



**INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, June 23, 2021  
6:00 PM**

**Commission Members:**

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# AGENDA

## Roll Call

## Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

## Minutes for Approval

*Draft minutes for the Commission's consideration and approval.*

- 1. Minutes – June 9, 2021**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

## Commission Action Items

*The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up.*

- 2. Review and Approval of the PowerPoint Presentation for the July 10 Public Hearing**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
**Recommendation:** Review and approve the PowerPoint presentation created by the Outreach Subcommittee for the July 10 Public Hearing.  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900
- 3. Advertising Plan for the July 10 Public Hearing**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
**Recommendation:** Review the print advertising plan prepared by the Outreach Subcommittee for the July 10 Public Hearing.  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900
- 4. July 10 Public Hearing Preparation Items**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
**Recommendation:** Review the list of actions to prepare for July 10, 2021 Public Hearing.  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

## Subcommittee Reports

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- 5. Report from Community Outreach Subcommittee**

## Information Reports

6. **Map of New Housing Units**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900
7. **Independent Redistricting Commission Budget (Revised) (Continued from May 19, 2021)**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900
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## Items for Future Agendas and Meeting Calendar

- Discussion of items to be added to future agendas
- Discussion and possible modifications to the meeting calendar

## Adjournment

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**Roll Call:** 6:02 p.m.

**Present:** Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Rhodes, Smith, Taplin, Tran, Watson

**Absent:** Hanson, Nicol, Rogers, Sussell

Commissioner Rogers present at 6:20 p.m.

Commissioner Hanson present at 6:37 p.m.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters** – 0 speakers

### Minutes for Approval

*Draft minutes for the Commission's consideration and approval.*

**1. Minutes - May 19, 2021**

**Action:** M/S/C (Rhodes/Smith) to adopt the minutes of 5/19/2021.

**Vote:** Ayes - Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Rhodes, Smith, Taplin, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Hanson, Nicol, Rogers, Sussell

### Commission Action Items

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**2. Adoption of Bylaws of the Independent Redistricting Commission**

**From: Independent Redistricting Committee**

**Recommendation:** Review the proposed bylaws and formally adopt final bylaws for governing commission procedures.

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

**Action:** M/S/C (Smith/Rhodes) to adopt the second set of bullet points under the Consensus section to read:

- I fully agree with the action
- I substantially agree with the action
- I have reservations, but I support the action
- I do not agree with the action; however, I have shared my opinions during the discussion and I support the Commission's action

**Vote:** Ayes - Alejos, Choy, Fox, Rhodes, Rogers, Smith, Taplin, Tran, Watson; Noes – Cooper; Abstain – None; Absent - Hanson, Nicol, Sussell.

## Commission Action Items

**Action:** M/S/C (Rogers/Rhodes) to adopt the revised paragraph regarding subcommittees as follows:

*In the course of its regular business, the Commission may form ad hoc subcommittees to review particular topics in depth and recommend future actions on particular topics at a duly noticed Commission meeting. A report from the subcommittee of its recommendations will be provided at a meeting of the full Commission.*

**Vote:** Ayes - Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Rhodes, Rogers, Smith, Taplin, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Hanson, Nicol, Sussell.

**Action:** M/S/C (Rogers/Rhodes) to adopt the Bylaws of the Independent Redistricting Commission as amended and edited in the agenda item and at the meeting.

**Vote:** Ayes - Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Hanson, Rhodes, Rogers, Smith, Taplin, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Nicol, Sussell.

### 3. Independent Redistricting Commission Mission Statement and Slogan

**From:** Independent Redistricting Committee

**Recommendation:** Review the proposed mission statements and slogans submitted by commissioners and take action to select the preferred options.

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

**Action:** 0 speakers. Discussion held. The commission will consider additional options from commissioners for a slogan and mission statement.

**Action:** M/S/C (Watson/Taplin) to re-order the agenda to hear Item 5 and Item 6 after Item 3.

**Vote:** Ayes - Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Hanson, Rhodes, Rogers, Smith, Taplin, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Nicol, Sussell.

### 4. Topics for Public Hearing #1 Agenda

**From:** Independent Redistricting Committee

**Recommendation:** Provide direction to staff on topics to highlight for the agenda of the first public hearing scheduled for July 10, 2021.

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

**Action:** 0 speakers. Discussion held. The commission approved the proposed agenda in the staff memo and provided general information about the presentation, timing, participation by the public.

## Subcommittee Reports

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### 5. Report from Community Outreach Subcommittee

**Action:** 0 speakers. The subcommittee provided an update on advertising buys, media outlets, the creation of the July 10 presentation, its goals and mission statement, and the press release to be drafted for July 10. The commission asked questions and discussed possible future action.

