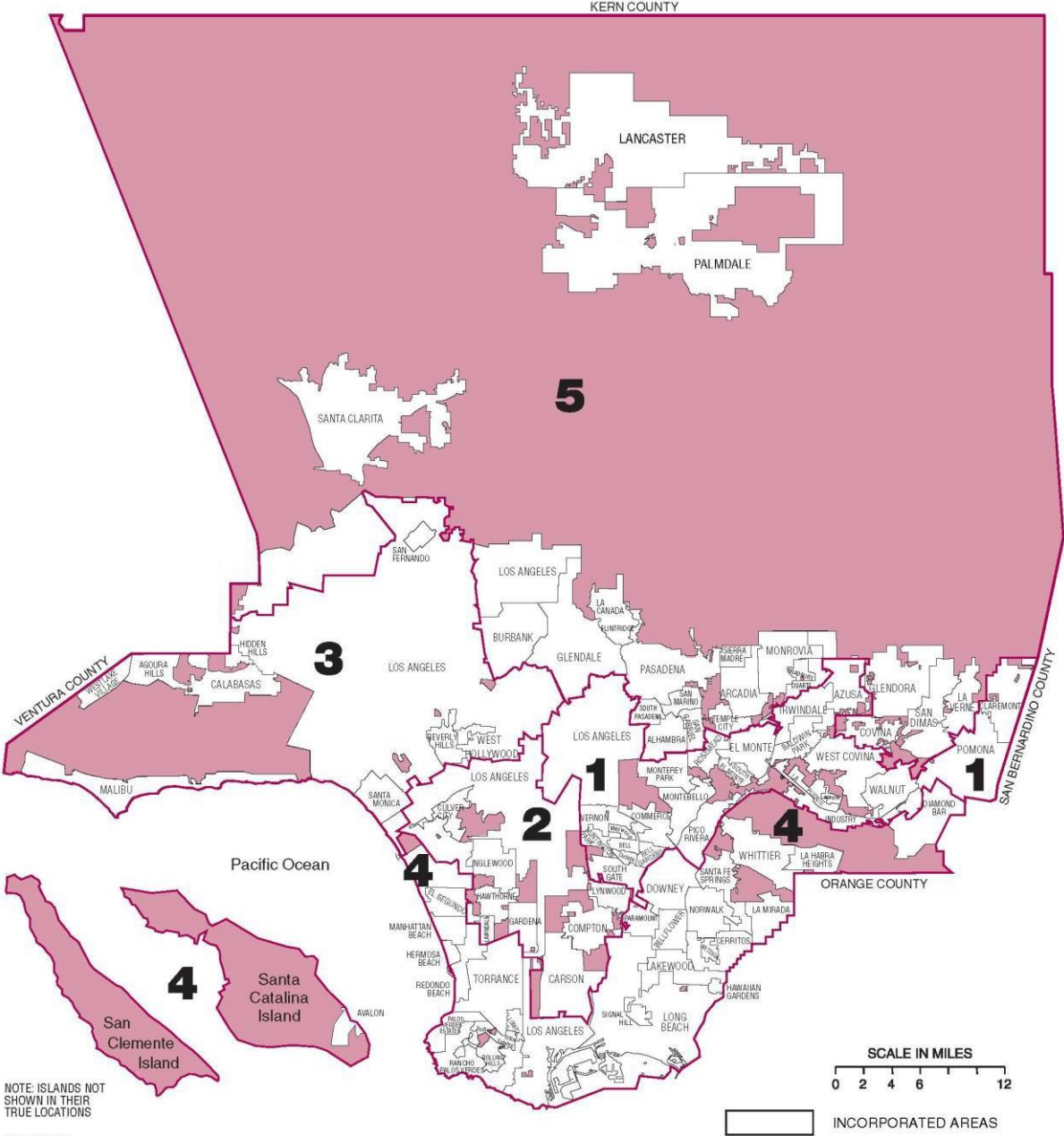




# Why Redistricting is Important

- Board of Supervisors should be responsive to the preferences and needs of residents:
  - Public policies to improve lives
  - Services provided and resources in your community
    - Public health and public medical centers
    - Tax assessments
    - Public social services
    - Sheriff
    - Municipal services to unincorporated areas and contract cities
    - ...and many other public services

# Complexity of Los Angeles County



**Most populous** U.S. county: 10 million people

- **25% of California’s population**
- Population greater than 41 individual U.S. states

3<sup>rd</sup> largest metropolitan economy in the world

- **88 cities and 100+ unincorporated areas**
- Los Angeles City is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most populous city with 4 million residents
- 2021-22 LA County budget is \$36.2 billion

