

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN DISTRICTING

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REASONS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- To maximize participation in how political district boundaries are drawn
- To insure that the districting process is inclusive, fair, and transparent
- To make a difference in empowering citizens' voices

OVERVIEW OF DISTRICTING PROCESS

1. Know your community and identify your target areas
2. Engage key consultants
 - ❖ Person knowledgeable on Voting Rights Act and Federal and State districting laws; when applicable local jurisdiction laws relating to districting such as city charters
 - ❖ Person knowledgeable in data analysis, mapping and geographical information systems
3. Develop collaborations with other community advocates and community groups about districting

OVERVIEW OF DISTRICTING PROCESS

4. Educate community members about the districting process

- **Phase I:** Getting selected as a commissioner on the districting commission
- **Phase II:** Community of Interest testimony
- **Phase III:** Public input on districting commission's draft and final maps

5. Monitor the process how the commissioners are selected

6. Monitor and/or attend the districting commission's meetings

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE DISTRICTING PROCESS

EXAMPLES OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

- Selection of Commissioners
- Community Testimony at Public Hearings
- Impact After Redistricting