### 6. Independent Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest/Mapping Outreach Resources and Timeline 2021-2022 (Continued from May 19, 2021) From: Independent Redistricting Commission

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

**Action:** Received and filed. No action taken.

## Information Reports

### 7. UC Berkeley Student Undercount in 2020 Census (Continued from May 19, 2021) From: Independent Redistricting Commission

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

**Action:** 0 speakers. Discussion held. No action taken.

### 8. Independent Redistricting Commission Budget (Continued from May 19, 2021) From: Independent Redistricting Commission

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

**Action:** 0 speakers. Discussion held. Updated item to be submitted for June 23 regular meeting.

**Action:** M/S/C (Cooper/Rhodes) to suspend the rules and extend the meeting beyond 9:00 p.m.

**Vote:** Ayes - Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Hanson, Rhodes, Rogers, Smith, Taplin, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Nicol, Sussell.

### 9. Summary of Berkeley's 2010 - 2014 Redistricting Process and Map (Revised) (Continued from May 19, 2021)

From: Independent Redistricting Commission

Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900

**Action:** 1 speaker. Discussion held. No action taken.



## Information Reports

10. **Status of In-Person Meetings for the Independent Redistricting Commission**  
*(Continued from May 19, 2021)*  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900  
**Action:** 0 speakers. Discussion held. Updated item to be submitted for June 23 regular meeting.

## Items for Future Agendas and Meeting Calendar

- **Discussion of items to be added to future agendas**
  - Subcommittee report on purchasing advertising
  - Draft PowerPoint for July 10 Public Hearing
  - Map of New Housing Units
- **Discussion and possible modifications to the meeting calendar**

## Adjournment

**Action:** M/S/C (Taplin/Tran) to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** Ayes - Alejos, Choy, Cooper, Fox, Hanson, Rhodes, Rogers, Smith, Taplin, Tran, Watson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Nicol, Sussell.

Adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

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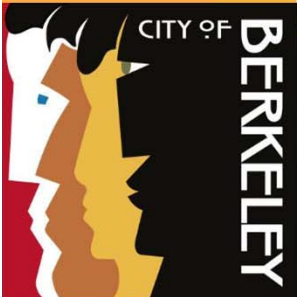
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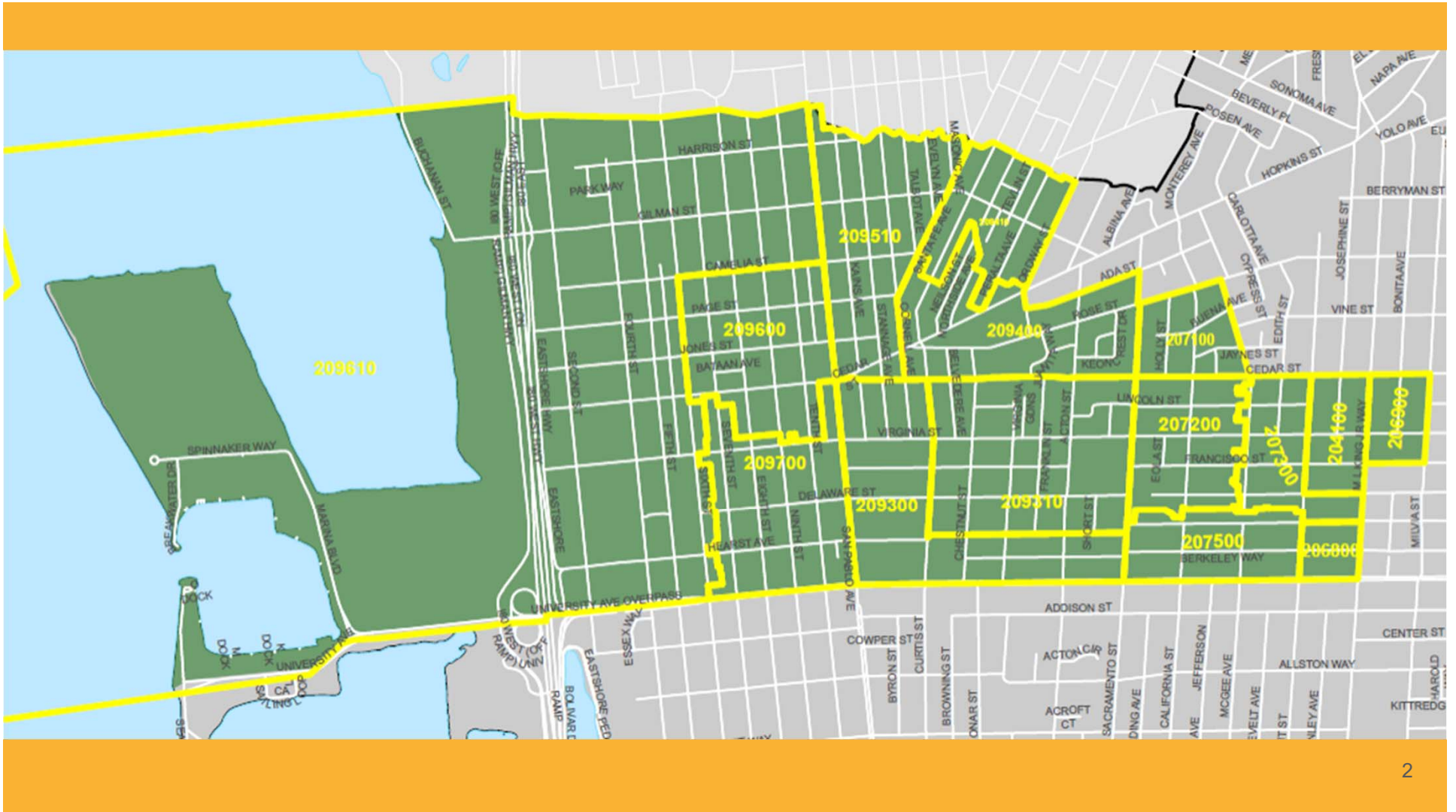




