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What is Redistricting?

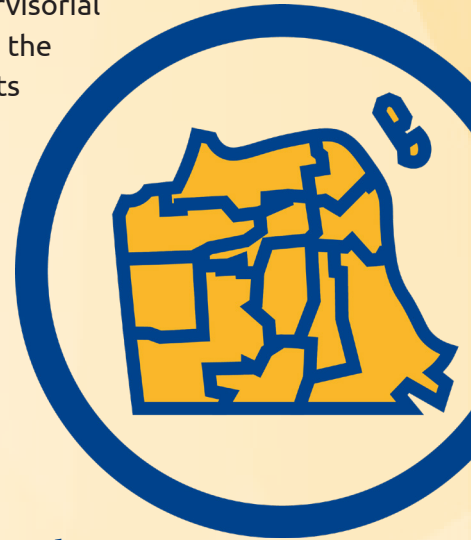
Redistricting is a once-a-decade exercise that draws lines of fair engagement and representation of our neighborhoods. It is an important part of our democracy that preserves our residents' rights of fair representation while promoting participation of our diverse citizens of various ethnic backgrounds, cultural demographics, and communities of interest.

Every ten years, the US Government conducts a nationwide census to count all people living in the United States. Based on the results of this census, new boundary lines are drawn for congressional, state, and local districts, including the San Francisco Supervisorial Districts, to ensure that voting districts are reflective of recorded population changes.

Why Does Redistricting Matter?

As the population of San Francisco grows and shifts, the City is legally required to redraw Supervisorial District boundaries every ten years to ensure equal and equitable representation for all residents. Redistricting directly impacts communities' access and ability to voice their goals, ideals, and objectives to their government officials through elections and community policies. This process helps ensure that communities of interest are kept intact with meaningful representation.

The San Francisco Redistricting Task Force (RDTF) is required to ensure that the boundaries of existing Supervisorial Districts comply with the legal requirements established by federal, state and local law. As part of that process, the RDTF holds multiple outreach hearings to receive input from the community.

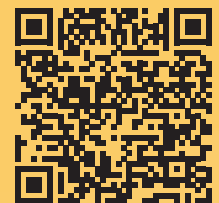


Who Will Redraw the New District Boundaries?

The RDTF is a diverse group of nine people appointed by the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the Elections Commission. It is responsible for drawing the new San Francisco Supervisorial District boundaries that will be used for the next ten years. The RDTF will conduct public meetings to collect testimony from residents about their communities and consider their input as they draw the new lines. The RDTF will adopt the new supervisorial district map before April 15, 2022.

How can I get involved?

- » **Attend** upcoming Task Force Meetings
- » **Submit** your district input using our mapping tool
- » **Ask** any redistricting questions by emailing rdtf@sfgov.org or calling (415) 554-4445
- » **Follow** the Task Force on Facebook and Twitter @RedistrictSF
- » **Host** a Redistricting Meeting



Visit the Task Force website to learn more

<https://sf.gov/public-body/2020-census-redistricting-task-force>

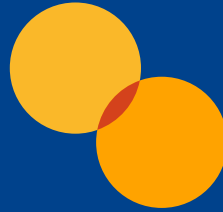
What are the Criteria for Creating New District Boundaries?



Districts must be roughly equal in population



Different parts of the district must connect geographically



Minimize splitting neighborhoods into multiple districts



Comply with local, state, and federal requirements, including the Voting Rights Act

What is a Community of Interest and why is it important?

A community of interest is a neighborhood, community, or group of people of various ethnicities who have common policy concerns and would benefit from being maintained in a single district.

Keeping communities of interest together is an important principle in redistricting. It can be especially helpful to communities that have been traditionally left out of the political process. Without the participation and input of traditionally disenfranchised and unorganized communities, those who may not have these communities' best interest in mind will define the communities for them.

How can I define a community of interest?

Communities of interest are self-defined by local community members themselves. They can be described by creating maps and profiles describing common threads tying the community together. While there are no clear rules on how to define a community of interest, the following are the basic elements:

Personal Testimonies

Community members can share examples of things residents share in common and what makes the community unique. Imagine describing the community to a visitor from out of town. What is the community's history?

Written description

A written description can describe what connects the people and why it's important that they be kept together.

Community Issues

Communities often get involved in redistricting because they feel their issues have not been adequately addressed by their elected representative.

Boundary maps

Create a map of your neighborhood or area. Mark the street names and significant locations. They can include significant landmarks and gathering places, including social service agencies, community centers, shopping districts, schools, and religious places. You can do this in digital or paper format.