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City Council of the City of Napa Special Meeting

October 26, 2021 FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

EVENING SESSION:

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEALS:

3.A. 2021-2022 Redistricting Process – 1st Public Hearing Without District Boundary Maps

- PowerPoint Presentation by City Staff and Redistricting Partners.
- Email from Larry Alexander with No More Napa Islands received on October 26, 2021.



10/26/2021 Supplemental I - 3.A. From: City Staff & Redistricting Partners



2021-2022 REDISTRICTING PROCESS

1st Public Hearing Without District Boundary Maps

October 26, 2021



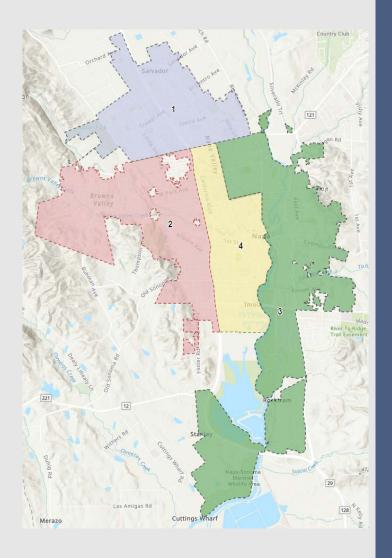
Recommended Actions

- Receive a presentation from the City's consulting demographer, Redistricting Partners LLC, regarding the process and criteria for establishing new district boundaries under the 2021-2022 redistricting process
- Hold the first public hearing without maps of proposed district boundaries to receive public input regarding the boundaries of districts



Redistricting Process for Councilmember District Boundaries in the City of Napa

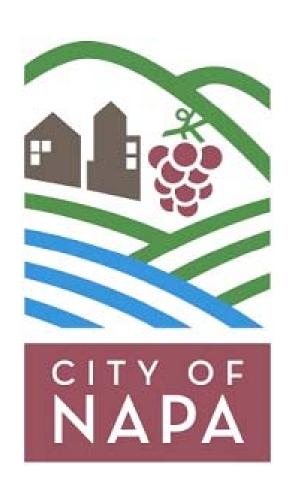
- Councilmember District Boundaries for November 2020 Election
 - (Based on 2010 Census)
- Redistricting Process for November 2022 Election
 - (Based on 2020 Census)







City of Napa Redistricting 2021-2022





Our Background

Redistricting Partners is a firm that focuses on redistricting, demographics and Voting Rights Act analysis.

 Redistricting Partners has been working for more than 10 years conducting CVRA conversion and redistricting.

Our services to the **City of Napa** include:

- Educating the public on the redistricting process at outreach meetings
- Generating draft maps based off public input and census data
- Analyzing qualitative and quantitative data for the City Council to use during the redistricting process
- Submitting a finalized district map to the Napa County Registrar for official use



What is Redistricting?

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.

- The City of Napa must go through this process to ensure districts are rebalanced after the decennial census.
- Beyond creating districts of equal population, redistricting also serves to empower local communities and preserve voting rights.



What is Redistricting?

Redistricting has changed significantly over the years as federal and state laws, norms, best practices, and public opinion has transformed.

In Public Opinion/Media:

- 97% of Voters agree that "local government should be required to have transparent / open redistricting."
- Media and Community Based Organizations have become much more adept at covering redistricting.



What is the Voting Rights Act?

The Voting Rights Act is a 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 prohibits the use of atlarge election systems in local government if there is proof of racially polarized voting. *It does not impact Napa*.



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- Substantially equal size people, not citizens
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- Maintain "communities of interest"
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- Keep districts compact appearance/function



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Population for the purposes of determining district size is drawn from the most recent decennial census.

2020 Census Population: 79,339

Ideal Population: 19,835

Maximum deviation of 10% from largest to smallest, a band that ranges from around 18,840–20,830



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Contiguity

Two definitions for what is contiguous

Contiguity should be thought of as "literal" and "functional."

- An area that is one whole piece is "literally contiguous."
- An area that represents
 how the population functions
 or how people are connected
 is "functionally contiguous."





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Communities of Interest

Bringing like people together for representation

Communities of interest are the building blocks of districts.

