

REDISTRICTING KIT

To order a copy of the Redistricting Kit, call the City of San Diego Redistricting Commission Offices at (619) 533-3402.

The materials included in the *Redistricting Kit* provide all the information needed to prepare a Year 2000 Redistricting Plan. Also included are some demographic data that can be used to help determine the impact of proposed changes to City Council boundaries. Here is a list of the documents that come with the *Kit*:

1. A large map of the City of San Diego depicting 2000 Census Tracts and current City Council district boundaries as adopted in 1992. *(As a visual aid, a map of the City with Council districts color-coded may be obtained from SanGIS for \$15.00. Call SanGIS at (619) 702-0400 or visit their website at www.sangis.org/ You may also view a more detailed San Diego county census tract map by going to <http://cart.sandag.org.sdw/cen.asp> and clicking on "map" in the middle of the paragraph. The map has a zoom feature that allows you to read street names.*
2. A list of 2000 Census Tracts by San Diego City Council District
3. A list of Census 2000 Population by City Council District Compared to Optimal Population after redistricting.
4. A list of Census 2000 Population by Race and Hispanic/Latino Origin for all City of San Diego Council Districts.
5. A list of Census 2000 Population by Race and Hispanic/Latino Origin for all City of San Diego Census Tracts.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You may submit a Redistricting Plan for the entire city or for any single council district. **The due date for submission of your plan to the Year 2000 Redistricting Commission is Friday, July 20, 2001.** Your submission must be **received in our office by noon** in order to be considered.

Please submit your plan in person, by mail or fax to:

Year 2000 Redistricting Commission
1010 Second Avenue, Suite 1530
San Diego, CA 92101
Fax No. (619)533-3400

We cannot accept plans via electronic mail.

You must submit your plan in one of three ways:

1. Submit a list of Census Tracts indicating
 - which census tract(s) by number are to be moved
 - from which council district(s)
 - to which council district(s)

2. Submit the City of San Diego map with the new council boundaries you are proposing clearly outlined in colored pen or pencil. (Hint: create your drafts with erasable pencil.)

3. Submit your written comments indicating which communities you would like to see moved from one council district to another, or which communities you do not feel should be moved from their current council district(s).

In any case, you should explain your reason for the changes you are suggesting.

You may submit your name and contact information with your Redistricting Plan so the Commission or its staff may contact you for clarification. However, the Redistricting Commission reserves the right to NOT contact all plan submitters.

REDISTRICTING CRITERIA

In accordance with the San Diego City Charter, the criteria for Redistricting Plans are as follows:

1. There must be eight (8) City Council Districts.

2. The Districts must contain to the extent practicable equal population. The Redistricting Commission aims for a deviation from the optimal population of less than +/- 5%.

3. Districts must comport with the Voting Rights Act and not dilute the voting strength of protected classes.

4. Districts must preserve identifiable communities of interest.

5. Districts must consist of whole census units.

6. Districts must be composed of contiguous territory with reasonable access between population centers.

7. Districts must be geographically compact (i.e., populous contiguous territory not by-passed to reach distant populous areas).

8. Districts must be bounded by natural boundaries such as major streets, valleys, canyons, freeways, rivers, et al.

9. Districts must not be drawn for the purpose of advantaging or protecting incumbents.

For further information, contact us at (619)533-3401 or by e-mail <redistrict@sdcity.sanet.gov>