

# 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

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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