One of the **most ethnically diverse** U.S. counties

Current Supervisorial Districts



U.S. Census Population estimates,  
July 1, 2019, (V2019)

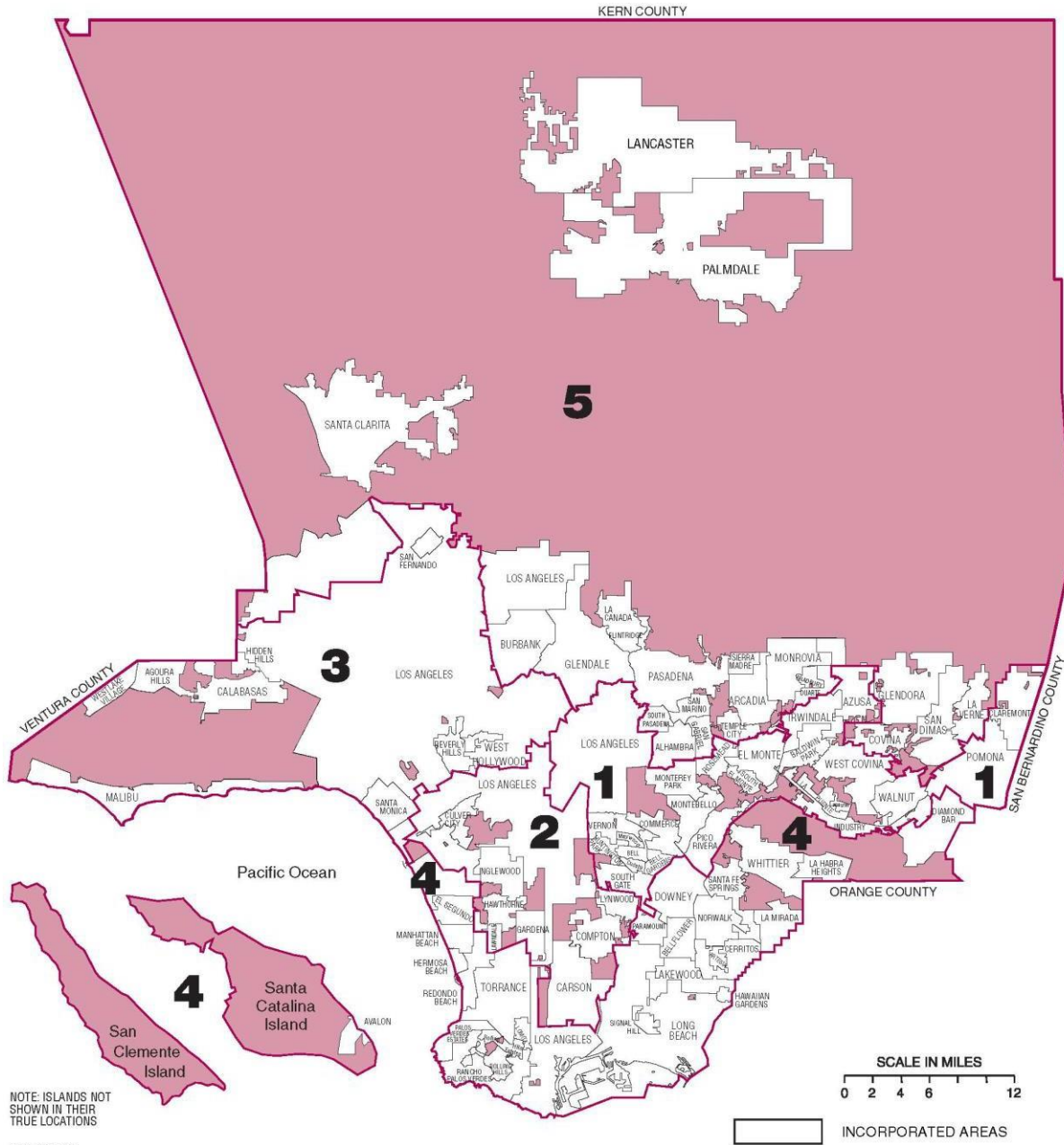
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**5 supervisorial districts** – about  
2 million people per district