A community of interest includes ethnic and language minorities and other groups.

- Subjective
- Open-ended to be as inclusive as possible

Communities covered by the Voting Rights Act:

- Latinos
- Asians
- African Americans

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



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Bringing like people together for representation

- 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

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

- Political party affiliation
- Incumbents
- Political candidates

It's also hard in redistricting to truly consider:

- Groups of similarly minded people who do not share a similar geographic location.
- Communities of Interest that 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? What are your community's geographic boundaries?
- What is the community's relationship with the jurisdiction being redistricted? How is it affected by the policy decisions made by the elected officials?



Community of Interest Forms

Submitting Your COI Form

Input can be provided in public hearings or using the "Community of Interest Worksheet."



Community of Interest (COI) Worksheet

How to Document Your Community of Interest (COI)

- 1) What is the nature of the common social or economic interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.
- 2) Where is your community located? You can define it by neighborhood, streets, address, proximity to a key landmark (such as a school or community center), or other boundaries.
- 3) What are the geographic definers/boundaries of your neighborhood? Examples of definers/boundaries could be highways, roads, rivers, hills, or parks.



Hoja de Trabajo de la Comunidad de Interés (COI)

Cómo Documentar Su Comunidad de Interés (COI)

- 1) ¿Cuál es la naturaleza del interés social o económico común de su comunidad? Puede describir cuáles son los intereses comunes de su comunidad y por qué o cómo son
- 2) ¿Dónde está ubicada su comunidad? Puede definirlo por vecindario, calles, dirección, proximidad a un punto de referencia clave (como una escuela o un centro comunitario) u
- 3) ¿Cuáles son los delimitadores / límites geográficos de su vecindario? Ejemplos de definidores / límites pueden ser autopista, caminos, ríos, colinas o parques.



Communities of Interest

Drawing YOUR Communities of Interest

DistrictR is an online public mapping tool for the public to use to draw their own Communities of Interest and also submit district maps



You draw the lines.

https://DistrictR.org/event/City of Napa



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Existing municipal boundaries, overlapping jurisdictions, other physical demarcations can be utilized as a kind of de-facto community of interest designation.

- Neighborhoods
- Fire/Police service areas
- Precincts
- Highways/Freeways
- Napa River and tributaries



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Compactness

Determining what is "compact"

California has a rather elegant/simple definition.

 Not bypassing nearby populated areas in favor of more distant populated areas



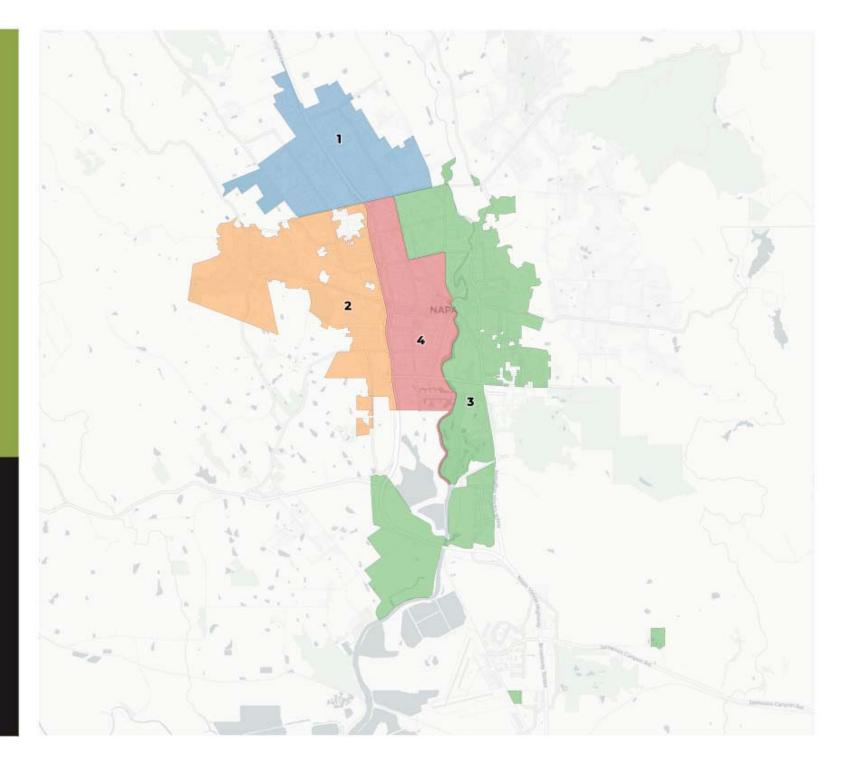
The Fair Maps Act (2019)