# Independent Redistricting Commission

## Introduction to Redistricting

July 10, 2021



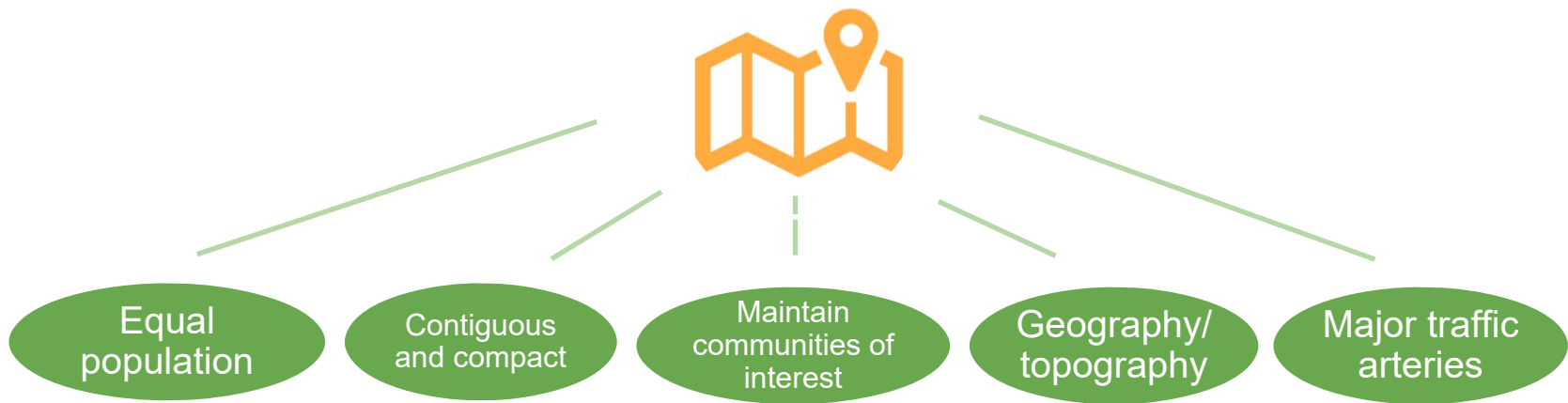
# Background on Redistricting

**Redistricting** is the process and action of drawing boundaries for electoral districts and school districts that represent us (the people). It happens every 10 years after the Census is conducted.

## Redistricting is important because...

- It directly impacts communities' access to political power through elections, which then impacts laws and policies that are voted by the people or by their representatives
- It changes the identity, allegiance, political priorities of a district's representative (i.e., on the economy, environment, zoning, schools, jobs)
- Its effects remain at least for the next ten years

## Redistricting maps take into consideration:



Maps must also meet legal requirements.





