



**INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Saturday, July 10, 2021  
10:00 AM**

**Commission Members:**

DISTRICT 1 – TERRY NICOL  
DISTRICT 2 – JESSE SUSSELL  
DISTRICT 3 – LISA M. TRAN  
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# AGENDA

## Roll Call

## Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

## Public Hearing Items

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

### 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**

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

## Adjournment

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Numainville".

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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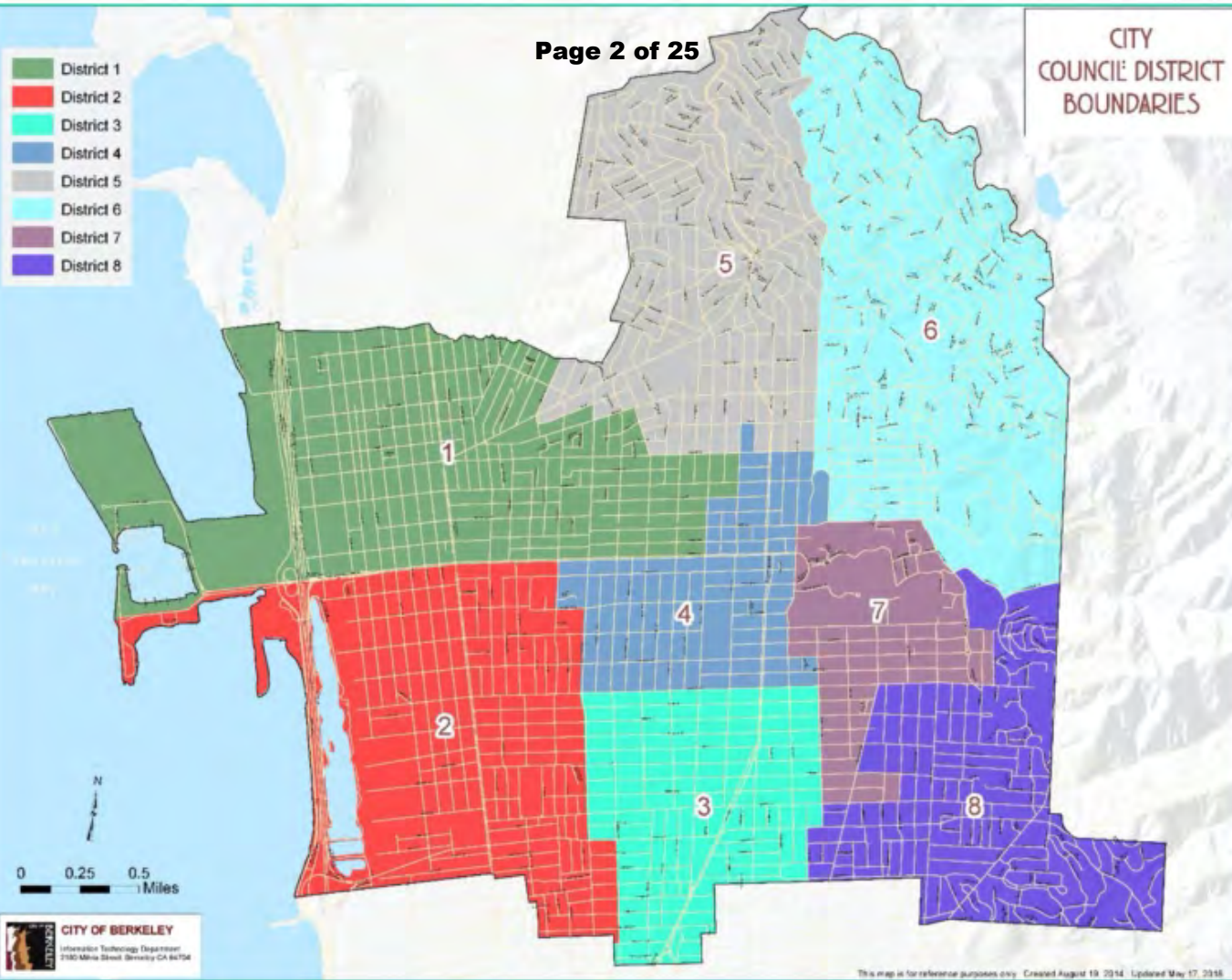




