



City of Twentynine Palms Redistricting Workshop

October 14, 2021

Introductions

- Ryder with Tripepi Smith
- Todd with NDC

Tonight's Schedule

- Meeting Duration: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Process, Rules and Goals
- Mapping Tools
- Neighborhoods/Communities of Interest
- Next Steps



Zoom Instructions

- Please keep your video off during the workshop.
- If you would like to speak during the discussion, please use the “Raise Hand” function at the bottom of your screen.
- When it is your turn to speak, you will be asked to unmute yourself. At that point, please unmute your microphone and proceed with your comment. You may turn your video on during this time.
- After you have provided your comment, your speaking capabilities will be muted and your video will be turned off.

Tonight's Goals

You Learn From the Experts

Mapping Tools Overview

Experts Listen to *You*

You Leave Empowered to Give Effective Feedback

Why You Should Get Involved

- ❑ Democracy works better when people are engaged
- ❑ You are experts on the community
- ❑ You are an expert about your neighborhood
- ❑ A once in a decade opportunity

Election Systems

1. “At Large”
2. “From District” or “Residence” Districts
3. “By District”

**The California Voting Rights Act
was written specifically to
encourage by-district elections.**

California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)

- ❑ Under the Federal Voting Rights Act (passed in 1965), a jurisdiction must fail 4 factual tests before it is in violation of the law.
- ❑ The California VRA makes it significantly easier for plaintiffs to force jurisdictions into “by-district” election systems by eliminating two of the US Supreme Court Gingles tests:
 - ~~❑ Can the protected class constitute the majority of a district?~~
 - ❑ Does the protected class vote as a bloc?
 - ❑ Do the voters who are not in the protected class vote in a bloc to defeat the preferred candidates of the protected class?
 - ~~❑ Do the “totality of circumstances” indicate race is a factor in elections?~~
- ❑ Liability is now determined only by the presence of racially polarized voting

CVRA Impact

❑ Switched (or in the process of switching) as a result of CVRA:

- ❑ At least 240 school districts
- ❑ 34 Community College Districts
- ❑ 154 cities
- ❑ 1 County Board of Supervisors
- ❑ 35 water and other special districts.

❑ Cases So Far:

- ❑ Palmdale, Santa Clara and Santa Monica went to trial on the merits. Palmdale and Santa Clara lost. Santa Monica is awaiting a decision.
- ❑ Modesto and Palmdale each spent about \$1.8 million on their defense (in addition to the attorney fee awards in those cases).
- ❑ Santa Monica has spent an estimated \$7 million so far. Plaintiffs in Santa Monica requested \$22 million in legal fees after the original trial.

❑ Key settlements:

- ❑ Palmdale: \$4.7 million
 - ❑ Modesto: \$3 million
 - ❑ Highland: \$1.3 million
 - ❑ Anaheim: \$1.1 million
 - ❑ Whittier: \$1 million
 - ❑ Santa Barbara: \$600,000
 - ❑ Tulare Hospital: \$500,000
 - ❑ Ontario: \$300,000
 - ❑ Camarillo: \$233,000
 - ❑ Compton Unified: \$200,000
 - ❑ Madera Unified: about \$170,000
 - ❑ Hanford Joint Union Schools: \$118,000
 - ❑ Merced City: \$42,000
- ❑ An estimated \$16 million in total settlements and court awards so far.

Redistricting Process

Step	Description
Two Initial Hearings July 27 & September 28	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.
August – February	Residents’ maps of “communities of interest.”
Census Data Release August 12, 2021	Census Bureau releases official 2020 Census population data.
California Data Release September 21 & 27, 2021	California Statewide Database releases California’s official ‘prisoner-adjusted’ 2020 redistricting data.
Release draft maps	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 3 rd hearing.
Two hearings on draft maps February 8 & March 8	Two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence. Likely selection of map February 8.
Map adoption deadline By April 17, 2022	Map will be adopted via ordinance. Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.

Redistricting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws

Equal Population
Federal Voting Rights Act
No Racial Gerrymandering



2. California Criteria for Cities

1. **Geographically contiguous**
2. **Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest”**
(Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
3. **Easily identifiable boundaries**
4. **Compact**
(Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

Prohibited:

“Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party.”

3. Other Traditional Districting Principles

Minimize voters shifted to different election years

Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office

Future population growth

Demographic Summary of Existing Districts

Twentynine Palms - Current Council Districts							
Category	Field	1	2	3	4	5	Count
2020 Est. Population	2020 Estimated Pop.	5,529	4,974	4,843	5,233	5,228	25,808
	Estimated Deviation	368	-187	-318	72	66	686
	Est. Pct. Deviation	7.13%	-3.63%	-6.17%	1.39%	1.28%	13.29%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	3,868	3,988	3,312	3,942	3,204	3,828
	Hisp	18%	19%	22%	21%	26%	21%
	NH White	66%	66%	55%	57%	55%	60%
	NH Black	8%	6%	12%	13%	12%	10%
	Asian/Pac.Isl.	6%	8%	9%	6%	6%	7%
Voter Registration (Nov 2020)	Total	1,852	1,561	1,560	1,713	1,255	7,942
	Latino est.	16%	17%	19%	18%	17%	17%
	Spanish-Surnamed	14%	15%	17%	16%	16%	16%
	Asian-Surnamed	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%
	Filipino-Surnamed	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	NH White est.	68%	75%	65%	65%	60%	67%
	NH Black	10%	7%	17%	19%	16%	14%

Estimates using official 2020 demographic data and NDC's estimated total population figures.

