



Butte-Glenn Community College District Introduction to Redistricting

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Election Systems

1. “At Large”
2. “From District” or “Residence” Districts
3. “By District”

**The California Voting Rights Act
was written to specifically
encourage by-district elections.**

Schedule

Step	Description
Two Initial Hearings Aug. 11 & 25	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the communities in the Districts.
Census Data Release August 12	Census Bureau releases official 2020 Census population data.
California Data Release Mid/Late September	California Statewide Database releases California's official 'prisoner-adjusted' 2020 redistricting data.
Two Draft Map Hearings Jan. 26 & Feb. 16, 2022	Two Public Hearings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
Map Adoption Feb. 23	Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption. Map adopted via ordinance.

Redistricting Rules and Goals

Federal Laws

Equal Population
Federal Voting Rights Act
No Racial Gerrymandering



Traditional Redistricting Principles

Communities of interest
Compact
Contiguous
Visible (Natural & man-made) boundaries
Respect voters' choices / continuity in office
Planned future growth
Preserving the core of existing election areas

“Communities of Interest”

Under the California Elections Code, “community of interest” has a very specific definition in the context of districting and redistricting cities and counties:

A “community of interest” is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.

Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.