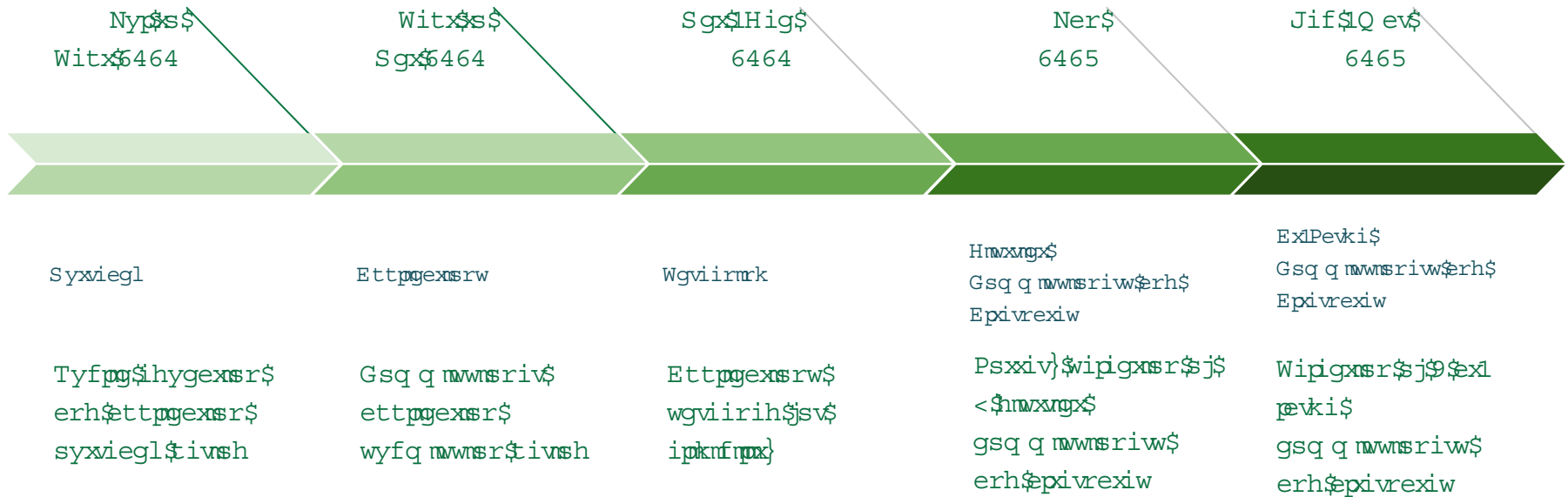
# Redistricting in Berkeley and the Independent Redistricting Commission

## Brief History of Council Districts in Berkeley

- **2010** - Census count
- **2011 to 2014** - Redistricting conducted by City Council
  - **2011** - Redistricting Process 1: Map not adopted
  - **2012** - Charter amended to create more flexibility with district boundaries and add better definitions for redistricting terms
  - **2013 and 2014** - Redistricting Process 2: Map adopted, despite referendum; voters approved new districts
- **2016** - Measure W1 passed to amend the City's Charter, transferring responsibility for drawing electoral boundaries from the City Council to an Independent Redistricting Commission (the "Commission")
- **2021** - Selection of district commissioners and alternates for the Independent Redistricting Commission by lottery; commissioners voted for at-large commissioners and their alternates

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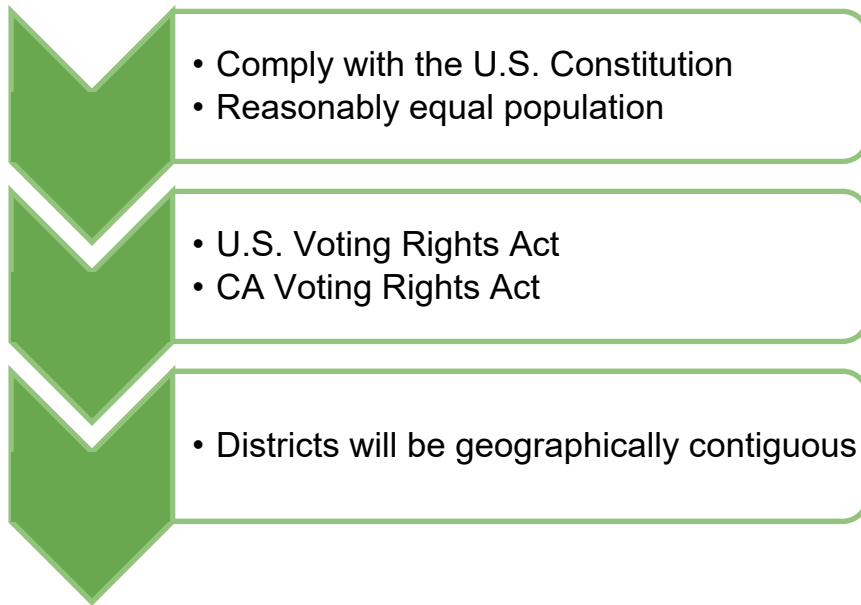
# Creation of the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC)