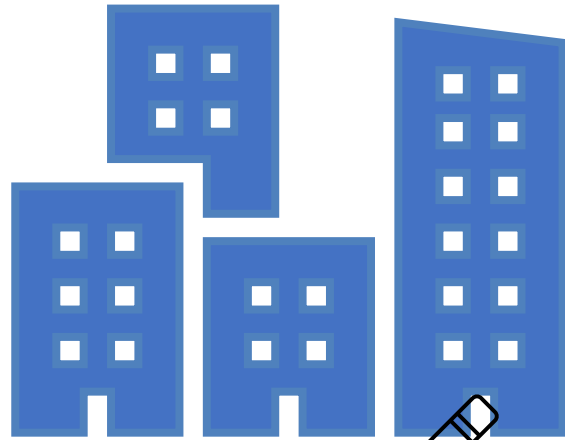
Each with an elected Board of  
Supervisor to represent the  
residents in their supervisorial  
district

Supervisors must reside in their  
districts during their  
incumbency

**LA County will continue to  
have 5 supervisorial districts**  
for redistricting in 2021. (Any  
change would require voter  
approval.)



Current Supervisorial  
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# Where to draw the lines?

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District lines will be adopted using the following criteria in order of priority:

1. Each district shall be reasonably equal in total resident population to the other districts, except where deviation is required to comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965 or allowable by law.
2. Districts shall comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965.
3. Districts shall be geographically contiguous.
4. The geographic integrity of city, local neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.
5. To the extent practicable, and where it does not conflict with numbers 1-4 above, districts shall be drawn to encourage geographic compactness.

Besides the above criteria, districts shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party.





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Simply put:

- **Establish reasonably equal population**
  - **Every 10 years, the district lines have to be redrawn to make each district even in size again.**
  - **Based on U.S. Census 2020 data**
  - **In LA County, about 2 million people per supervisorial district**
- Give racial and ethnic groups a fair shot
- Connect all parts of a district (geographic contiguity)
- Preserve geographic integrity of cities, neighborhoods, and communities of interest
- Don't bypass nearby populations in drawing districts (compactness)
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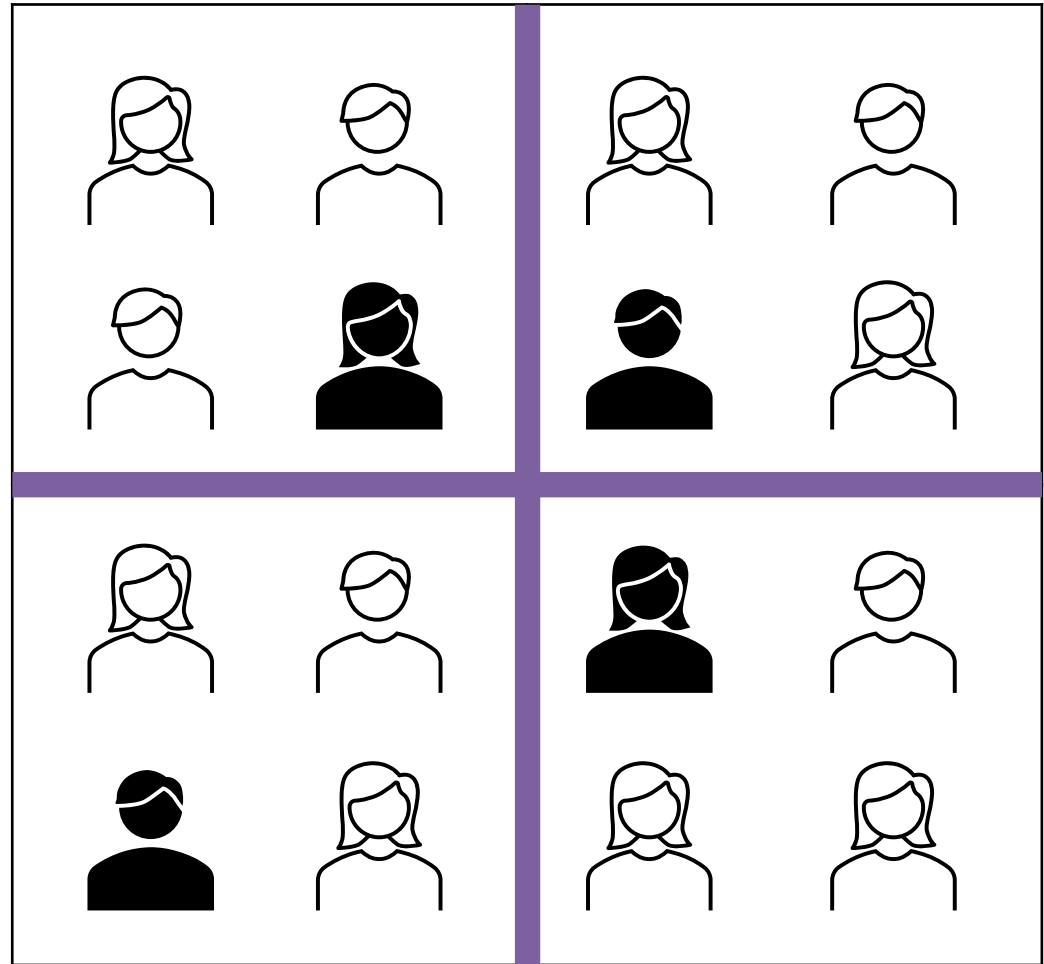
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**Example of how  
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rights.**