Each of the 5 districts must contain about 5,162 people.

Question

- Ask the demography experts about the process
- Just raise your hand to ask a question
- Facilitator will unmute you

Defining Neighborhoods

1st Question: What is your neighborhood?

2nd Question: What are its geographic boundaries?

Examples of physical features defining a neighborhood boundary:

- ❑ Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals and/or hills
- ❑ Areas around parks or schools
- ❑ Other neighborhood landmarks

In the absence of public testimony, planning records and other similar documents may be used.



Beyond Neighborhoods: Defining Communities of Interest

1st Question: What defines your community?

- ❑ Geographic Area, plus
- ❑ Shared issue or characteristic
 - ❑ Shared social or economic interest
 - ❑ Impacted by county policies
- ❑ Tell us “your community’s story”

2nd Question: Would this community benefit from being “included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation”?

- ❑ Or would it benefit more from having multiple representatives?

Definitions of Communities of Interest may not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

Your Turn – Communities of Interest

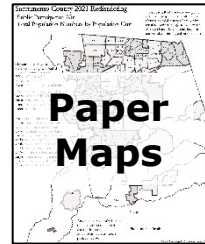
- ❑ Who is a part of your community?
- ❑ What are some meaningful places your community recognizes or gathers at?
- ❑ What are some common concerns you share with a group?
- ❑ What are some common cultural characteristics that unite a community?
- ❑ What are common work-related traits that bring a community together?
- ❑ What is significant about the physical environment?
- ❑ What areas benefit from staying together in a district?

Your thoughts and ideas will become part of the record
and will be recorded/written down

Public Mapping Tool Options

Tools for every level of technology comfort:

1. Paper and Excel tools



Quick Reference: Total Population & Deviation from Ideal by district													
D1:	0	-307,891	D2:	0	-307,891	D3:	0	-307,891	D4:	0	-307,891	D5:	0
District (1-5)	Pop Unit	Total Population				Citizen Voting Age Population				Nov. 2020 Registration			
	Tot. Pop.	tot	Hisp	NIH Wht	tot	Hisp	NIH Wht	Latino	asn	othrs	tot	Latino	
1	5,033	3,442	505	2,209	1,817	1,118	615	71	2,400	1,598	469		
2	286	166	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	103	14	
3	7,823	4,932	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	389	72	
4	28,516	15,863	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	1,928	3,617	
5	1,068	788	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	583	94	
6	1,181	904	132	679	33	41	775	128	14	633	658	95	
7	1,135	824	151	648	2	9	822	103	10	709	709	76	
8	862	735	324	374	6	33	581	107	14	430	465	76	

2. Simple online data review tools



3. Simple online community mapping tool



Redistricting Process Details

Date(s)	Description	Comments
July 27, 2021	1 st Public Hearing	
September 28, 2021	2nd Public Hearing	
October 14, 2021	Public Workshop	
Mid-October 2021	Mapping software released to the public.	
	*Estimated time depending on Census data	
January 28, 2022	Maps due from the public.	
February 8, 2022	3rd Public Hearing	
March 1, 2022	Publish Draft map(s)	7 Days prior to adoption
March 8, 2022	4th Public Hearing and Council adopt District map. Must be completed no later than April 17, 2022	The 4th hearing could also be the adoption hearing
April 17, 2022	Deadline to adopt and submit map to Registrar	

Share Your Thoughts



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The Redistricting Process

Every 10 years, local governments use new data from the Census to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. State law requires cities and counties to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and doing public outreach, including to underrepresented and non-English-speaking communities. The City of Twentynine Palms is asking for your help to plan, draw, and redivide new City districts.

The finalized maps that you will help us create will define the five City of Twentynine Palms district borders, and these districts will impact how you elect your Council Members for the next 10 years.

Our primary goal when developing election districts is to draw lines that respect neighborhoods, history and geographical elements. So we want to know: What do you consider the boundaries of your neighborhood?

How to participate?

Share your specific thoughts, draw a map, or attend an upcoming workshop to get involved!

- Submit written testimony about the process or a specific map to redistricting@29palms.org.
- [Click here](#) to see the calendar of workshops and public hearings at which you can speak about the process or a specific map.
- [Click here](#) for information on drawing and submitting maps.

At the hearings and workshops, we want you to:

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