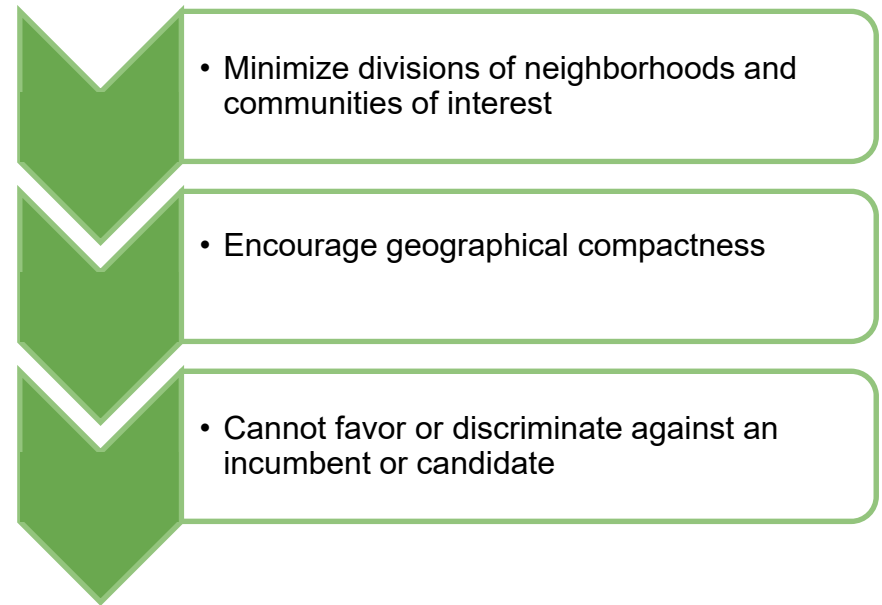


Full plan may be viewed [here](#).

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## Mandates of the Independent Redistricting Commission

- 
- Comply with the U.S. Constitution
  - Reasonably equal population
  - U.S. Voting Rights Act
  - CA Voting Rights Act
  - Districts will be geographically contiguous

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- Minimize divisions of neighborhoods and communities of interest
  - Encourage geographical compactness
  - Cannot favor or discriminate against an incumbent or candidate

Commission may also establish additional criteria that complies with the priorities listed above.

## The Independent Redistricting Commission...

- Approves new boundaries without bias or discrimination
- Receives input and maps from the public
- Decides final map boundaries
- Receives support from City of Berkeley IT, Legal, and the City Clerk Departments

## Eligibility for the Independent Redistricting Commission

Requirements to serve on commission:

- 18 years or older
- Berkeley resident

Considerations:

- Current City board members/commissioners
- Contributions to candidates in last 4 years

Ineligible:

- City of Berkeley employees; qualified candidates for Mayor or Councilmember\*; Current and former holders of Berkeley elective office\*; Paid staff or unpaid interns to the Mayor or Councilmembers\*; Family members of the Mayor or Councilmember or their staff; Officers, paid staff, or paid consultants for campaign committees for Berkeley Mayor or Councilmember\*; Contractors or subcontractors of the City of Berkeley

\* within 2 years of application

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# 2021-2022 Independent Redistricting Commission

## Commission Members

13 members: 8 by district, 5 at-large

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## Demographics

Race/Ethnicity	Gender	Commissioners
Asian / Pacific Islander	F M	1 1
Black	F M	1 0
Hispanic	F M	1 0
Other / Biracial	F M	1 0
White	F M	2 6