**Minorities make up only  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  in all 4 districts.**

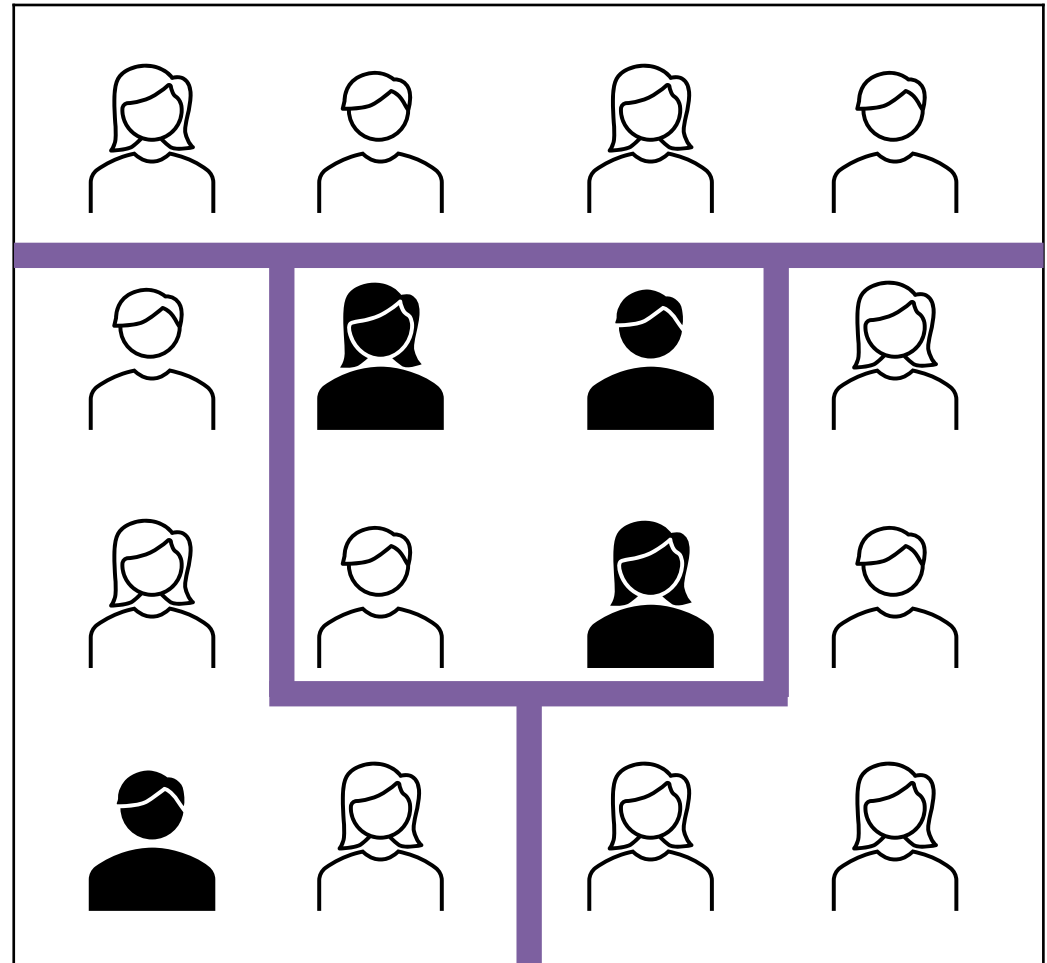




The VRA may require drawing a majority-minority district if a minority group is geographically compact, politically cohesive, and large enough to be a majority within a district.

**Example of how redistricting can allow communities to elect candidates of their choice.**

Minorities make up  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the central district.





