

San Mateo County District Lines Advisory Commission

Redistricting Workshop

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Current District Map



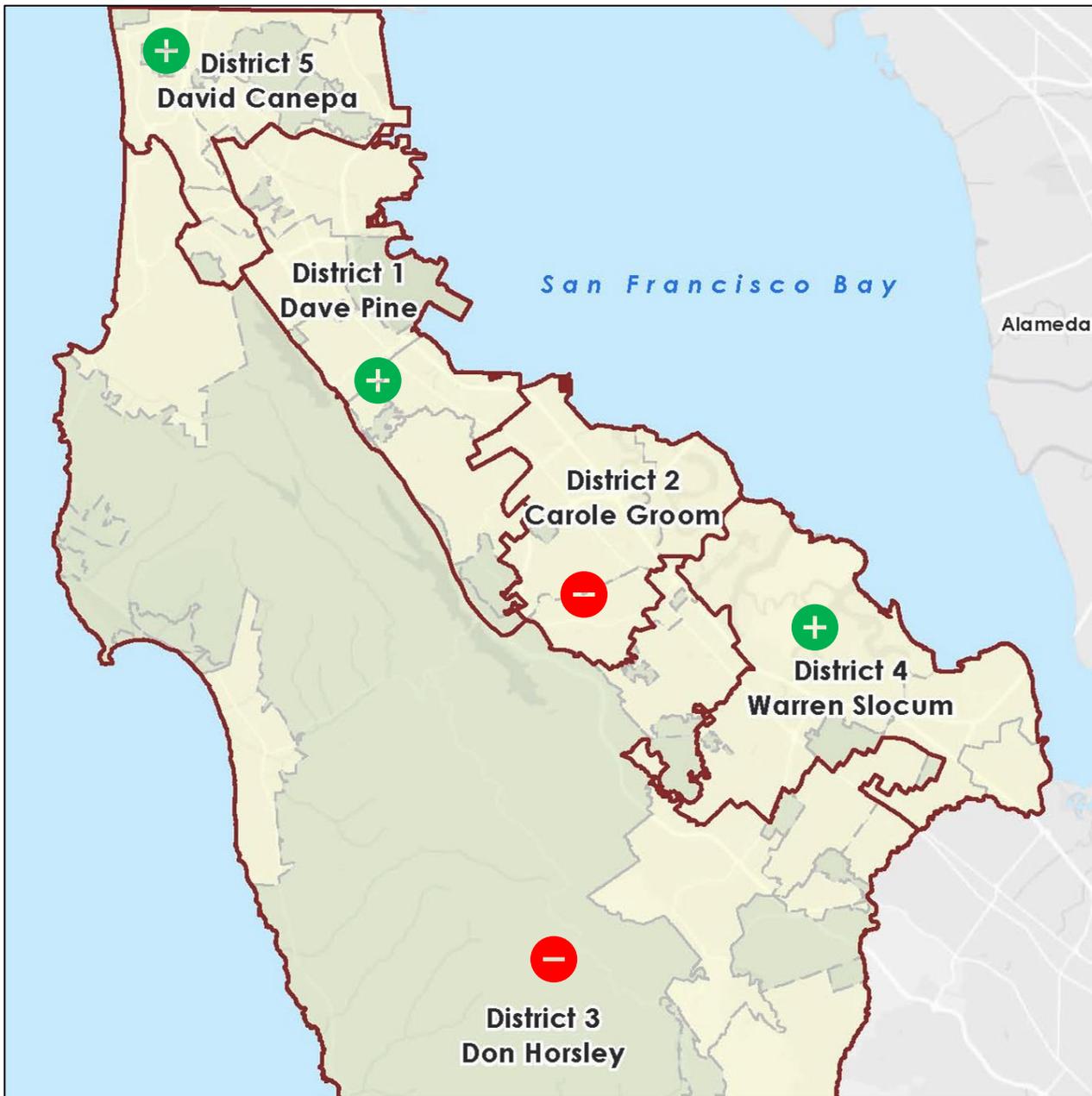
Redistricting Timeline

Date	Event(s)
August 12, 2021	Census Bureau releases 2020 population data
August 25, 2021	Initial meeting of Advisory Commission
September 8, 2021	Public hearing
September 20, 2021	California releases official redistricting data
September – October 2021	✓ Community workshops ✓ Commission recommends map(s) to Board
November 2021	✓ Public hearings to review map(s) ✓ Board adopts final map
December 15, 2021	Legal deadline to adopt new map

Non-Adjusted 2020 Population Data

District	1	2	3	4	5	Total
2020 Population	151,363	162,036	154,515	149,361	147,167	764,442
Deviation from ideal*	-1,525	9,148	1,627	-3,527	-5,721	14,869
% Deviation	-1.00%	5.98%	1.06%	-2.31%	-3.74%	9.73%
Citizen Voting Age Pop.	102,424	99,044	111,784	84,059	103,620	500,931
% Hispanic	21%	14%	11%	28%	18%	18%
% NH White	43%	52%	72%	49%	19%	47%
% NH Black	2%	3%	2%	7%	4%	3%
% Asian/Pacific Islander	34%	30%	15%	16%	58%	31%