Criteria required in Napa Beyond Traditional Principles

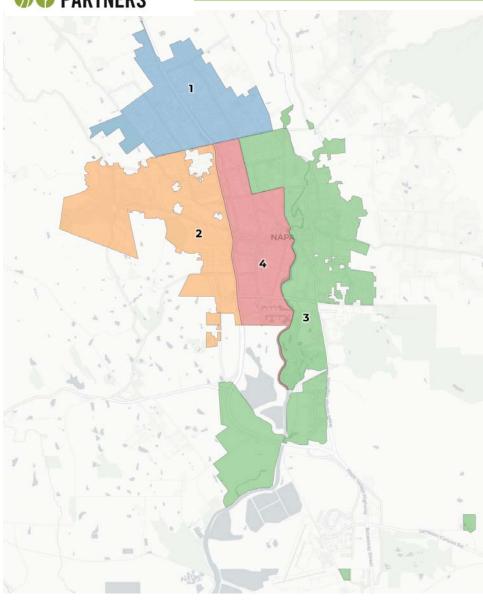
The FAIR MAPS Act adds more criteria to the process.

- Not consider incumbents or candidates.
- Not draw districts to advantage or disadvantage a political party.
- Hold minimum set of hearings, encourage public engagement.
- Posting of all redistricting information on a website that is maintained *for the next 10 years*.









City of Napa Population Changes

2020 Census Populations and Growth (2010 Census to 2020 Census)

	2020	2010	Change		
1	19,664	19,311	353 1.8%		
2	20,521	20,165	356	1.8%	
3	20,125	18,933	1,192	6.3%	
4	19,029	18,437	592	3.2%	
Total	79,339	76,846	2,493	3.2%	



2020 Census

	1	2	3	4
Population	19,664	20,521	20,125	19,029
Deviation	-171	686	290	-806
Deviation %	-0.9%	3.5%	1.5%	-4.1%
Other	12,638	12,077	10,643	9,751
Other %	64.3%	58.9%	52.9%	51.2%
Latino	6,335	7,921	8,717	8,650
Latino %	32.2%	38.6%	43.3%	45.5%
Asian	579	415	587	440
Asian %	2.9%	2.0%	2.9%	2.3%
Black	TI2	108	178	188
Black %	0.6%	0.5%	0.9%	1.0%

Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP)

	1	2	3	4
Total CVAP	13,890	13,245	12,800	11,300
Other CVAP	10,010	9,913	8,832	7,916
Other CVAP %	721%	74.8%	69.0%	70.1%
Latino CVAP	3,342	2,853	3,256	3,111
Latino CVAP %	24.1%	21.5%	25.4%	27.5%
Asian CVAP	505	364	624	96
Asian CVAP %	3.6%	2.8%	4.9%	0.8%
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Black CVAP %	0.2%	0.9%	0.7%	1.6%



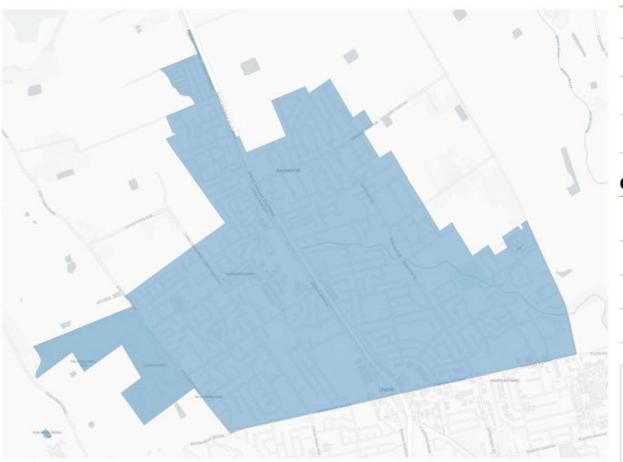
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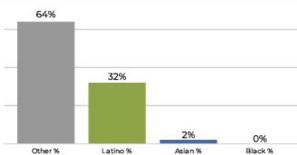
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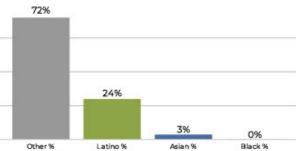