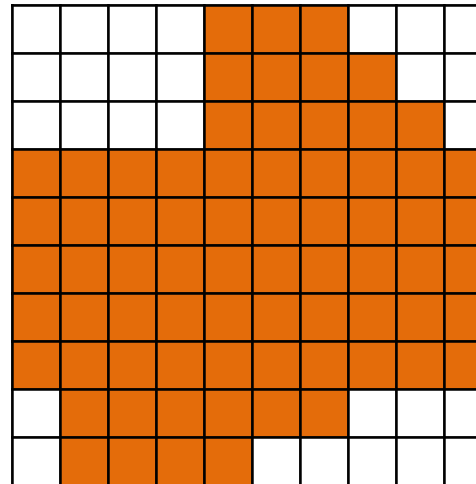
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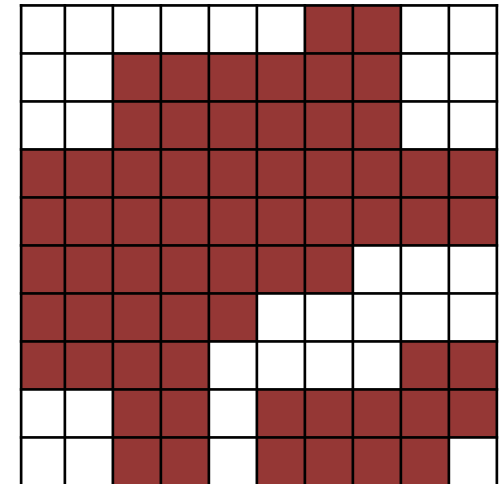
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Contiguous District



Non-Contiguous District





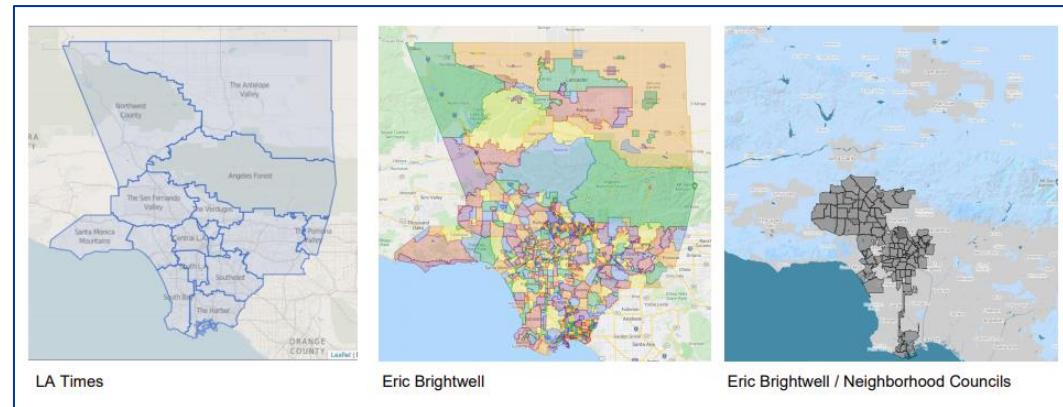


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## **Minimize division of a city, local neighborhood, or local community of interest:**

“A community of interest is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.”





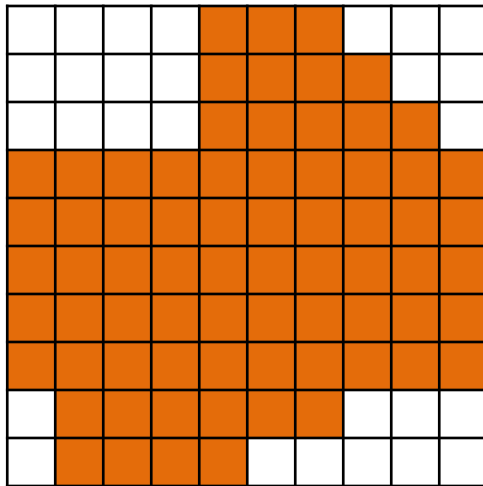
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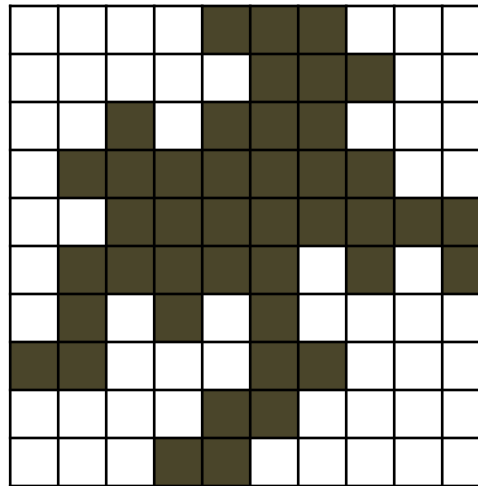
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- **Don't bypass nearby populations in drawing districts (be compact)**

