



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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Community of Interest (COI) Worksheet

Redistricting Process in 2021-2022

Every ten years, local governments use new census data to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. This process, called redistricting, is important in ensuring that each elected official represents about the same number of constituents. Redistricting is done using U.S. Census data, which is anticipated to be released around September 30, 2021.

For Napa County, the redistricting process must be completed by November 1, 2021. Your input is needed to redraw voting districts and one way you can participate is by assisting the Election Division in developing a list of “communities of interest” or “COI” that can be utilized in the process to redraw district lines.

What do the existing council districts look like?

You can find a map of the County’s current Supervisorial districts at:

<https://services.countyofnapa.org/PrecinctMaps/>

What is a Community of Interest (COI)?

A Community of Interest is a group of people that: share common social or economic interests, live in a geographically definable area, and should be included within a single district for purposes of effective and fair representation in future elections. There are some communities of interest that are considered “protected classes” in that they have rights through state or federal civil rights or voting rights laws.

Some examples of protected classes in districting would be ethnic and racial minorities such as a concentration of Latinx, Asian, or African American people. There are other potential COI that can also be considered in districting, such as: people with disabilities, senior citizens, college students, people who live in a particular neighborhood, or even people who share concerns such as parents with young children, bicycle enthusiasts, topic interest group, etc.

COI does not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

What You Can Do to Participate in the Process

- 1) Provide your comments on your community of interest by completing the online COI worksheet.
- 2) Complete the COI worksheet and return by email to insert redistricting email here or return a hard copy to Napa County Election Division, 1127 1st St. Ste E, Napa CA, 94559. If you need additional space for your responses to the questions, then please feel free to attach a sheet of paper.
- 3) Attend one of the County's Public Hearings and Community Workshops.

The community's input in the development of the redrawing voting districts is extremely important to the Redistricting process. A series of public hearings along with Community Workshops will be held to receive community input on the development of district boundaries.

For more details regarding public hearings and community workshops, please visit our Redistricting Schedule at <https://www.countyofnapa.org/398/2021-Redistricting> for the most up-to-date information.

You may contact us via email at elections@countyofnapa.org or visit our Redistricting webpage at <https://www.countyofnapa.org/398/2021-Redistricting> for more details.



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How to Document Your Community of Interest (COI)

- 1) What is the nature of the common social or economic interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.

- 2) Where is your community located? You can define it by neighborhood, streets, address, proximity to a key landmark (such as a school or community center), or other boundaries.

- 3) What are the geographic definers/boundaries of your neighborhood? Examples of definers/boundaries could be highways, roads, rivers, hills, or parks.

- 4) What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this districting? Please describe how the issues before the district have a unique impact on your group.

- 5) What do you like about the current district lines? What do you dislike about the current district lines?

Optional: Name:

Email address:

Are you a resident of Napa County? Yes / No