# 2021-2022 Independent Redistricting Commission

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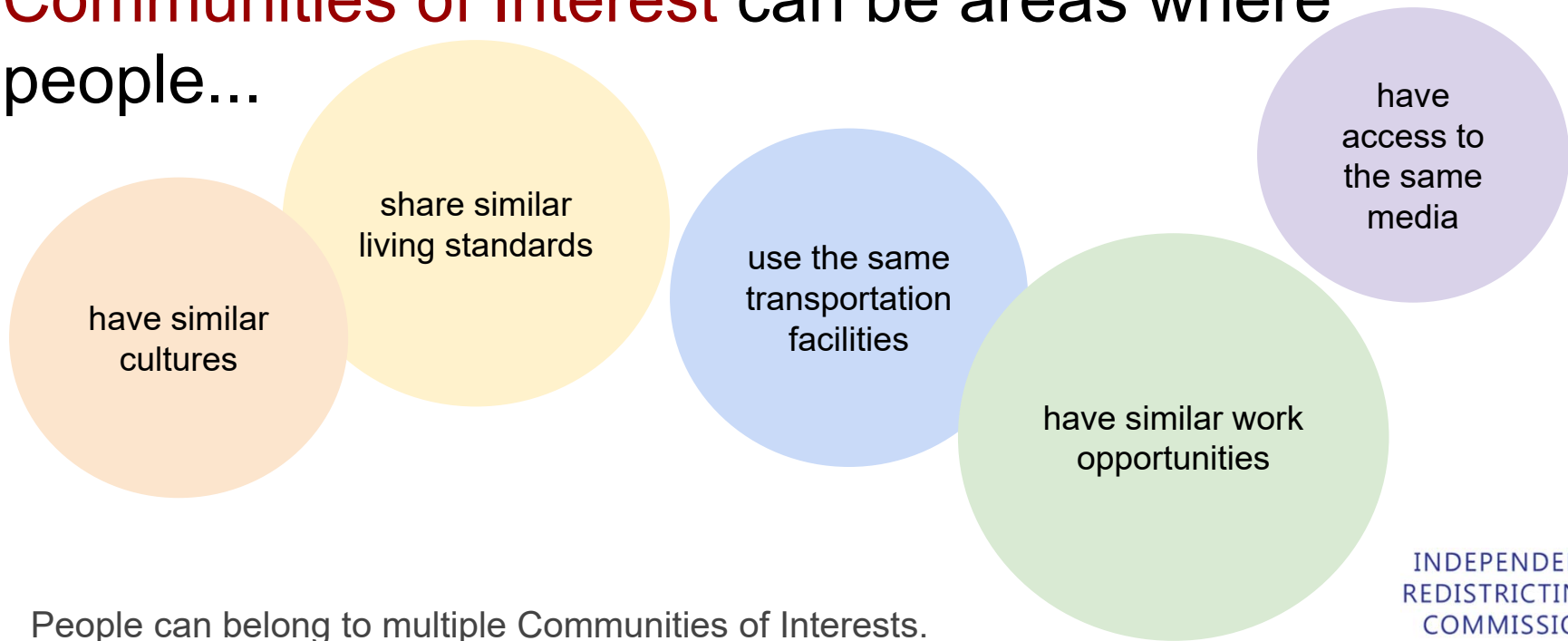


# Community Participation in Redistricting

A **Community of Interest** is a concentrated population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation

Note: It is not the same as a district.

## Communities of Interest can be areas where people...



People can belong to multiple Communities of Interests.

# 1 Communities of Interest are critical in this process

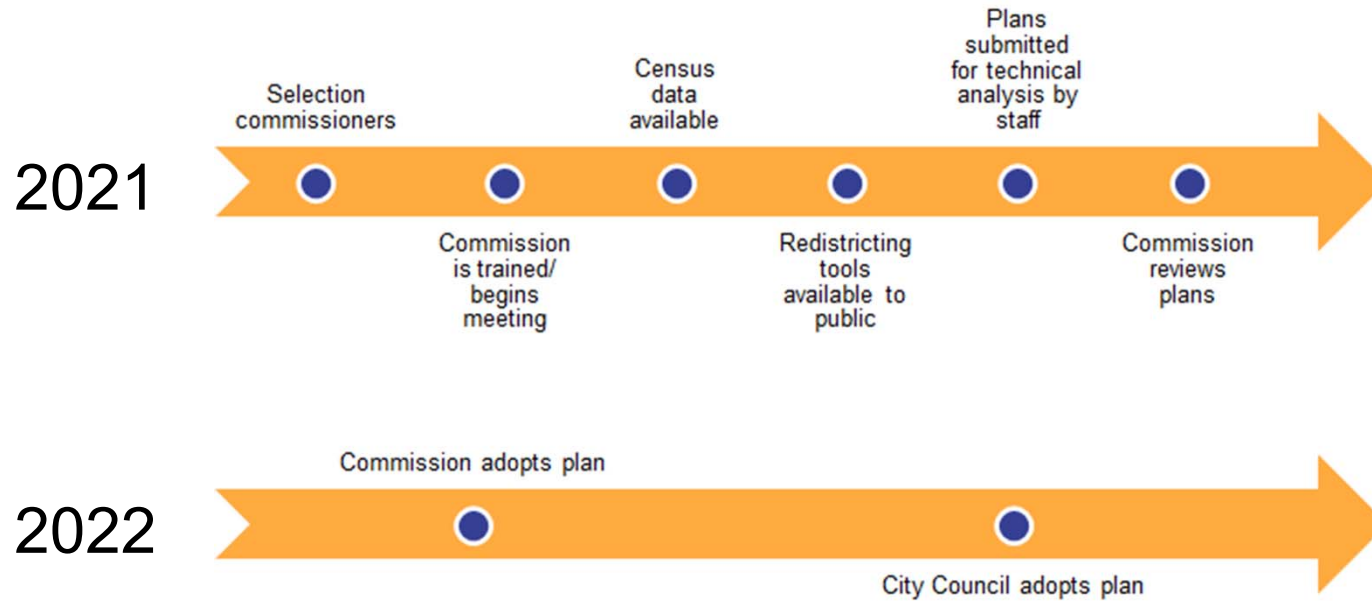
Identifying COI in Berkeley are the key building blocks the Redistricting Commission will use in developing the new district boundaries