# Independent Redistricting Commission Introduction to Redistricting July 10, 2021

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5
- District 6
- District 7
- District 8





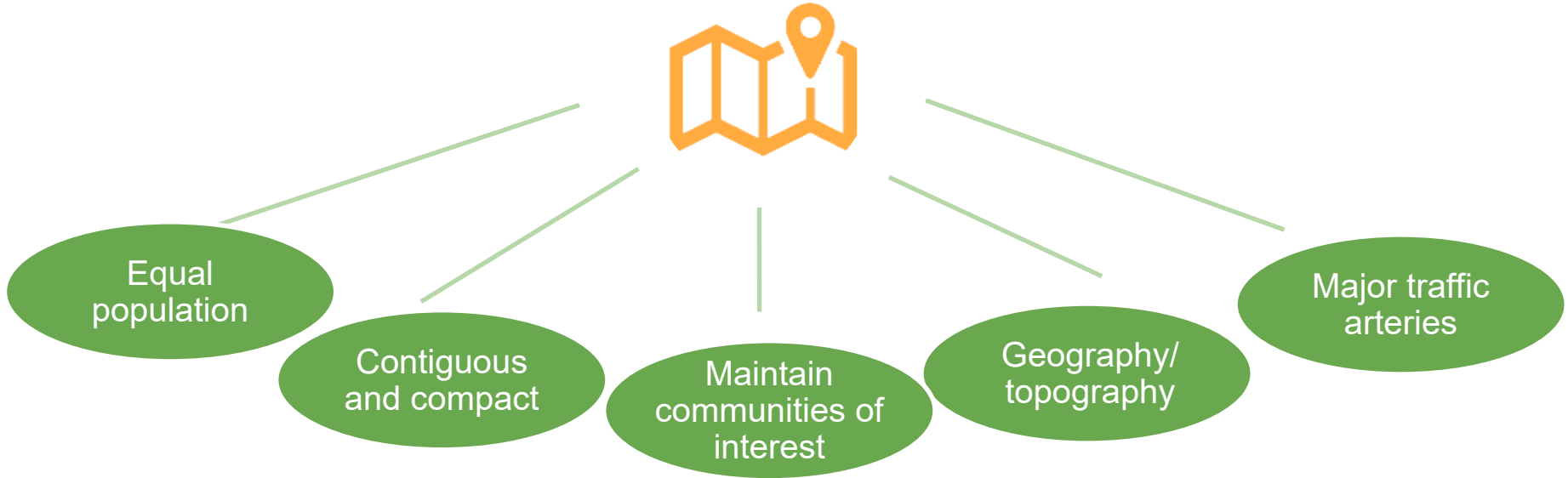
# Background on Redistricting

**Redistricting in Berkeley** is the process and action of drawing boundaries for electoral districts -- 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 for by the people or by their representatives.
- It changes the identity, allegiance, and political priorities of a district's representative (i.e., on the economy, environment, zoning, schools, jobs).
- Its effects remain for at least the next ten years until the redistricting process happens again.

# Redistricting maps take into consideration:



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## Federal

- **U.S. Constitution**
  - (Substantially) equal population: one person, one vote
  - No requirement of “mathematical exactitude”- some deviation (<10%) permitted to serve legitimate governmental interests
- **Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA)** - No discrimination based on race, color or membership in a language minority group

## California Voting Rights Act / State Fair Maps Act / Berkeley City Charter

- Must not be influenced politically
- Cohesiveness
- Contiguity
- Compactness
- Communities of Interest
- Process Requirements
  - Public Hearings
  - Public Participation
  - Language Accessibility
  - Notice and Scheduling of Meetings
  - Ability for Public to Submit Maps

Redistricting maps cannot favor or discriminate against an incumbent or candidate and will not consider the residence of sitting Councilmembers.

