

# City of Encinitas Public Workshop

## Redistricting Rules and Goals

#### 1. Federal Laws

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



### 2. California Criteria for Cities

- 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



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## Current District Map





## **Encinitas Current Districts - Estimate**

	Estimated	<b>Deviation from</b>	
District	Population	Ideal	% Deviation
1	15,826	-39	-0.25%
2	15,963	98	0.62%
3	16,453	588	3.71%
4	15,218	-647	-4.08%
Total	63,459	1,235	7.78%

- These numbers are NDC total population **estimates** using American Community Survey Data to identify where population growth has occurred since 2010.
- Final numbers will be available late September/early October.
- Directionally useful data to tell us a full process is necessary.



# 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



# 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)



# 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?

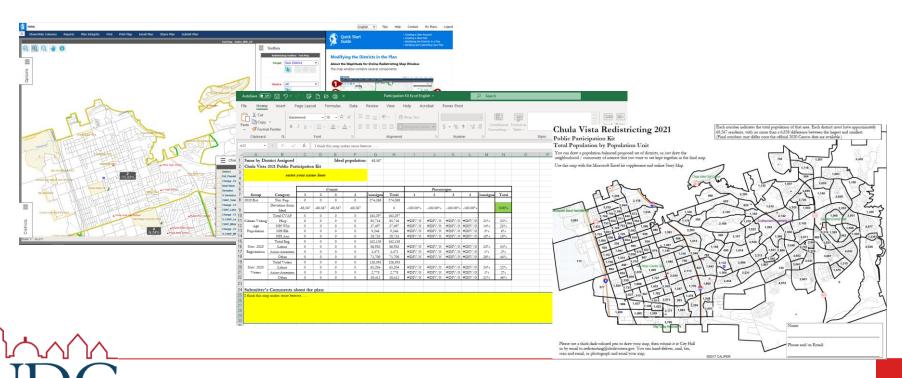
Definitions of Communities of Interest may <u>not</u> include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.



# Public Mapping Tools

Tools for drawing your own maps are available on the City of Encinitas Redistricting Page:

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# Public Mapping Tools

#### 1. Paper Mapping Kit

- Easy to use paper map
- Draw, color, highlight areas for districts or communities of interest
- Can be coupled with excel tool to easily calculate district populations

#### **DistrictR** 2.

- Online tool
- Easy interface to draw districts or highlight communities of interest
- Tool can provide basic demographics and calculate populations

#### Caliper Maptitude **3.**

- Online tool used by demographer
- Public can draw their own maps
- Tool can provide demographics and calculate populations



## Public Hearings

- Wednesday, September 22, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 17, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 19, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 9, 6 p.m.



## **Next Steps**

## **Provide comments:**

- Participate in any of the 4 Public Hearings
- Attend Public Workshop October 16<sup>th</sup>
- Submit feedback through the website

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## **Discussion Topics**

Questions about the process or mapping tools?

What is your neighborhood and what are its boundaries?

What other notable areas are in the City, and what are their boundaries?

What are the key Communities of Interest in Encinitas?

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

Other unifying characteristics