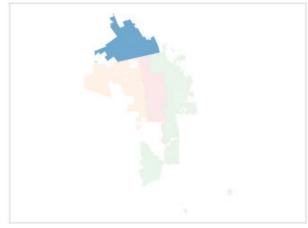
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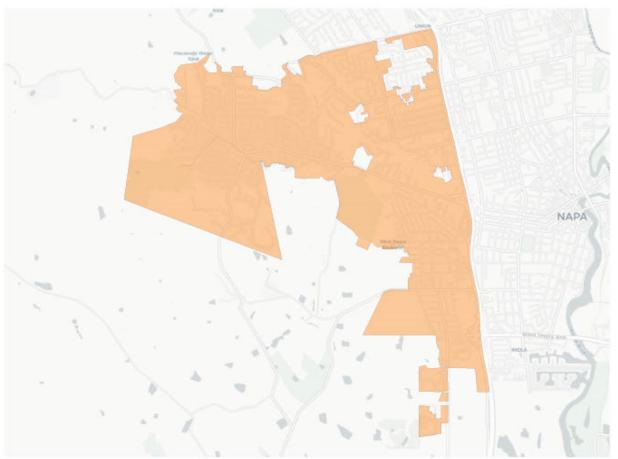
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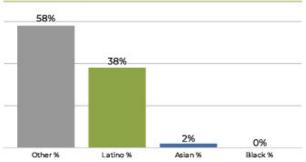
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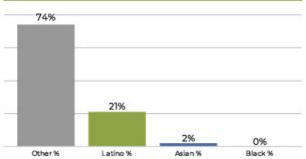


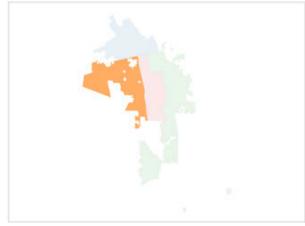
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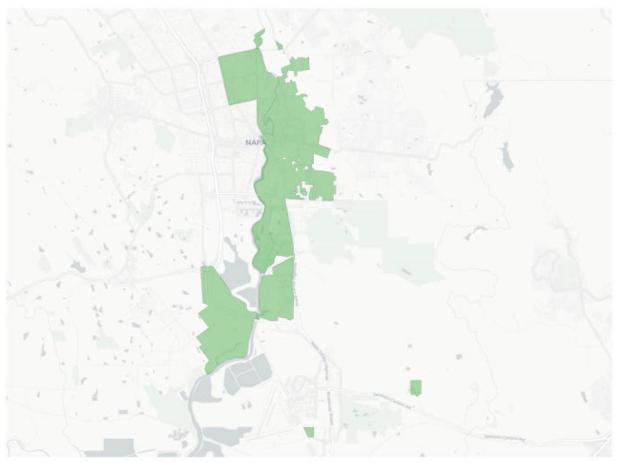
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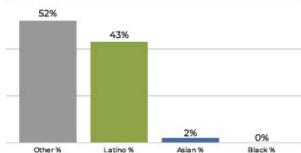
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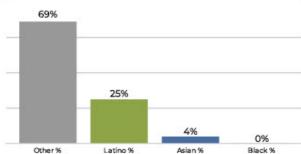