*Each of the 5 districts must contain about **152,888** people



Legal Criteria for Redistricting

1. Federal Law

- ✓ Equal population
- ✓ Federal Voting Rights Act
- ✓ No racial gerrymandering

2. California Law

1. Geographic **contiguity**
 2. Minimize divisions of neighborhoods & **“communities of interest”**
 3. Minimize divisions of **cities & CDPs**
 4. **Easily identifiable** boundaries
 5. **Compactness**
- ✓ Do not “favor or discriminate against a political party”

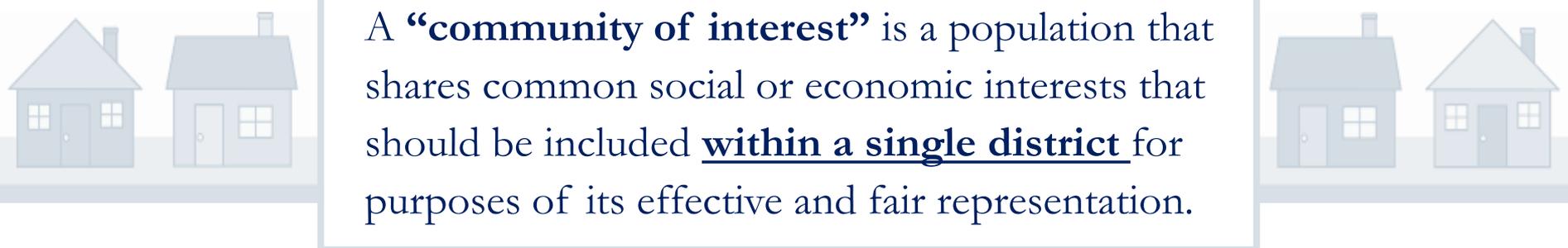
3. Other Goals

- Preserve core of existing districts
- Minimize changes to election cycles

Do not bypass a nearby population to take in a more distant population

Defining “Communities of Interest”

Under California Elections Code, “community of interest” has a very specific definition in the context of redistricting:



A “community of interest” is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.

Definitions of “communities of interest” do **not** include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

What Defines YOUR Community?

Ask yourself...

What brings us together?

- Common social or economic interests
- Shared characteristics or experiences
- Similar issues or impacts of county policies

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Where are we?

- Physical boundaries, such as highways or major roads, waterways, hills, etc.
- Areas around parks, schools, or other landmarks

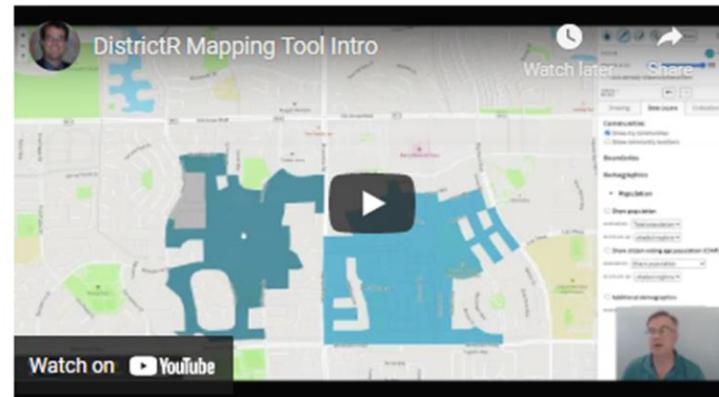
→ Would my community be best represented within a single district?

Public Mapping Tools

- Draw a map of your community, ideal district, or entire countywide map
- Mapping tools are available online at smcdistrictlines.org/

DistrictR Online Mapping Tool

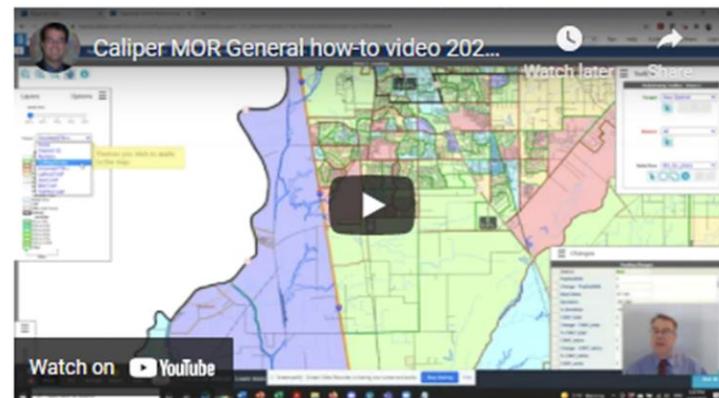
DistrictR is a simple online “paint brush” tool that allows you to “paint” your neighborhood, your community, or your entire county. A user account or login is required to access the tool.



DistrictR Instructional Video

Maptitude Online Mapping Tool

Maptitude is an advanced online tool that allows you to draw districts Census Block by Census Block with demographic consultants. You can fine-tune your district lines and see the resulting demographics in real-time. You must create a user account.



Maptitude Instructional Video

Discussion



Identify “communities of interest”

- ❑ What defines my community? What are its geographic boundaries?
- ❑ Would my community be best represented within a single district?