

Redistricting 2022



Communities of Interest
& Public Outreach



Agenda

Things we will cover:

- Redistricting Basics
- What is the Voting Rights Act?
- Required Redistricting Criteria
- Communities of Interest
- Public Testimony on Communities of Interest
- Census Data
- Public Hearing Schedule
- Q&A

- Map Tool Demonstration



What is Redistricting

Definition

Redistricting is the process of adjusting district lines every 10 years after the release of the U.S. Census. The well-known examples are Congressional and State Legislative Districts, but local governments also must do redistricting.

- Even though the City of Riverside districted only a few years ago, we must go through this process again to rebalance the city council districts using the 2020 Census Data.
- Beyond creating wards of equal population, redistricting also serves to empower local communities and preserve voting rights.



What is the Voting Rights Act?

The Voting Rights Act is federal law that seeks to remedy racial disenfranchisement. It has two sections impacting redistricting:

Section 2 – Majority Minority Districts

Section 5 – Preclearance (inactive)

The California Voting Rights Act does not apply to the City of Riverside as it deals only with agencies with “at large” elections.



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While communities of interest may include race, it cannot be the predominant factor in drawing ward boundaries.



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- Historical communities
- Economic interests
- Racial composition
- Ethnic Areas
- Cultural amenities
- Religious facilities
- Immigrant communities
- Languages spoken
- Geographic features
- Neighborhoods
- Economic opportunity zones
- Tourism Areas
- School districts
- Outdoor recreation areas
- Communities defined by natural resource features
- Downtown / Urban
- Rural or Agricultural
- Homeowner or Renters
- Creative arts communities
- Media markets
- *Many, many more*



What is NOT a Community of Interest

Preventing a Districting from becoming a Gerrymander

The Fair Maps Act explicitly prohibits these groups from being considered as communities of interest

- Political party affiliation
- Incumbents
- Political candidates

It also is hard, in redistricting to truly utilize:

- *Groups of similarly minded people who do not share a similar geographic location or are citywide.*



Communities of Interest

Three Critical Questions in Defining YOUR Community

- Does the community have a shared culture, characteristics or bond?
- Is the community geographic in nature? Is the community able to be mapped?
- How would you describe the community's relationship with the jurisdiction and how it is affected by the policy decisions made by the elected officials?



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YES! This group of residents can easily be mapped in a distinct area AND they share a common policy interest, which can be addressed through legislation or public services.



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YES! Historical communities and areas with historic discrimination can and should be recognized as a community of interest when drawing maps.



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NO! It is important that a community of interest is distinct enough to draw on a map. This group overlaps throughout the entire state, and it is unlikely that a governing agency has any say over these issues.



Community of Interest Tools

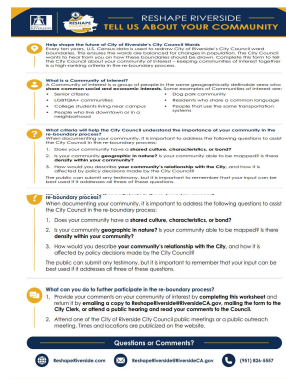
Submitting Your COI Testimony

Verbal testimony

- At public hearings, including public outreach meetings
- Interpreters will be available at all meetings

Written testimony

- COI Forms
 - English and Spanish
- Email the City Clerk: ReshapeRiverside@riversideca.gov

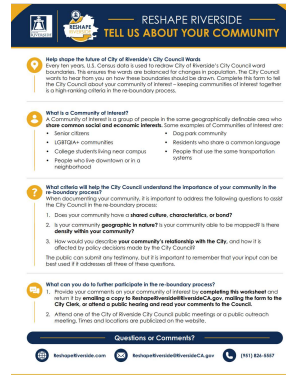




Community of Interest Forms

Submitting Your COI Form

Input can be provided in public hearings or using our “Community of Interest Survey Form” on the City’s website.



Map Submissions

Online Map Submissions will be available in the coming month.

Two types of expected input:

- Community of Interest Maps
- District Plans Based on 2020 Data



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Drawing YOUR Communities of Interest

The City of Riverside will be using DistrictR as a public mapping tool to allow residents to draw their own Communities of Interest.



You draw the lines.

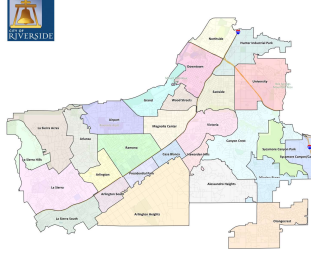
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There will also be paper maps for the public to use to draw their own community of interest.



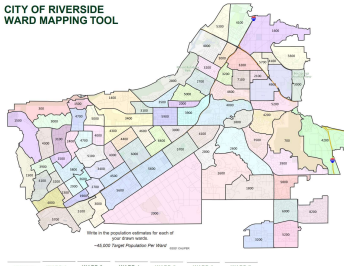
COMMUNITY OF INTEREST MAPPING ACTIVITY

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST?
Please use this map as a key to draw your community of interest. The Department of Planning and Community Development will use the information you provide to draw the boundaries of your community of interest.

EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST:
Examples of communities of interest can include neighborhoods of similar ethnicity, language, or other characteristics; areas with similar economic or social characteristics; areas with similar geographic characteristics; areas with similar geographic characteristics; areas with similar geographic characteristics.