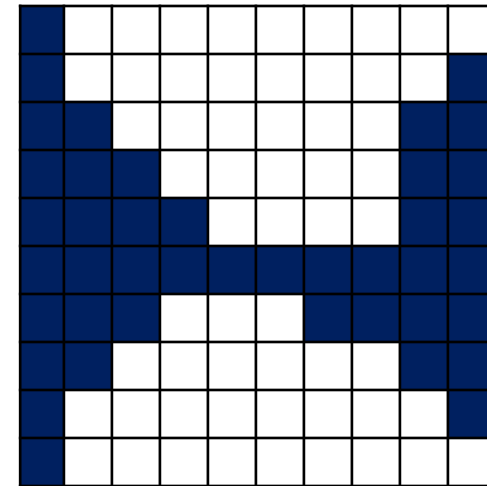
Fair: Compact



Unfair: Contorted



Unfair: Dispersed



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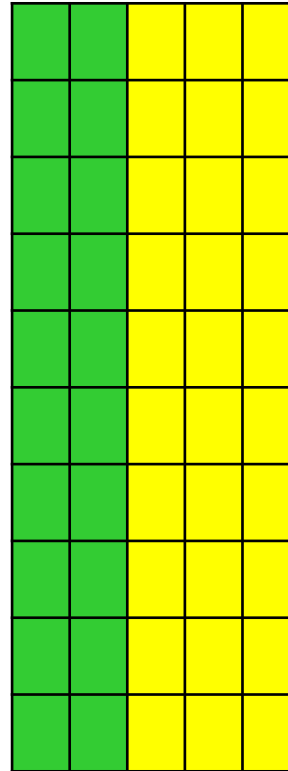
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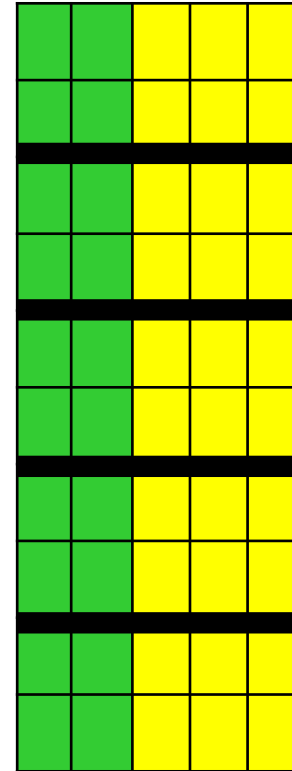
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# Gerrymandering

**Historical redrawing of lines to exclude minority communities by limiting their ability to vote for their candidate of choice**

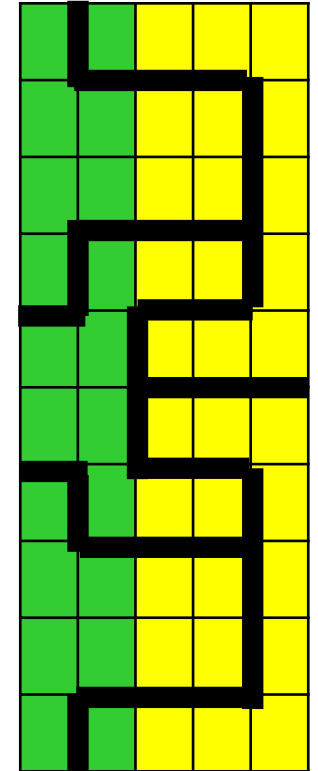


50 Precincts  
60% Yellow  
40% Green



5 Districts  
5 Yellow  
0 Green

**YELLOW WINS**



5 Districts  
2 Yellow  
3 Green

**GREEN WINS**



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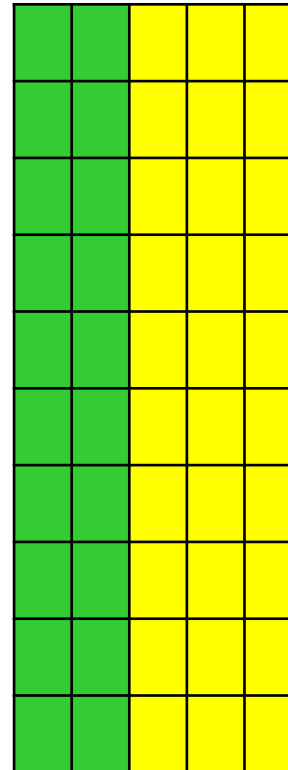
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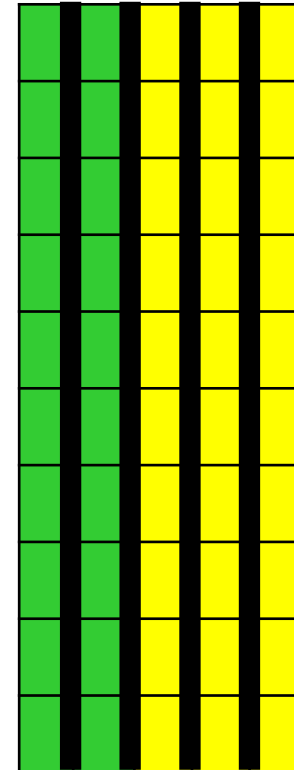
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## Fair