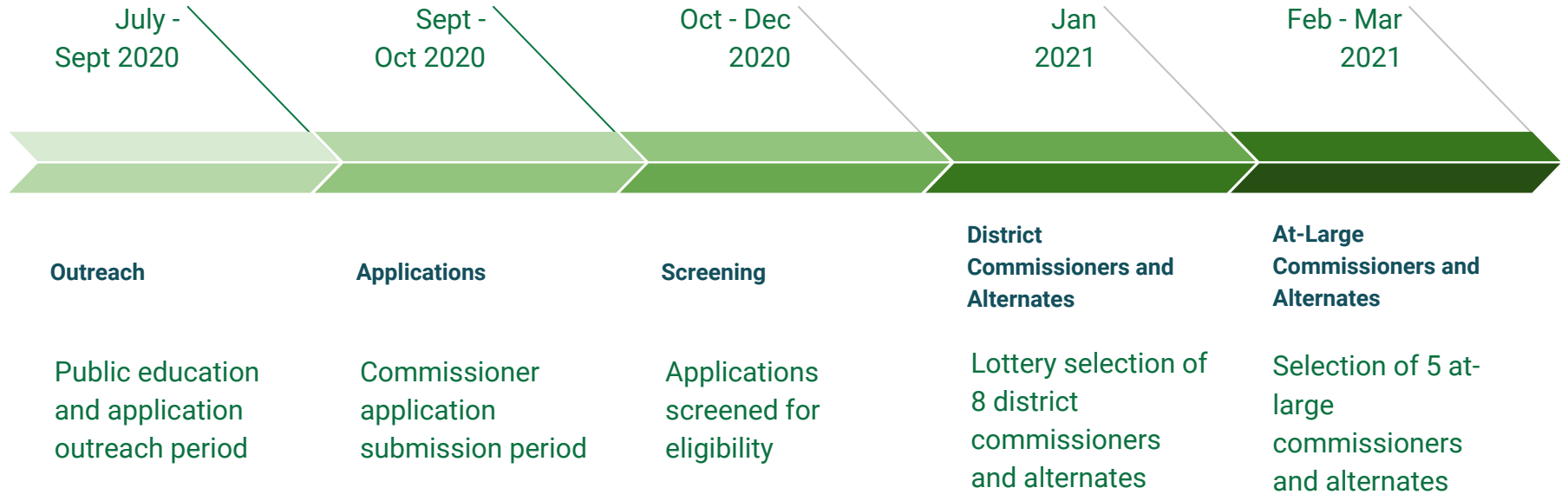
# Redistricting in Berkeley and the Independent Redistricting Commission

# Brief History of Council Districts in Berkeley

- **1986** - Charter Amendment: Transition from at-large to districts; Redistricting conducted by Council
- **1990** - Census and Redistricting Process
- **2000** - Census and Redistricting Process (first map successfully referended; second map adopted)
- **2010** - Census and Redistricting Process
  - **2011** - Redistricting Process 1: No Map Adopted
  - **2012** - Charter Amendment: more flexibility with district boundaries; better definitions for redistricting terms
  - **2013 and 2014** - Redistricting Process 2: Map adopted, despite referendum; voters approved new districts
- **2016** - Measure W1 passed by voters to amend the City's Charter, transferring responsibility for drawing electoral boundaries from the City Council to an Independent Redistricting Commission
- **2021** - Selection of district and at-large commissioners and their alternates for the Independent Redistricting Commission; Commission initiates redistricting process



# Creation of the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC)



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

# Mandates of the Independent Redistricting Commission




- Comply with the U.S. Constitution and Federal Voting Rights Act



- Comply with statutes of US, State of California, and City Charter




- Districts will be geographically contiguous, cohesive, integral, compact



- Minimize divisions of neighborhoods and Communities of Interest



- Cannot favor or discriminate against an incumbent or candidate



- Shall not consider the residence of sitting Councilmembers

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

## The tasks of the Redistricting Commission include:

- Approving new boundaries without bias or discrimination
- Receiving input and maps from the public
- Deciding final map boundaries

## City Staff Support

- The IRC receives support from City of Berkeley departments: Information Technology, City Attorney, and City Clerk

# Eligibility for the Independent Redistricting Commission

Requirements to serve on the commission:

- 18 years or older
- Berkeley resident

Disclosures / Limitations:

- 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

# Selection of 2021-2022 Independent Redistricting Commission

- District Commissioners - by lottery
- At-Large Commissioners - voted in by District Commissioners
  - Mandated by the City Charter: Must achieve community representation in selection of the five At-Large Commissioners and their Alternates by taking into consideration geographic diversity, race, age, and gender.

