

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
- Cultural centers
- Identity
- History
- Business districts
- Economic interests
- Education
- Language
- Ancestry
- Common neighborhood activities
- Shared transportation
- 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. You can also email the Commission at 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:

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

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?

We want to hear from you. Email the Berkeley Independent Redistricting Commission at redistricting@cityofberkeley.info or visit our webpage at www.cityofberkeley.info/redistricting/.



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



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