



City of Signal Hill

Introduction to Districting

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Districting Process

Step	Description
Community Workshop September 2	Introduction and Q & A period
Two Initial Hearings September 8 & 22	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.
Deadline for draft maps October 2	Deadline for submission of draft maps for the October 13 public hearing
Release draft maps October 6	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 3 rd hearing.
Two hearings on draft maps October 13 & 27	Two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
Additional or Revised Maps October 20	Additional or revised maps posted 7 days prior to 4 th hearing. Additional or revised community maps may be submitted before October 16.
Map adoption November 10	Map adopted via ordinance Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.

Districting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws

Equal Population
Federal Voting Rights Act
No Racial Gerrymandering



2. California Criteria

In prioritized order:

1. **Geographically contiguous**
2. **Avoid division of 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)

2. California Prohibition

“Shall not adopt election district boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party.”

3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

Future population growth

Demographic Summary

In a 5-district map, each district contains about 2,382 people.

In a 4-district map, each district contains about 2,978 people

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Category	Field	Total		Category	Field	Total
2020 Census	Total Population	11,911		Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	51%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	8,346			bachelor	24%
Voter Registration (Nov 2024)	Total	7,479			graduatedegree	14%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2024)	Total	4,980				
Voter Turnout (Nov 2022)	Total	3,243		Child in Household	child-under18	30%
Age	age0-19	20%		Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	70%
	age20-60	60%		Household Income	income 0-25k	12%
	age60plus	20%			income 25-50k	9%
Immigration	immigrants	27%			income 50-75k	8%
	naturalized	65%			income 75-200k	46%
Language spoken at home	english	55%			income 200k-plus	20%
	spanish	26%		Housing Stats	single family	47%
	asian-lang	15%			multi-family	53%
	other lang	4%			rented	50%
Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	18%			owned	50%
Total population data from California's adjusted 2020 Census data. Citizen Voting Age Population, Age, Immigration, and other demographics from the 2020-2024 American Community Survey and Special Tabulation 5-year data. Turnout and Registration data from California Statewide Database.						

Public Mapping and Map Review Tools

- Different tools for different purposes
- Different tools for different levels of technical skill and interest
 - Simple “review draft maps” tool
 - Easy-to-use “Draw your neighborhood” tool
 - Paper-based simple “Draw a draft map” tool
 - Powerful, data-rich online “Draw a draft map” tool

Whether you use the powerful (but complicated) online mapping tool, the paper kit, or just draw on a napkin, we welcome your maps!

Your Turn:

1. What area do you consider your neighborhood?
2. What are your “communities of interest”?
3. Any other questions about the process, criteria, maps, tools or any other part of this process?



Share Your Thoughts

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