# 2021-2022 Independent Redistricting Commission

## Commission Members

13 members: 8 by district, 5 at-large

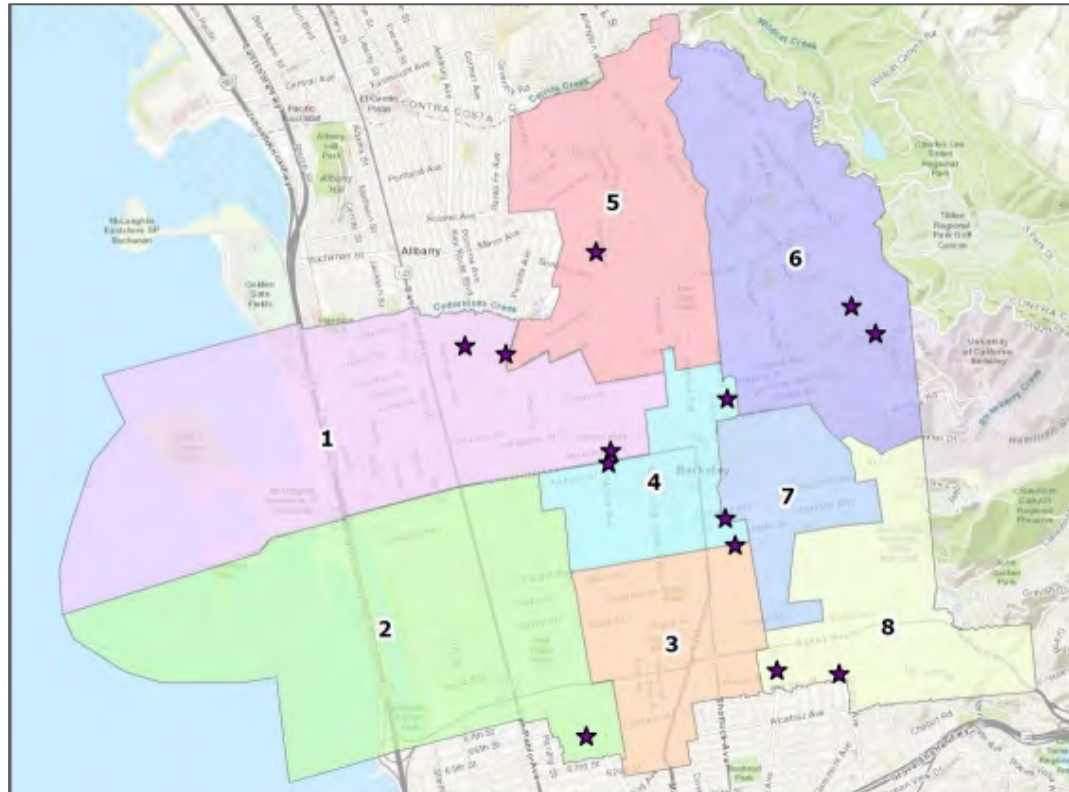
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## Demographics