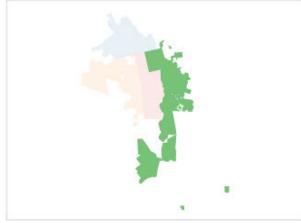
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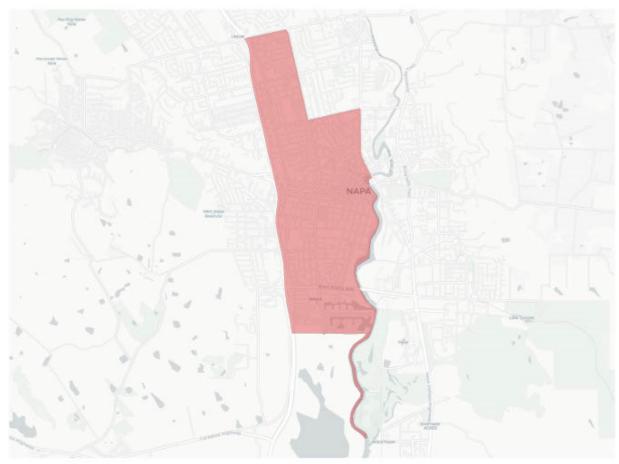
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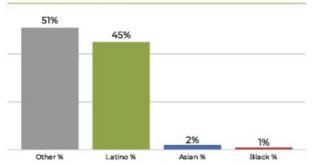
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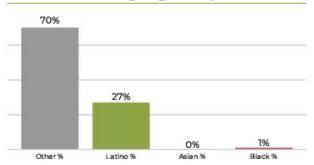


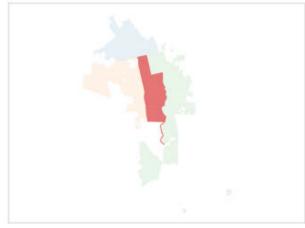
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2020 Census









City of Napa's Redistricting Schedule



- TOTAL OF 5 COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS:
 - Held at various locations throughout the City to attract a wide range of participants
 - ✓ Saturday and Sunday
 - ✓ After 6:00 P.M. on weekday evening
- TOTAL OF 5 PUBLIC HEARINGS:
 - √ 1st Public Hearing before maps are drawn
 - √ 4 Public Hearings after maps are drawn
 - ✓ Held during City Council Meetings at 6:30 PM
- City's deadline to adopt a FINAL map is April 17, 2022
- Spanish interpretation services will be available upon request at all Public Hearings & Community Workshops



City of Napa's Redistricting Schedule

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS:

Date and Time	Location
Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Napa Valley College Community Room 2277 Napa Vallejo Highway
Saturday, January 15, 2022, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Harvest Middle School Library 2449 Old Sonoma Road
Saturday, January 15, 2022, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Las Flores Community Center Gym 4300 Linda Vista Avenue
Sunday, January 30, 2022, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Irene M. Snow Elementary School Library 1130 Foster Road
Sunday, January 30, 2022, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	St. John Baptist Catholic Church - Parish Hall 924 Napa Street



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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Date and Time	Location
Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 6:30 PM	Council Chambers at City Hall 955 School Street
Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 6:30 PM	Council Chambers at City Hall 955 School Street
Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 6:30 PM	Council Chambers at City Hall 955 School Street
Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 6:30 PM	Council Chambers at City Hall 955 School Street
Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 6:30 PM	Council Chambers at City Hall 955 School Street





Save the Date! Flyer outlines upcoming dates



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

HELP SHAPE NAPA'S FUTURE

Redistricting 2021-2022

Draw New Boundaries for the City of Napa

Every ten years, local governments use new data from the Census to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. The City of Napa is asking for your help to draw the new boundaries.

Join us at a Community Workshop or Public Hearing to get involved!

Community Workshops

Wednesday, December 1, 2021: 1st Community Workshop

 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM at Napa Valley College Community Room, 2277 Napa Vallejo Highway

Saturday, January 15, 2022: 2nd and 3rd Community Workshops

- 10:00 AM 11:30 AM at Harvest Middle School Library, 2449 Old Sonoma Road
- 1:30 PM 3:00 PM at Las Flores Community Center Gym, 4300 Linda Vista Avenue

Sunday, January 30, 2022: 4th and 5th Community Workshops

- 10:00 AM 11:30 AM at Irene M. Snow Elementary School Library, 1130 Easter Road
- 1:30 PM 3:00 PM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish Hall, 924 Napa Street

Public Hearings

All Public Hearings will take place in the Council Chamber located inside City Hall at 955 School Street.

- Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:30 PM: 1st Public Hearing (without maps)
- Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM: 2nd Public Hearing (with maps)
- Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:30 PM: 3rd Public Hearing
 (with mass)
- Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM: 4th Public Hearing (with maps - Introduction/1st Reading of Ordinance)
- Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM: 5th Public Hearing (with maps - Final Adoption/2nd Reading of Ordinance)

For more information, visit <u>CityofNapa.org/</u> <u>Redistricting</u> or scan the QR code!







Ayudar a Dar Formar al Futuro de Napa Redistribución de Distritos 2021-2022

Save the Date! Flyer is also available in Spanish

(Don't forget to check out the FAQs on the back!)



Ayude a dibujar nuevos límites distritales para la Ciudad de Napa

Cada diez años, los gobiernos locales utilizan nuevos datos del censo para volver a dibujar sus líneas de distrito y reflejar cómo han cambiado las poblaciones locales. La ciudad de Napa está pidiendo su ayuda para dibujar los nuevos limites.

¡Únase a nosotros en un Taller Comunitario o una Audiencia Pública para participar!

Talleres Comunitarios

Miércoles 1 de diciembre de 2021: Primer Taller Comunitario

 A las 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM en el Salón Comunitario de Napa Valley College, 2277 Napa Vallejo Highway

Sábado 15 de enero de 2022: Segundo y tercero Talleres Comunitarios

- A las 10:00 AM 11:30 AM en la Biblioteca de la Escuela Secundaria Harvest, 2249 Old Sonoma Road
- A las 1:30 PM 3:00 PM en el Gimnasio Centro de Comunidad Las Flores, 4300 Linda Vista Avenue

Domingo 30 de enero de 2022: Cuarto y qunito Talleres Comunitarios

- A las 10:00 AM 11:30 AM en la Biblioteca de la Escuela Primaria de Irene M. Snow, 1130 Foster Road
- A las 1:30 PM 3:00 PM en el Salón Parroquial de la Iglesia de St. John, 924 Napa Street

Audiencias Públicas

Todas las audiencias públicas se llevarán a cabo en la cámara del consejo ubicada dentro de la Municipalidad en 955 School Street.

- Martes 26 de octubre de 2021 a las 6:30 PM: Primera audiencia pública (sin mapas)
- Martes 14 de diciembre de 2021 a las 6:30 PM: Segunda audiencia pública (con mapas)
- Martes 25 de enero de 2022 a las 6:30 PM: Tercera audiencia pública (con mapas)
- Martes 8 de febrero de 2022 a las 6:30 PM: Cuarta audiencia pública (con mapas - Introducción/Primera lectura de la ordenanza)
- Martes 8 de marzo de 2022 a las 6:30 PM: Quinta audiencia pública (con mapas - Adopción final/Segunda lectura de la ordenanza)

¡Para más información, visite <u>CityofNapa.org/</u> Redistricting o escanee el código QR!







Redistricting Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ #1 - What is redistricting?

Redistricting is the regular process of adjusting the lines of voting districts in accordance with population shifts. Every ten years, districts must be redrawn so that each district is substantially equal in population. This process is important in ensuring that each Councilmember represents about the same number of constituents. Redistricting is done using U.S. Census data, which is normally released around March 31, 2021, but it is anticipated that this data will not be available until September 30, 2021 this year because of delays.

Because history has seen public agencies redraw district lines to influence elections, favor a particular party or suppress a group's voting power, or gerrymandering, all district lines must be reviewed to meet strict requirements for population equality and voting rights protections. With the California Voting Rights Act, more than 500 jurisdictions in California must redistrict in 2021-2022.

In the City of Napa, the City Council is responsible for approving the final map of new district boundaries. Our redistricting process must be completed by April 17, 2022.

FAQ #2 - Why does redistricting matter to me?

Redistricting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for purposes of electing a Councilmember. The City Council will seek input in selecting the next district map for our Councilmember districts. You have an opportunity to share with the City Council how you think district boundaries should be drawn to best represent your community.

You can contact the City Clerk at redistricting@cityofnapa.org to find out more about how the process works.

FAQ #3 - How can I get involved?

The City will be holding a series of Public Hearings and Community Workshops to receive public input on where district lines should be drawn. A schedule outlining these Public Hearings and Community Workshops is on the reserve side of this fiver.

