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Los Angeles City Council  
Redistricting Commission (LACCRC)

# TALKING POINTS

## CORE MESSAGES

- Every 10 years, the entire country goes through a process called redistricting to redraw the maps that determine each district. As communities get smaller or bigger, and people move in and out, it is important that the districts are defined fairly and equally.
- According to the U.S. Constitution, all electoral districts within a given redistricting map must contain approximately the same number of people. The maps drawn will determine the allocation of political power and representation at every level of government (city, county, state, and federal) across the nation for at least the next ten years.
- Participating in the redistricting process is as important to preserving democracy as voting. It gives you a way to ensure your neighborhood is represented fairly. It gives you a voice in determining how your community is defined and represented. It puts the power in your hands.
- The LA City Council Redistricting Commission is an independent body appointed by the Mayor and the City Council to realign the boundaries of the current City Council Districts. We are committed to a transparent and fair process. Before the lines are drawn, we want to hear about the people and the places that are important to you and your neighbors. Make your voices heard and provide testimony to the Commission.
- There are several ways to voice your perspective on redistricting. We will hold 19 public hearings between July 1st and September 25th you can participate by:
  - Registering for the virtual hearings at [bit.ly/LACCRCMeetings](https://bit.ly/LACCRCMeetings) or call (213) 263-5765. Once you register you will receive a Zoom link that will allow you to join the public hearing online from your phone, computer, or other devices.
  - There will be one public hearing in each Council District and four regional meetings.
- You can participate even if can't attend a meeting it's simple just:
  - Submit your testimony in writing to: [redistricting.lacity@lacity.org](mailto:redistricting.lacity@lacity.org)
  - Create your own map at: [redistricting2021.lacity.org](https://redistricting2021.lacity.org)

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### SUPPORTING TALKING POINTS

- The commission's job is to take your input into consideration as they adjust the maps based on population & geographical considerations. That's why we want to hear how you define your community.
- Let us know about ethnic enclaves, schools, shopping districts, boulevards, and parks that make your neighborhood unique. We want to know who lives and works in your communities, what recreational, religious, and other gathering places are important to you. What streets define where your community ends and another begins? Are there special landmarks like the Hollywood sign, the Eagle Rock, LA River, or the Watt's Towers?
- Our process begins with the public input portion from July 1st - September 25th. In September, the Federal Government will release the latest Census data. Once we have completed the public hearings we will take the information you provide along with the data from the Federal Government and draw new maps. After we draft the initial maps they will be presented to the community online and via public hearings to ensure we get your feedback. We will then revise the maps and send them to the City Council for approval.
- You may see maps emerge during our initial public hearings. These are **not official maps**. They are maps created by communities of interest or other interested parties and will be taken into account as we redraw the City Council District lines. The City of Los Angeles Redistricting Commission has not developed any maps. Anyone can submit a map for our consideration by logging on to [laccrc2021.org](http://laccrc2021.org).

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### ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS

- Past redistricting efforts have sliced up Asian, Black, and Latino communities to dilute their power and prevent them from electing their own representatives. It was only through legal challenges that districts were drawn so that minority communities could have a seat on the City Council. Each generation has to do its part to make sure that democracy works for us all. Now it's your turn to make sure we hear from you, don't let someone else decide how your community is represented.
- Many of our Commissioners come from communities that were separated by political lines. We understand that representation matters, so we are committed to a fair and transparent process that respects and honors diverse communities. We will provide ample time and multiple opportunities for you to participate. Let us know what is important to you and your family. You won't have this opportunity for another 10 years.
- We want to hear from you about what is unique about your community. What are the schools, churches, parks, and retail spaces that make it special? Who are the people that live in your community? What streets and boulevards define your boundaries? Why is it important that your neighborhood remains whole? You can tell us in person at one of 19 public meetings, or email us your thoughts at: [redistricting.lacity@lacity.org](mailto:redistricting.lacity@lacity.org)
- Testifying is easy just think about your neighborhood and what is special about it.
  - Let us know about the shopping districts, schools, parks, churches and ethnic communities that make your neighborhood unique.
  - Tell us what streets and boulevards define the boundaries of your community.
  - Explain why it is important for your community to remain whole.
- Representation matters especially on the City Council. They make most of the decisions about resources and amenities that impact your daily life. They are responsible for building roads, providing public transportation, fire protection, policing, affordable housing, parks, and many other resources that make a city function. If you can't hold your City Council representative accountable, then it will be hard to get the resources your neighborhood needs to thrive. Use your voice to make the Council accountable to you.