

Long Beach
Independent
Redistricting
Commission

Redistricting Criteria
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Overview

Prior to public input the commission can create clarity on the criteria that they will be using to conduct the redistricting process and evaluate potential district lines.

- Establish the criteria to be used by the commission.
- How to incorporate the criteria into outreach materials, presentations for upcoming community input hearings.
- Obtaining public input on the criteria to be used by the commission.

Redistricting Criteria

Using Measure DDD and FAIRMAPS Act

Measure DDD provides ranking of criteria that is consistent with the California Fair Maps Act.

These criteria have a hierarchy, but they are not strictly dominant.

Example: The first criterion is “Equal Population” but that does not mean that among a family of maps that the one with the most equal population dominates over all others if another map satisfied more of the other criteria in a permissible way

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Using Measure DDD and FAIRMAPS Act

Measure DDD provides ranking of criteria:

1. Equal Population
2. Federal Voting Rights Act (note: race can't be predominant factor outside of a finding of Section 2 requirement.)
3. Contiguous
4. Neighborhood (Geographic area)

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Measure DDD provides ranking of criteria:

5. Communities of Interest
6. Neighborhood (language/history/cultural)
7. Geography / Topography
8. Understandable by Voters

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Measure DDD provides ranking of criteria:

9. Compact (nearby population definition)
10. Follow Census Blocks
11. Others that do not conflict

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There are also PROHIBITED Criteria.

- Not consider Incumbents / Candidates.
- Not draw districts to advantage or disadvantage a political party.

Commission Discussion

To move forward the commission can discuss and make decisions around three elements:

- Discussion, questions of consultants or legal counsel regarding criteria and requirements.
- Discussion of other potential criteria and how they fit within the ranked order of required criteria
- Next steps based on Commission criteria, including how to present this information to the public.



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