To use this map, please include a name for your community of interest and a brief description of its characteristics. Then draw your community of interest on the map.

COMMUNITY NAME:
NAME:
EMAIL:
DESCRIPTION:

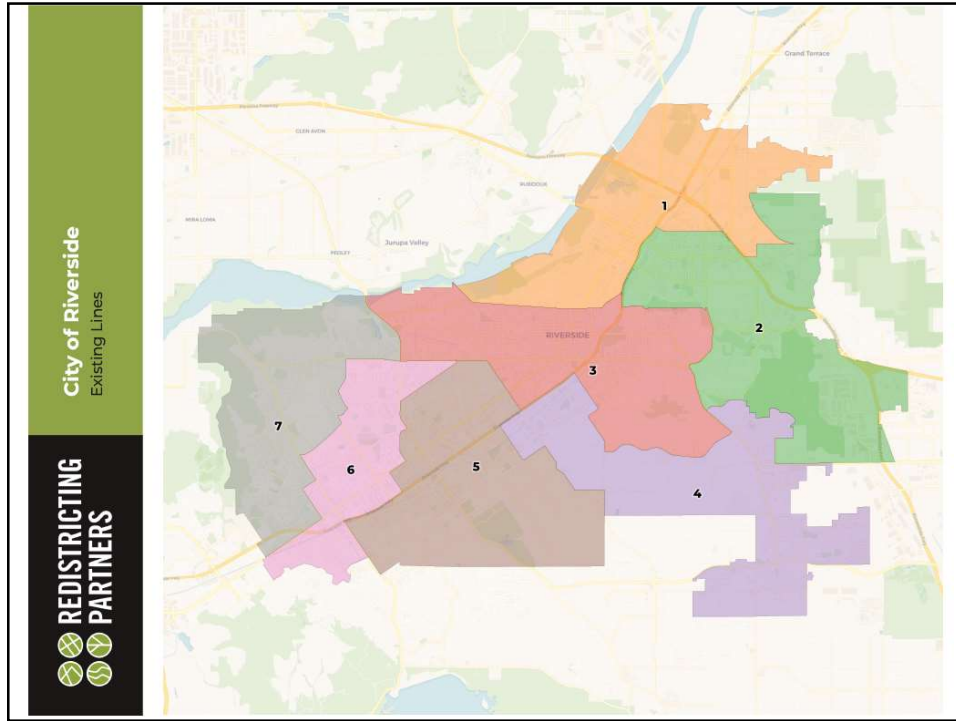


CITY OF RIVERSIDE WARD MAPPING TOOL


THE WARD:
Create a single city council ward or wards for your ward plan.
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		REDISTRICTING PARTNERS						
2020 Census								
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Deviation %	-1.0%	2.2%	-2.0%	-1.7%	-3.7%	4.5%	1.7%	
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Latino	23,204	22,227	22,143	16,691	25,518	33,275	30,099	
Latino %	51.8%	48.1%	50.0%	37.5%	58.6%	70.5%	65.5%	
Asian	3,042	4,636	1,603	5,180	2,445	2,236	3,255	
Asian %	6.8%	10.0%	3.6%	11.7%	5.6%	4.9%	7.1%	
Black	3,334	3,965	2,139	3,299	2,013	2,255	2,137	
Black %	7.4%	8.6%	4.8%	7.4%	4.6%	4.8%	4.6%	
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Public Outreach Timeline: Pre-Map			
Ward	Location	Date	
2	Cesar Chavez Community Center	Tuesday, August 23, 2022	
1	Main Library	Wednesday, August 24, 2022	
4	Ysmael Villegas Community Center	Thursday, August 25, 2022	
5	Arlington Library	Wednesday, August 31, 2022	
	TBD	Saturday, September 3rd	
3	RUSD - Victoria Elementary	Tuesday, September 13, 2022	
6	Arlanza Library	Wednesday, September 14, 2022	
7	La Sierra Library	Thursday, September 15, 2022	
	Virtual	Saturday, September 17, 2022	



Public Outreach Timeline: Post-Map

Ward	Location	Date
4	Orange Terrace Library	Thursday, October 6, 2022
1	Ruth Lewis Community Center	Wednesday, October 12, 2022
5	Renck Community Center	Thursday, October 13, 2022
3	Joyce Jackson Community Center	Wednesday, October 19, 2022
6	Arlanza Community Center	Thursday, October 20, 2022
	Virtual	Saturday, October 22, 2022
7	La Sierra Community Center	Wednesday, October 26, 2022
2	UCR	Thursday, October 27, 2022
5	Arlington High School	Saturday, October 29, 2022



City of Riverside's Redistricting Website

ReshapeRiverside.com



HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Share your specific thoughts, draw a map, or attend an upcoming workshop to get involved!

Ward	Meetings	Address	Date	Time
2	Cesar Chavez Community Center Bobby Bonds Park	2040 University Ave, Riverside, CA 92507	Tuesday, August 23, 2022	6:30pm-8:30pm
1	Main Library Community Room	3900 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, CA 92501	Wednesday, August 24, 2022	6:30pm-8:30pm
4	Ysmael Villegas Community Center	3091 Esperanza St, Riverside, CA 92504	Thursday, August 25, 2022	6:30pm-8:30pm
5	Arlington Library	554 Magnolia Ave, Riverside, CA 92503	Wednesday, August 31, 2022	6:30pm-8:30pm
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