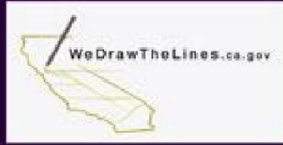


California Citizens Redistricting Commission

"Fair Representation—Democracy At Work!"



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Connie Galambos Malloy, *Commissioner*

Why Redistricting Reform?

- Previously, elected officials redrew their own district boundary lines – a flagrant conflict of interest.
- When elected officials and political parties worked together, their careers were always “safe.”

Redistricting reform in CA

- **Voters First Act** — Prop. 11, PASSED 2008
 - Created 14 member, multi-partisan citizen Commission
 - CA's Senate, Assembly, & Board of Equalization Districts
 - CA Constitutional Amendment
- **Voters First Act for Congress** - Prop. 20, PASSED 2010
 - CA's Congressional Districts

The Commissioners

5 Republicans – 5 Democrats – 4 “Others”

- *Small business owners, lawyers, engineers, urban planners, educators, non-profit and philanthropic sectors, a farmer, a stay-at-home mom, and a former US Census Bureau Director*



CRC public input

- 34 Public Hearings from Redding to San Diego
- 3-5+ Hours each
- 2700+ testimonies
- 20,000+ written submissions

Voter-approved map criteria

- Ranked order:

- Equal Population
- Voting Rights Act
- Contiguous (connected)
- Integrity of cities, counties, neighborhoods and “communities of interest”
- Compact (do not bypass nearby areas)
- Nesting (where feasible)
- No consideration of candidates, incumbents, or political parties

Communities of interest

A contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of effective and fair representation.

Reflections

- Competing & ambiguous criteria
- Public participation

Democracy at Work!

CRC maps



Assembly Districts

Senate Districts



Congressional Districts

Get involved

•*State:*

- Apply to the CA Citizens Redistricting Commission
- Testify & Map

•*Local:*

- Encourage jurisdictions to “open” redistricting
- Testify & Map