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- 1 How do we illustrate that we want to hear from the public?  
Why should people participate / why do we want people to participate  
Lisa Tran, 6/17/2021

# Timeline



## Deadlines

- City Charter dictates a <Month ??st> deadline for approving the final boundary maps
- Should the Commission not meet the deadline, <???- Pending Commission approval, the final maps may be approved in early-2022

# Questions and Comments



# Stay Connected and Engaged!

## 2 Ways to Participate

- Visit the [Redistricting Website](#) for up to date information
- **Communities of Interest:** register your community with us, submit feedback, stay engaged
- **Share** this presentation with your friends, network, and community
- **Join** our meetings. Dates are posted on the [website](#) and [city calendar](#)

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Is there a link?

Lisa Tran, 6/17/2021

## Recommended Print/Digital Media Purchase for IRC – June 2021

<b>Outlet</b>	<b>Purchase</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Reach</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Tri-City Post	1/8 page	\$520 FC (1x)	Not reported	Government rate
East Bay Times (Bay Area News Group) – Berkeley Voice Insert on Fridays	Full page	\$759 FC for 4x run	227k print circulation	Special pricing for 4x insert in Berkeley Voice. Distributed to Berkeley and El Cerrito
East Bay Express	1/8 page	\$270 (1x)	35k print circulation	13x rate for government
Daily Cal	Online bundle	\$440 for 40k impressions & Twitter post	124k Unique Monthly Visitors (UMVs)	
Berkeleyside	Half page; medium rectangle, 78,750 impressions	\$630 (incl. \$130 reallocated from Berkeley Times)	519,000 Unique Monthly Visitors (UMVs)	

**Total cost: \$2,619**





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Subject: July 10 Public Hearing Preparation Items

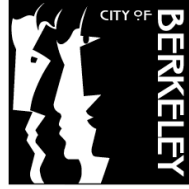
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This item was placed on the June 23 agenda at the request of the commission in order to facilitate discussion and direction on preparations for the July 10 hearing.

The July 10 public hearing will be focused on introducing the redistricting process and commission to the public and asking for community participation. The primary tasks identified by staff are listed below – additions and changes to the list may be discussed at the commission meeting.

- Issue Community Message (Press Release + GovDelivery Notifications)
- Create draft agenda
- E-mail and Mail community message to 300+ community organizations
- Provide “pass-through” message to City Council, BUSD, and Library for distribution through subscriber lists
- Publish public notice in newspaper
- Purchase paid advertising
- Finalize PowerPoint
- Distribute Community of Interest forms
- Publish agenda packet
- Update website
- Set-up and staff physical meeting location (tentative)

The draft agenda for the July 10 meeting is attached here for reference.



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### Public Hearing Items

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1. **Public Hearing #1 – Berkeley City Council Redistricting Process**
  - a. **Introduction of Commissioners**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900
  - b. **Presentation: Overview of Berkeley City Council Redistricting**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
Contact: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6900
  - c. **Public Participation and Community of Interest Forms**  
**From: Independent Redistricting Commission**  
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City Clerk Department

June 23, 2021

To: Independent Redistricting Commission  
From: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary  
Subject: Independent Redistricting Commission Budget

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The City Charter provides that the City Council is required to allocate funds to the Independent Redistricting Commission sufficient to complete the mandated task of redrawing boundaries including public outreach, staff time, and consultants.

Through the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Cycle and with the use of internal City Clerk funds, the total adopted budget for the Commission is \$111,750. The attached spreadsheet shows the line items for expected expenditures as well as the total amount spent to date. Some of the amounts in the "Spent to Date" fields have not actually been spent, but are treated as such for budget planning purposes.

On June 9, 2021 a commissioner contact staff and stated that he would decline his stipend for the duration of the process. This resulted in approximately \$2,000 in savings that was reallocated to the outreach budget. The \$2,000 was placed in the Paid Advertising line item, but it can be moved to other outreach line items if needed. For the public outreach budget, there are approximately \$10,600 in unspent funds for the remainder of the process.

When evaluating the budget, there are two line items that may yield additional funds that can be allocated to other purposes if the full amount is not spent. The first is the contract with Redistricting Partners. Some funds were saved by conducting Commission trainings virtually instead of in-person, and there are some optional services included in the \$15,000 allocation. However, it is important to note that there may be unforeseen needs and the full amount may be spent for demographer services.

