



## Commission Plan Criteria

The commission has affirmed the following criteria utilizing the language from Measure DDD, the City Charter, and California's FAIR MAPS Act.

- 1) All Districts are of Equal Population – State law allows for the commission to have up to 10% total deviation.
- 2) Following Federal Voting Rights Act / Applicable Laws – race cannot be a predominant factor in redistricting. Communities that have Federal Voting Rights in need of protection will be prioritized based on legal counsel input.
- 3) Contiguous – each district shall be one whole contiguous unit.
- 4) Preserving Neighborhoods – the geographic integrity of neighborhoods should be respected in a manner that minimizes division of neighborhoods.
- 5) Protecting Communities of Interest – The geographic integrity of a community of interest should be respected in a manner that minimizes its division. A community of interest is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.
- 6) Prioritizing Neighborhoods and Communities – Neighborhoods and communities sharing a common language, history, culture and identity should not be divided so as to dilute their voting power.
- 7) Geography / Topography – Districts should respect major topographic and geographic features of the City.
- 8) Understandable by voters – making districts that are sensible and can be easily understood by residents. Districts should be bounded by natural and artificial barriers, by street lines, and/or by City boundary lines.
- 9) Compact – making districts compact shapes and not bypassing nearby populations for far-away populations.
- 10) Follow Census Blocks – using the census geography provided by the State of California to preserve the validity of data and avoid arbitrary boundaries.
- 11) Others that do not conflict – after considering all the above criteria, utilizing other criteria that can be incorporated without weakening the plan among other criteria. Some examples include:
  - Adjustments for population changes that are not reflected in the census.
  - Use the existing districts to preserve their cores.