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

# 2021-2022 Independent Redistricting Commission

Stars indicate approximate residence of IRC Members



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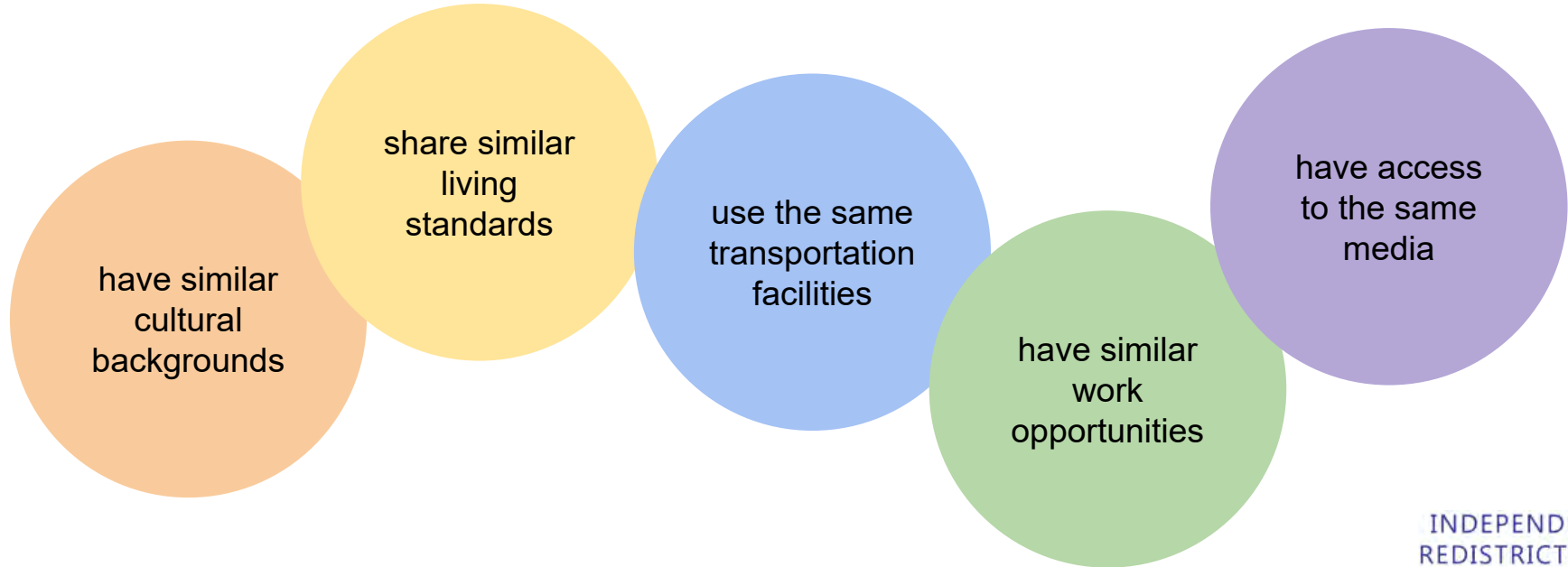
# Community Participation in Redistricting



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...