The second area of possible savings is the line item for Maptitude Hourly Services. It is very likely that some of the \$10,000 will be spent for software customization and support services, but there may be some unspent funds in this area that can be used for other needs.

It is important to note that the total budget amount is firmly established at this point. There are possible unknowns in the process that may affect the Commission's budget needs, so it is important to be judicious in the use of funds early in the process to maintain flexibility and an unspent reserve for needs later in the process.

Independent Redistricting Commission Budget				
<b>Total Budget = \$111,750.00</b>				
Category	Sub-Category	Proposed		Expenditures To Date
Outreach	Graphic Design	\$5,000		\$ 4,800.00
	Posters	\$750		\$ 200.00
	Event Registration	\$1,500		\$ -
	Brochure	\$1,000		\$ 300.00
	Supplies	\$500		\$ 282.00
	Paid Advertising	\$11,000		\$ 3,540.00
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$19,750</b>		<b>\$ 9,122.00</b>
Translation	Translation Services	\$1,000		\$200
Supplies	Public Packets/Office Supplies	\$1,000		\$ -
Demographer	Redistricting Partners	\$15,000		\$ 7,500
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$16,000</b>		<b>\$7,700</b>
Stipends	Commissioner Stipends	\$30,000		\$30,000
Software	Software Licences - Maptitude	\$35,000		\$35,000
	Software - Maptitude Hourly Services	\$10,000		
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$75,000</b>		<b>\$65,000</b>
	Balance			\$29,928.00
	<b>Total Spent To Date</b>			<b>\$ 81,822.00</b>



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June 23, 2021

To: Independent Redistricting Commission

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Subject: Status of In-Person Meetings for the Independent Redistricting Commission

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This memorandum provides an update to the status of in-person meetings for legislative bodies in Berkeley. Additional verbal updates may be given at the meeting if conditions change or new regulations are adopted by state or local public health officials.

#### State and Local Orders

Due to the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is difficult to predict what the local conditions will be in Berkeley as we move through the summer months. Throughout the pandemic, information from the State has changed rapidly – and often with little notice. The Blueprint for a Safer Economy officially sunset on June 15, however regulations and health recommendations regarding masking and distancing from CalOSHA and the California Department of Public Health remain in place.

#### Governor Newsom's Executive Order

On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20. Among other things, this Order waived certain portions of the Brown Act to permit legislative bodies to function safely during the unprecedented pandemic. On June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21 that updated several previously issued Orders. This new order extended the Brown Act exemptions in Order N-29-20 through September 30, 2021. This allows the IRC to continue to meet in virtual-only format through September.

#### In-Person and Hybrid Meetings

Staff is prepared to hold in-person meetings should local conditions permit. However, hybrid meetings (combining the technology of Zoom with in-person attendees) present unique challenges and are difficult to administer with existing resources. The City would need to address limitations of existing technology, bandwidth at meeting locations, the additional complexity of meeting management for commissioners and attendees, and increased staffing needs to support hybrid meetings. We anticipate the overall experience

will likely result in less satisfactory participatory experiences for the public and the Commission.

As the challenge of hybrid meetings is being discussed not only within the City of Berkeley, but by public agencies throughout California and beyond, we anticipate continued robust dialogue in this area with our peers and will continue to provide information as it becomes available.

Resources

Below are links to relevant resources from the State. While none of these provide exact guidance for meetings of legislative bodies such as the IRC, they may help shape the City’s framework for public gatherings. Additionally, some of the protocols recommended for similar events such as indoor entertainment may not be applicable to a public legislative body (requiring vaccination, or compelling vaccination status, etc.).

Resources Relating to In-Person Meetings	
<b>Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Activity and Business Tiers</b>	<a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-September_2020.pdf">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-September_2020.pdf</a>
<b>Industry Guidance</b>	<a href="https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/">https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/</a>
<b>Guidelines for Private Venues</b>	<a href="https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-private-events--en.pdf">https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-private-events--en.pdf</a>
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<b>Beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy</b>	<a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/beyond_memo.aspx#:~:text=What%20happens%20beyond%20the%20Blueprint,will%20remain%20in%20relevant%20settings.">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/beyond_memo.aspx#:~:text=What%20happens%20beyond%20the%20Blueprint,will%20remain%20in%20relevant%20settings.</a>

Conclusion

The City’s Public Health Division will continue to work closely with the City Manager’s Office, the California Department of Public Health, CalOSHA, and other local jurisdictions to develop the best strategies as we move out of the pandemic as a state, region, and municipality. The City Clerk Department is committed to supporting the work of the Independent Redistricting Commission as we move forward in accordance with the guidance and limitations established by our public health experts.