

Introduction to 2010 Redistricting



2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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“When”



- City must be redistricted at least once every 10 years (§ 5)
- Adopt final plan no later than nine months following receipt of final federal Census data (§ 5)
- Census data released in March 2011

“Why”



- Account for population changes
- Districts must be made as equal in population as “possible” (§5) or “practicable” (§5.1)
- Ensure equal access to political representation

Unique Challenges



- New ninth Council seat
 - ✦ First new district since 1960s
- Time constraints
 - ✦ Registrar of Voters needs time to prepare for 2012 primary election
 - ✦ Deadline provided for completion: August 2011

“Who”



- **2010 Redistricting Commission**
 - 7 members
 - Sole and exclusive authority to adopt plans that specify boundaries
- **Maximize input from City residents and stakeholders**

“What”



- **Preliminary Redistricting Plan**
- **Filing Statement**
 - Reasons for adoption; all criteria employed in the process
 - Full analysis/explanation of decisions made
- **Final Redistricting Plan**
 - Effective 30 days from adoption
 - Subject to right of referendum in same manner as City Council ordinances

Legal Requirements



- **Redistricting Plan must comply with:**
 - U.S. Constitution
 - San Diego City Charter §§ 5 and 5.1
 - Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965
 - Related statutes/case law interpreting redistricting plans, criteria
- **Legal training presentations by City Attorney's Office**

City Charter Section 5.1 Requirements



- Nine districts to be created composed of whole Census units
- Each has one-ninth of City's population
 - Goal is **145,267 people per district**
 - Goal is as little deviation as possible
- Lines not drawn for the purpose of advantaging or protecting incumbents

City Charter Section 5.1 Requirements



- Districts are to:
 - Be geographically compact
 - Be composed of contiguous territory
 - Have reasonable access between population centers
 - Be bounded by natural boundaries, street lines and/or by City boundary lines
 - Preserve “identifiable communities of interest”

“Communities of Interest”



- What constitutes an interest is varied
- Residents of City to assist in identifying through testimony at public hearings
- U.S. Census data to support any such findings

Key Milestones



- March: Census data released
Introductory hearings
- April/May: Pre-map hearings
- May/June: Develop preliminary plan
- July: Post-map hearings
- August: Adopt final plan
- Fall: File final report

Community Engagement



- Commission meetings:
 - 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 4 p.m., 12th Floor, City Hall
 - Broadcast on CityTV
- Email distribution list: send request to redistricting_2010@sandiego.gov
- Public Participation Plan
- Presentations to community meetings

Make Your Voice Heard: Pre-Map Hearings



Hearings begin at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19 (District 4)

Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library - Community Room
5148 Market Street, San Diego, 92114

Wednesday, April 20 (District 8)

Otay Mesa/Nestor Library - Community Room
3003 Coronado Avenue, San Diego, 92154

Monday, April 25 (District 5)

Qualcomm Headquarters
Main Services Building - Main Lunch Room
5775 Morehouse Drive, San Diego, 92121

Wednesday, April 27 (District 7)

Tierrasanta Recreation Center - Rooms 2 and 3
11220 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego, 92124

Monday, May 2 (District 3)

Regional Transportation Center - Showroom
4001 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego, 92121

Wednesday, May 4 (District 2)

Point Loma/Hervey Library - Community Room
3701 Voltaire Street, San Diego, 92107

Monday, May 9 (District 6)

Bayside Community Center - Grand Hall
2202 Comstock Street, San Diego, 92111

Wednesday, May 11 (District 1)

La Jolla Library - Community Room
7555 Draper Avenue, La Jolla, 92037

Special Weekend Hearing – Saturday, April 30 – 10 a.m.

Balboa Park Club - Santa Fe Room
2144 Pan American Road West, San Diego, 92101

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