You can also get involved by completing a Community of Interest (COI) form. For more information about filling out Community of Interest (COI) forms, please visit <u>CityofNapa.org/COI</u>.

You can also submit public comments, including suggested draft maps, by emailing: redistricting@cityofnapa.org.

FAQ #4 - Where can I learn more about redistricting?

For more information regarding redistricting, please visit <u>CityofNapa.org/</u>
Redistricting.



#RedrawNapa

Redistribución de Distritos Preguntas Más Frecuentes

PMF #1 - ¿Qué es la redistribución de distritos?

La redistribución de distritos es el proceso regular de ajustar las líneas de los distritos electorales de acuerdo con los cambios de población. Cada diez años, los distritos deben ser rediseñados para que cada distritos esa sustancialmente igual en población. Este proceso es importante para garantizar que cada miembro del Consejo representa aproximadamente el mismo número de constituyentes. La redistribución de distritos se realiza utilizando datos del censo de EE. UU., que normalmente se publican alrededor del 31 de marzo de 2021, pero se anticipa que estos datos no estarán disponibles hasta el 30 de septiembre de 2021 este año debido a demoras.

Debido a que la historia ha visto que las agencias públicas vuelven a dibujar las líneas de distrito para influir en las elecciones, complacer a un partido en particular o suprimir el poder de voto de un grupo, la manipulación de distritos injustos electorales, todas las líneas de distrito deben ser revisadas para cumplir con los estrictos requisitos de igualdad de población y protección de los derechos de voto. Con la Ley de Derechos Electorales de California, más de 500 jurisdicciones en California deben hacer el proceso de la redistribución de distritos en 2021-2022.

En la ciudad de Napa, el Concejo Municipal es responsable de aprobar el mapa final de los nuevos limites del distrito. Nuestro proceso de redistribución de distritos debe completarse antes del 17 de abril de 2022.

PMF #2 - ¿Por qué me importa la redistribución de distritos?

La redistribución de distritos determina qué vecindarios y comunidades se agrupan en un distrito con el propósito de elegir un miembro del Consejo. El Concejo Municipal buscará información para seleccionar el próximo mapa de distrito para nuestros distritos de los miembros del Consejo. Tiene la oportunidad de compartir con el Concejo Municipal cómo cree que se deben dibujar los límites del distrito para representar mejor a su comunidad.

Puede contactar el secretario de la ciudad en <u>redistricting@cityofnapa.org</u> para obtener más información sobre cómo funciona el proceso.

PMF #3 - ¿Cómo puedo involucrarme?

La ciudad estará organizando una serie de audiencias públicas y talleres comunitarios para recibir comentarios del público sobre dónde se deben dibujar las líneas del distrito. Un calendario que describe estas audiencias y talleres comunitarios se encuentra en el reservo de este folleto.

También puede participar completando un formulario de comunidad de interés (COI). Para obtener más información sobre cómo completar los formularios de la comunidad de interés (COI), visite <u>CityofNapa.org/COI</u>.

También puede enviar comentarios públicos, incluidos los borradores de mapas sugeridos, enviando un correo electrónico a: redistricting@cityofnapa.org.

PMF #4 - ¿Dónde puedo obtener más información sobre la redistribución de distritos?

Para obtener más información sobre la redistribución de distritos, visite CityofNapa.org/Redistricting.







City of Napa's Community Outreach Plan

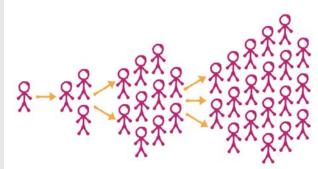
- Public Messaging in English and Spanish
 - ✓ Collaborating with expert consultant, Tripepi Smith, to boost community outreach efforts
 - ✓ Social Media Engagement
 - ✓ New dedicated webpage on City's website
 - ✓ Napa News Weekly
 - ✓ Press Releases
 - ✓ Mailers, infographics, and videos
 - ✓ Send updates via the Napa Valley Unified School District parent newsletter
 - ✓ Public Notices posted at City facilities
 - ✓ Advertisements on Napa Valley TV's Channel
 28 and Napa Valley Register newspaper