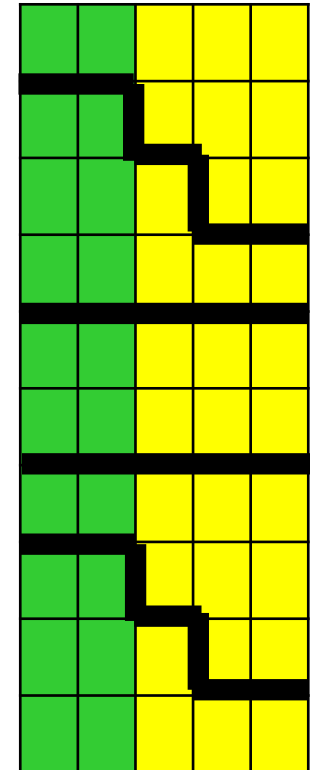
**Proportionate to electorate**



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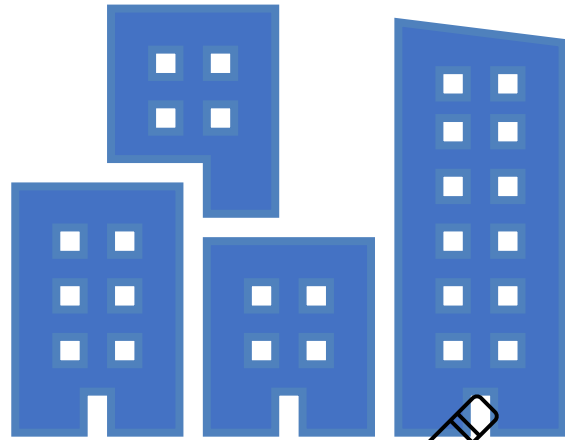