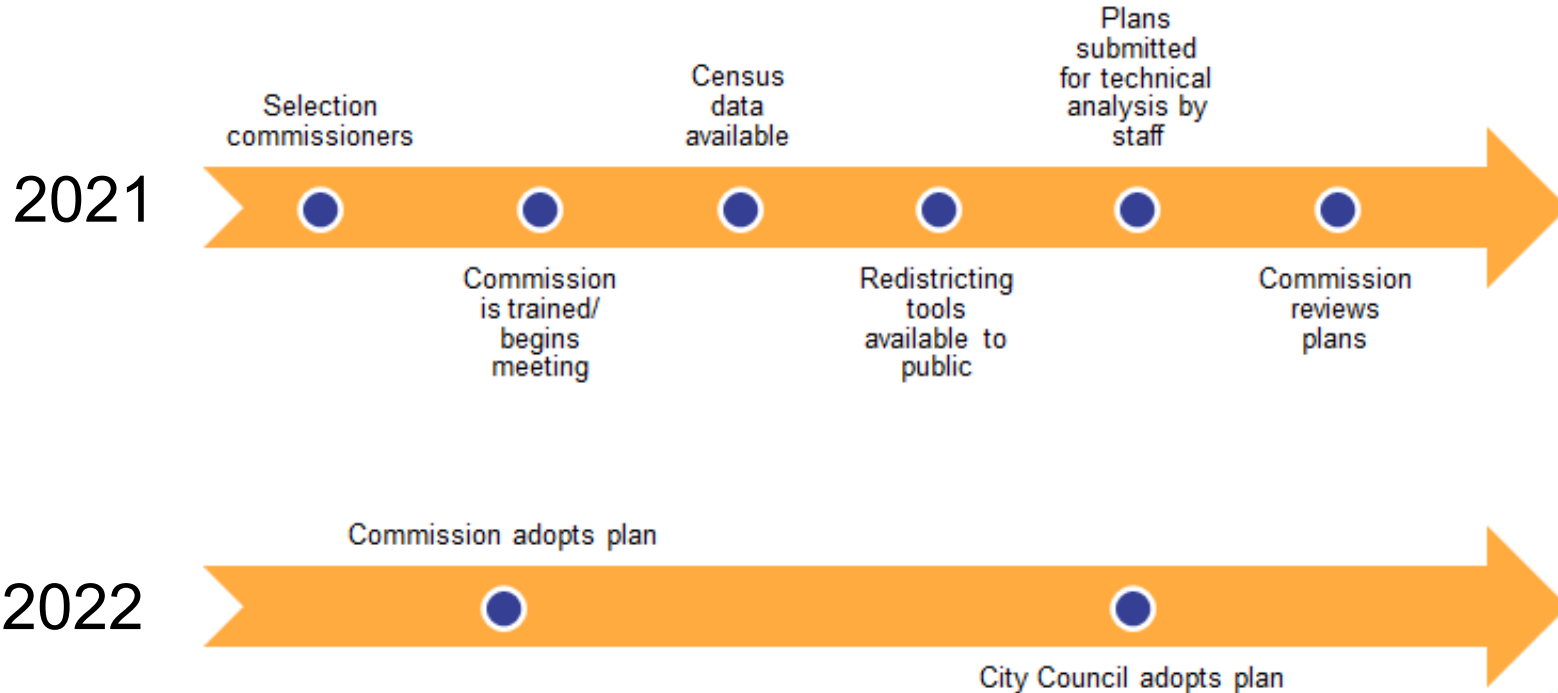


People can belong to multiple Communities of Interests.

# Communities of Interest (COI) are critical in this process

- Identifying COI is a key building block the Redistricting Commission will use in developing the new district boundaries.
- The Redistricting process is intentionally set up to allow the public to give input and have a seat at the table.
- Redistricting impacts communities' access to political power through elections and we can only effectively identify those communities through your help and feedback.

# Timeline



# Key Milestones

- Driven by the 2022 election.
- City Charter dictates a deadline for approving the final boundary maps; however, there is an earlier, administrative deadline of April 1, 2022 in order to use the new districts in the 2022 election.
- Should the Commission not meet the deadline, the new map would be used for the first time in the 2024 election.
- Pending Commission approval, the final map may be approved in early 2022.

# Stay Connected and Engaged!

## Ways to Participate

- Visit the [Redistricting website](#) for up to date information
- **Communities of Interest:** [register your community with us](#), submit feedback, stay engaged
- **Submit** your feedback by email, mail, or in person at a meeting
- **Share** this presentation with your friends, network, and community
- **Attend and participate in** our meetings. Dates are posted on the [website](#) and [City calendar](#)
- Create and submit your own Redistricting Plan

## Contact Information

- Email: [redistricting@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:redistricting@cityofberkeley.info)
- Mail:  
Redistricting Commission  
2180 Milvia Street, 1st Floor  
Berkeley, CA 94704
- Phone: (510) 981-6908

# Questions and Comments







City Clerk Department

July 10, 2021

To: Independent Redistricting Commission  
From: Mark Numainville, Commission Secretary  
Subject: Public Participation and Community of Interest Forms

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This memorandum provides information for the public regarding how to stay connected and engaged in the Redistricting process and contact information for City staff.

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# Tell us about your community!



## Help shape the future of Berkeley’s Council districts

Every ten years, U.S. Census data is used to redraw Berkeley’s Council district boundaries. This ensures the districts are balanced for changes in population. Berkeley’s Independent Redistricting Commission (composed of 13 volunteers) wants to hear from you on how the boundaries should be drawn. Complete this form to tell the Commission about your **community of interest** so it can be considered in the redistricting process.

## What is a “community of interest”?

A community of interest is a group of people in the same geographic area who share common social and economic interests.

Are there things that make your community unique when compared to surrounding areas? What characteristics do you share with your neighbors? How would you describe the area to a friend?

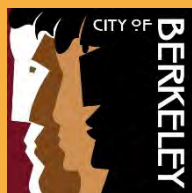
For example, some characteristics a community can share are:

- Resources
- Identity
- Business districts
- Education
- Ancestry
- Shared transportation
- Cultural centers
- History
- Economic interests
- Language
- Common neighborhood activities
- Neighborhoods

Redistricting laws also prohibit a few things from being included when drawing district boundaries – such as political parties and candidates, or where current councilmembers live.

Use our “Community of Interest Form” on the next page to describe your community. You can add more pages if needed. Your input is essential and we welcome your comments.

You can attend public meetings to give more input on this topic. Visit our webpage for dates and times: [cityofberkeley.info/redistricting](http://cityofberkeley.info/redistricting). You can also email the Commission at [redistricting@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:redistricting@cityofberkeley.info).



