

# REDISTRICTING2021

## What is redistricting?

Every ten years, electoral districts throughout the U.S are redrawn to equalize the district populations. This process is called **redistricting**. It is important in ensuring that each Supervisor represents about the same number of constituents. Aside from equalizing the populations of the 5 districts, redistricting must follow other criteria to comply with the law. These criteria include compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act, ensuring districts are contiguous (in one piece), and respecting *Communities of Interest*, among others. In 2021, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors will draw the supervisorial district boundaries through a public process.



## What is a Community of Interest (COI)?

A *Community of Interest* is a group of people that share a common bond or interest. The definition is broad which means that communities can determine which issues or interests bring them together. Community residents or workers in an area are best positioned to define their own COIs.

### Potential interests which unite a COI:

- ✓ Social
- ✓ Cultural
- ✓ Ethnic
- ✓ Geographic
- ✓ Economic



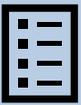
### Potential COI examples:

- ✓ A neighborhood group or association
- ✓ Residents who share a cultural history, heritage or background
- ✓ People that come together to support a school, environmental issue, etc.



COIs may not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or candidates.

## How to describe your Community of Interest:

 <h3>What is it?</h3> <p>Explain the bond or common interest</p>	 <h3>Where is it?</h3> <p>Explain the geographic location</p>
<p>Testimony about your community center should include its name, the community’s involvement and why it’s important.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ex: <i>“Our neighbors access educational and recreational resources at the center. We get jobs from the career program.”</i></li> </ul> <p>Testimony about a shared culture might identify its history &amp; explain why it’s a common bond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ex: <i>“We share common traditions and speak the same language.”</i></li> </ul>	<p>Please provide information on the COI’s exterior boundaries, such as streets, bodies of water, or shopping centers.</p> <p><u>You can send the boundaries in a variety of ways:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using the County’s online COI application (@ <a href="https://Redistricting2021.acgov.org">https://Redistricting2021.acgov.org</a>)</li> <li>• A map can be made on another tool (<i>drawmycommunity.org</i> or <i>GoogleMaps</i>)</li> <li>• Paper map or description of boundaries</li> </ul>

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## Who can submit a Community of Interest (COI)?

Communities of Interest are defined by those who are familiar with the community. Anyone can submit testimony on their COI, regardless of citizenship status, language, race, or age.

## Why should you participate?

- To give your community a voice & make sure it has equal access to the political process.
- To help shape a redistricting plan that provides communities a meaningful opportunity to elect candidates who represent their interests on issues that are important to them.
- Remember that you are the expert on your community and the county wants to hear your input! There are no wrong answers in defining your Community of Interest.



## How Can You Share Your COI?

Method	Details
Draw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit a Community of Interest (COI) – NOW on our website!</li> <li>• Create a full district map for the Board to consider (<i>mapping program launches late September 2021</i>)</li> </ul>
Speak	During public comment at any Redistricting Hearing ( <i>See schedule below</i> )
Email	<a href="mailto:redistricting@acgov.org">redistricting@acgov.org</a> or “Contact Us” on our website
Mail	Community Development Agency, Attn: Sandi Rivera 224 W. Winton Ave, Room 110 Hayward, CA 94544
Phone	(510) 670-5333

## Schedule

Public Input Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 9/21 at 6pm</li> <li>• Tuesday 10/12, at 12pm</li> </ul>
Meeting to Draw Draft Maps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 10/26, at 6pm</li> </ul>
Draft Map Feedback Meetings:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 11/2 at 6 pm</li> <li>• Thursday 11/4 at 6 pm</li> <li>• Tuesday 11/16 at 6 pm</li> <li>• Tuesday 11/23 at 6 pm</li> <li>• Thursday 12/2 at 6 pm</li> </ul>
Adoption of Final Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First reading: December 7, 2021 at 12noon</li> <li>• Second reading: December 14, 2021 at 12noon</li> </ul>

**All meetings are currently planned to be conducted virtually via**  
<https://bos.acgov.org/broadcast/>

Live interpretation will be available upon request.

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