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3 (60%) Yellow  
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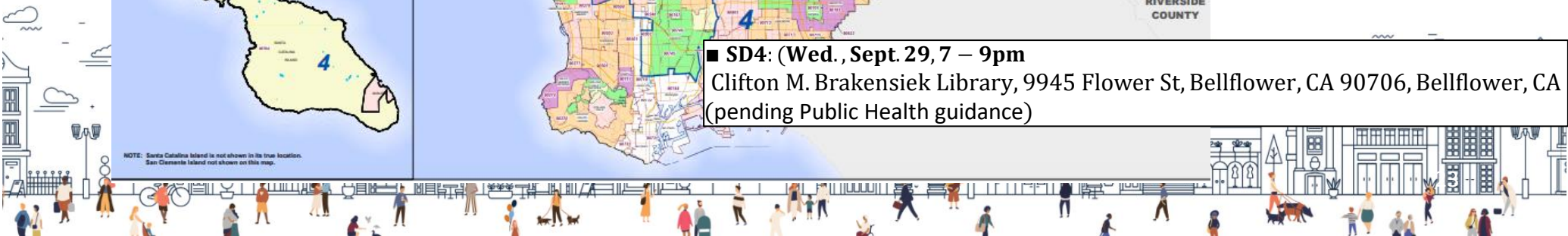
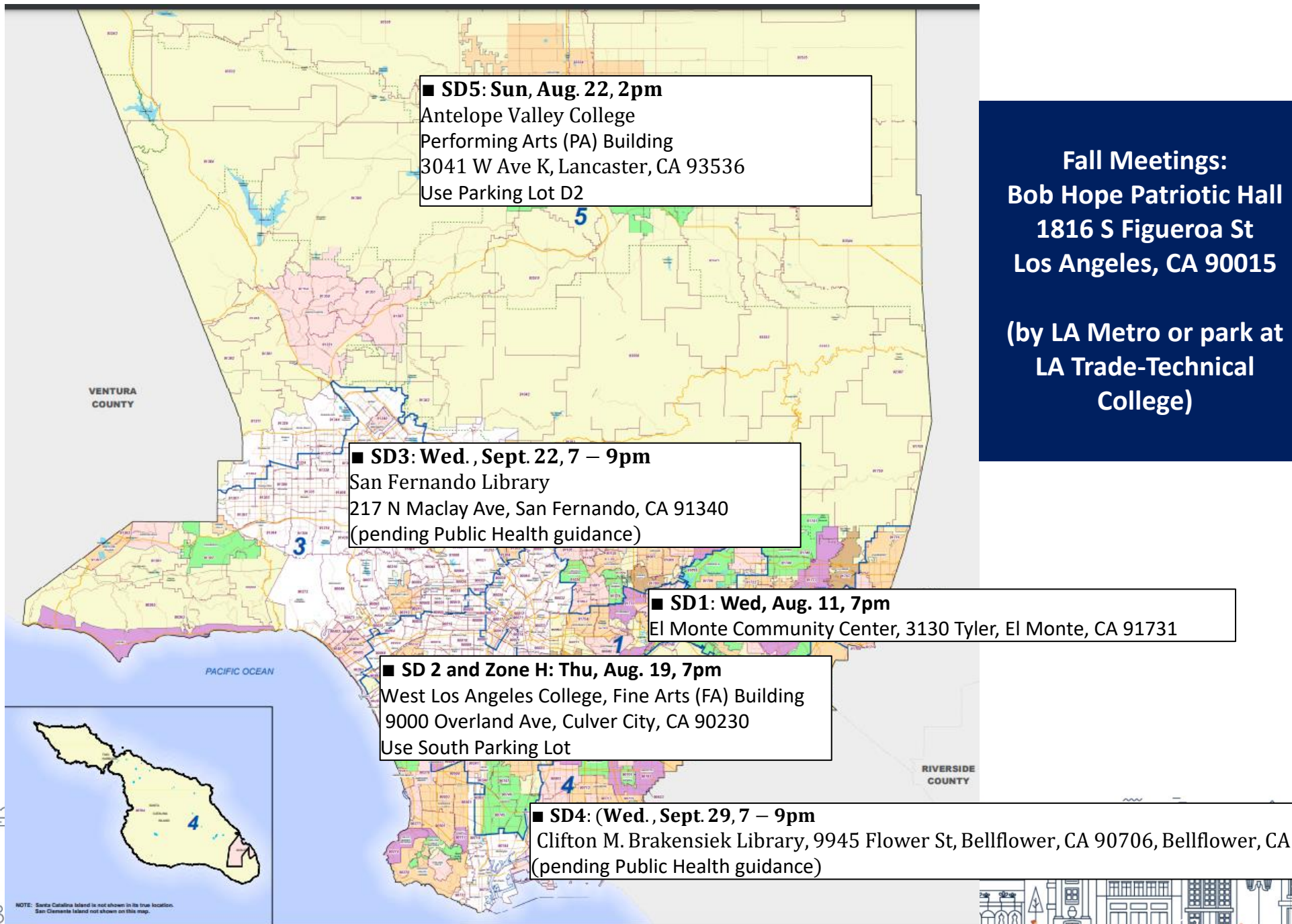
- June-September – 12 Community of Interest (COI) Public Hearings (in progress)
- Late August on – Submit redistricting maps
  - LA County is providing free mapping software for the public to use.
- September on – Commission reviews submitted maps
- November – more Public Hearings regarding the LA County CRC map options being considered
- December 15 – LA County CRC adopts final map

**Sign Up and Participate in Redistricting:**

**<https://redistricting.lacounty.gov>**



# Hybrid Community of Interest (COI) Public Hearings



# Toolkits to spread the word!

Outreach toolkit on our website in the County's 12 threshold languages:

Flyers

Fact sheets

Presentations

Facebook: [RedistrictingLACounty](#)

Twitter: [@DrawLACounty](#)

**For more information:  
[redistricting.lacounty.gov](http://redistricting.lacounty.gov)**



## LA County's 12 Threshold Languages

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| ▪ Armenian        | ▪ Tagalog/Filipino |
| ▪ Chinese         | ▪ Vietnamese       |
| ▪ Cambodian/Khmer | ▪ Hindi            |
| ▪ Farsi           | ▪ Japanese         |
| ▪ Korean          | ▪ Thai             |
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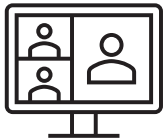




Sign up and stay informed: <https://redistricting.lacounty.gov>



Attend and participate in person in keeping with COVID-19 health safety protocols – **masks required**



Attend and participate virtually in CRC meetings and public hearings:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82726060927>



Listen only to CRC meetings and public hearings by calling:  
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View CRC meetings and public hearings on YouTube:  
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To speak or submit written comments via:  
<https://publiccomment.redistricting.lacounty.gov/>  
By mail: Los Angeles County CRC, P.O. Box 56447, Sherman Oaks, CA 91413



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