# Community of Interest Form

Optional – Name / Email:

Which district do you live in? If you're not sure, write your address and we'll look it up:

- |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> District 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> District 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> District 4 |
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What are the common interests in your community? Describe how they are important:

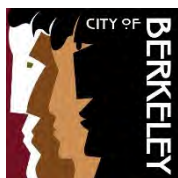
Explain the geographical location of your community of interest. What are the boundaries?

How is your community impacted by the City and the actions of the City Council?

What else would you like to tell us about your community? Add more pages if you need to.

## Questions or comments?

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## Submit this form by:



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In person: Call (510) 981-6908 to make an appointment.



Mail: City Clerk Department, 2180 Milvia Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704

# ¡Cuéntenos de su comunidad!



## Ayúdenos a definir el futuro de los distritos del Concejo de Berkeley

Cada diez años, los datos del Censo Estadounidense se utilizan para volver a trazar los límites distritales. Esto asegura un equilibrio debido al efectuarse cambios en la población. La Comisión Independiente de Redistribución de Distritos de Berkeley [Berkeley's Independent Redistricting Commission] (la cual está compuesta de 13 voluntarios) desea sus aportes de ideas y comentarios referentes a cómo se han de trazar los límites distritales. Se le invita a llenar este formulario para informarle a la Comisión sobre su **comunidad de interés** con el fin de ser considerada en el proceso de redistribución de distritos.

## ¿Qué es una “comunidad de interés”?

Una comunidad de interés se refiere a un grupo de individuos que compartan una región geográfica al igual que intereses comunes sociales y económicos.

¿Hay elementos que determinen una singularidad en su comunidad al compararse con regiones cercanas? ¿Qué características comparte usted con sus vecinos? ¿Cómo le describiría la región a un amigo?

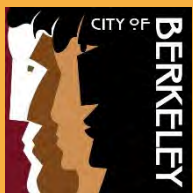
Por ejemplo, algunas características que podría compartir una comunidad son:

- Recursos
- Centros culturales
- Identidad
- Historia
- Distritos comerciales
- Intereses económicos
- Educación
- Idioma
- Ascendencia
- Actividades comunes en el vecindario
- Transporte compartido
- Vecindarios

Las leyes referentes a la redistribución de distritos prohíben que se incluyan ciertas cosas al trazar los límites distritales – tales como partidos políticos y candidatos o donde viven los concejales actuales.

Use nuestro “Formulario de Comunidad de Interés” en la página siguiente para describir a su comunidad. Puede agregar más paginas si fuera necesario. Sus aportes son imprescindibles y aguardamos sus comentarios.

Si desea aportar más al respecto, se le invita asistir a las reuniones públicas. Para información referente a fechas y horarios, favor de visitar nuestra página web: [cityofberkeley.info/redistricting](http://cityofberkeley.info/redistricting). También puede comunicarse con la Comisión por correo electrónico [redistricting@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:redistricting@cityofberkeley.info).



## Formulario de Comunidad de Interés

Opcional – Nombre / Correo electrónico:

¿En qué distrito vive usted? Si no está seguro, indíquenos su dirección y nosotros lo averiguaremos:

- Distrito 1     Distrito 2     Distrito 3     Distrito 4  
 Distrito 5     Distrito 6     Distrito 7     Distrito 8

¿Cuáles son los intereses comunes de su comunidad? Describa cómo es que son importantes:

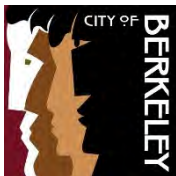
Explique la ubicación geográfica de su comunidad de interés. ¿Cuáles son sus límites o confines?

¿Como le afectan las medidas del Concejo Municipal y la Ciudad en sí a su comunidad?

¿Que más le gustaría comentarnos con respecto a su comunidad? Agregue más paginas si fuera necesario.

### ¿Tiene preguntas o comentarios?

Nos gustaría saber qué piensa. Comuníquese a la Comisión Independiente de Redistribución de Distritos por correo electrónico al: [redistricting@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:redistricting@cityofberkeley.info) o visite nuestra página web a [www.cityofberkeley.info/redistricting/](http://www.cityofberkeley.info/redistricting/).



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