City of Napa's Community Outreach Plan (continued)

- City staff will work closely with demographer, Paul Mitchell, Redistricting Partners, LLC
- Pop-Up Events such as Farmers Market to help spread the word (August 31st and September 18th)
- Word of mouth through various community groups such as Voters Choice Napa, League of Women Voters of Napa County and MANY more
- Online Interactive Tools:
 - ✓ Online Mapping Tool City's consulting demographer will provide a training video
 - ✓ Designated Email Address for the public to provide comments and input (redistricting@cityofnapa.org)
 - ✓ Online COI Worksheet for "Communities of Interest Worksheets" in English and Spanish







Complete a Community of Interest (COI) Worksheet

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Visit: www.cityofnapa.org/COI

• PDF form is also available

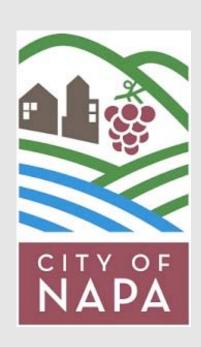


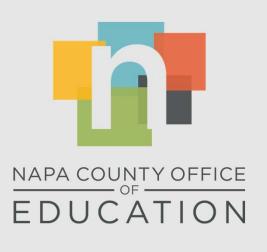
Educational Kick-Off Events such as Farmers Market Booth





Other Community Outreach Opportunities: Multi-Agency Kick-Off Meeting held on September 16th















Questions from Council to Staff or Consultants?

Invite Public Input Regarding:

- Communities of Interest
 - ☐ District Boundaries



From: Napa County Progressive Alliance
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:16 PM

To: Clerk

Cc: <u>Scott Sedgley; Steve Potter;</u>

Campbell;

Subject: Public comment for special meeting on Oct. 26, 2021 Item 3A

Categories: Unverified Contact

[EXTERNAL]

Good evening, Napa City Council:

My name is Larry Alexander. I am chair of No More Napa Islands, an action team that is part of the Napa County Progressive Alliance, which advocates for immediate municipal annexation of all county islands eligible for LAFCO's streamlined annexation process to enfranchise their residents and bring them into the civic life of the City. On behalf of this group, I am here tonight to describe where I live and my community of interest-- the largest county island, the West Pueblo/Linda Vista county island.

My neighborhood is located south of Trancas and west of the Highway. It is completely surrounded by the City and is affected by City services and decisions, yet I am not a part of the City because for years the City has failed to annex my neighborhood, leaving us in the County. Had the City annexed this neighborhood, we would currently be a part of District 2 but are instead in no district with no opportunity to vote for a city council representative, the mayor, or city ballot initiatives. In other words, we have been disenfranchised

About 1,400 residents live in my neighborhood, which is predominantly working class and a majority Latinx. If annexed, it would be the lowest income neighborhood in the City. We lack storm drains, adequate lighting, and have poor streets. My neighborhood is shown as a gaping hole on the City's election map that was created in April 2020 for the last election, an election in which I did not get to vote, even though my wife works in the city and my son goes to a city high school.

When the City Council adopted its current election map, it cast aside information gathered regarding communities of interest and instead carved up Napa based on major roads and geographic features, touting the importance of easy-to-understand districts. What is easy to understand about portions of the City actually being in the County, including many streets that are part City and part County? Why isn't the City Council concerned about the voter confusion that creates or the fact that 1,400 underserved residents are not being counted and cannot vote?

The City has already mapped and completed an engineering study of the West Pueblo/Linda Vista island, the main precursors to annexation. It has only to pass a resolution in order to annex it and could still do so in time for its residents to be included in the redistricting process, so they could become a part of their district of choice, being close to three districts. For example, I believe that given our demographics and inadequate infrastructure that we have more in common with and would have a stronger vote being a part of the central district— District 4.

The county island issue came to light during the districting process almost two years ago. The City has had more than enough time to annex the largest islands and should at least annex the largest island, the West Pueblo/Linda Vista island, for which the City Council has nothing left to do except pass a resolution, now and in time for redistricting. As has been stated before by the City itself, "It is the right thing to do."

Sincerely,	
Larry Alexander	
No More Napa Islands, Co-chair	