



# Redistricting Commission Basics

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# What does Redistricting entail for the City of San Diego?

Drawing new boundaries that determine which San Diegans are represented in each of the 9 Council Districts.

Representation

Census



Redistricting

# Why Do We Redraw Council District Boundaries?

- ➡ Federal and state laws require district boundaries to be redrawn to reflect new population data. This takes place every 10 years based on the federal census data.
- ➡ Communities throughout the city change. Some residents move away, while others transfer to San Diego.
- ➡ To adjust for population densities so each Council district is approximately one-ninth of the total population of the City of San Diego.
- ➡ To ensure fair and equitable representation.



# Meet the Commissioners

The Commissioners were appointed by the Appointing Authority, comprised of three retired judges of the San Diego Superior Court. The judges chose from over 100 applicants, with one representative from each of the nine Council districts.



**Val Hoy**  
District 1



**Ken Malbrough**  
Vice Chair  
District 4



**Justine Nielsen**  
District 7

**Fred Kosmo**  
District 2



**Alan Nevin**  
District 5



**Monica Hernandez**  
District 8



**Roy MacPhail**  
District 3



**Mitz Lee**  
District 6



**Tom Hebrank**  
Chair  
District 9





# Commission Responsibilities

- ➡ Promote community outreach and encourage public participation.
- ➡ Conduct Commission hearings that allow for public comment.
- ➡ Draft and finalize boundary maps for all 9 Council Districts.
- ➡ Promote a transparent and inclusive redistricting process.



# City Charter Redistricting Parameters

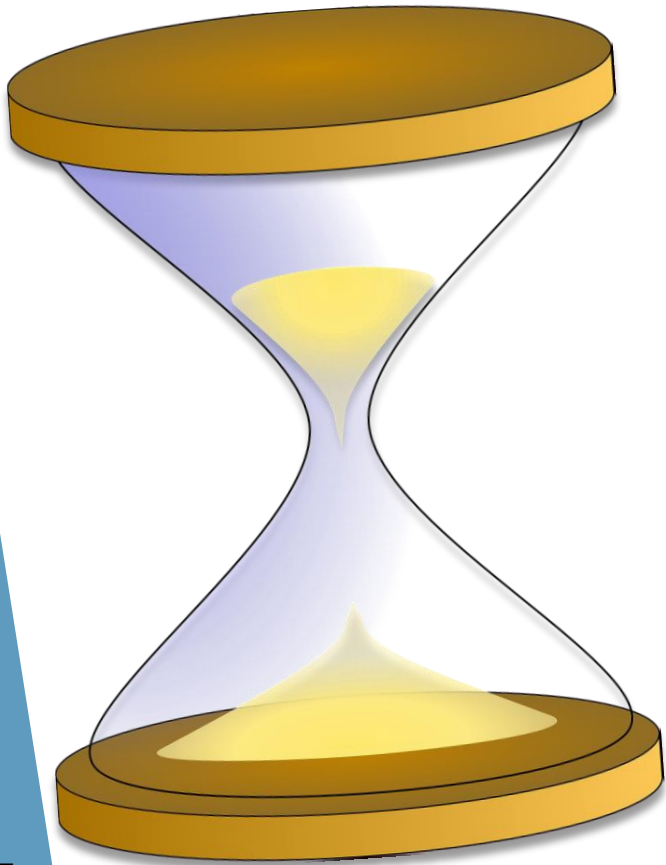
The plan shall provide fair and effective representation for all San Diegans.

To the extent as practical, districts shall:

- ❖ Contain as nearly as practicable one-ninth of the total City of San Diego population.
- ❖ Preserve identifiable communities of interest.
- ❖ Be geographically compact and bounded by natural boundaries, street lines and/or City boundary lines.
- ❖ Be composed of contiguous territory with reasonable access between population centers in the district.
- ❖ Not be drawn up for the purpose of advantaging or protecting incumbents.



# When will the Commission Receive the Census Data?



- The Census Bureau released “Legacy Format” data (a raw, not user-friendly format) for redistricting on August 12.
- A user-friendly version will be ready in late August, with the final, fully formatted data being released by mid September.
- Final maps must be submitted to the Registrar of Voters by December 15, 2021 in order to prepare for the June 2022 primary election.

# We Want to Hear from You!

The Redistricting Commission meets virtually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 3 p.m. In addition, 9 public hearings will take place each week in the months of August and September. Although these 9 community hearings will focus on a specific Council district, all residents are welcome to participate, regardless of where they live in the City of San Diego.

In order to help prepare residents in advance for the 9 meetings, the following community mapping materials are available on the Redistricting Commission website:

- SANDAG Population Table
- SANDAG Population Map
- Criteria for Redrawing the Lines
- Mapping Tool and Community Feedback link





# Community Mapping Materials



## 6 Things to Consider When Redrawing the Lines

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### 3 Geographically Compact

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Council Districts should try to preserve communities who have similar legislative concerns who could therefore benefit from cohesive representation.

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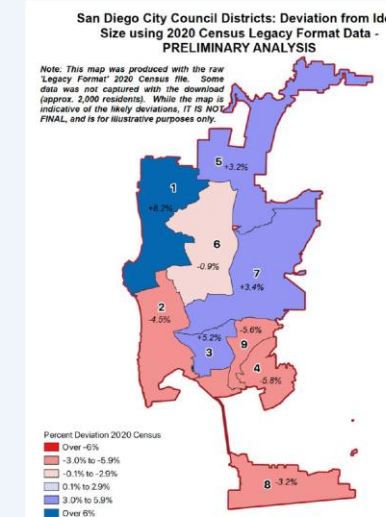
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Divided by 9		153,878			
Official 2020 Census total for City of San Diego:		1,386,932			

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## District Deviations Based on 2019 SANDAG Population Estimates

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### 2019 Estimate

Total Population		Deviation	% Deviation	Pop. Change Since 2010 Census	
1	170,684	12,843	8.1%	23,003	15.6%
2	162,748	4,907	3.1%	20,560	14.5%
3	196,412	38,571	24.4%	48,943	33.2%
4	132,029	(25,812)	-16.4%	(10,747)	-7.5%
5	159,205	1,364	0.9%	14,836	10.3%
6	149,622	(8,219)	-5.2%	9,328	6.6%
7	164,535	6,694	4.2%	17,463	11.9%
8	138,922	(18,919)	-12.0%	(5,933)	-4.1%
9	146,411	(11,430)	-7.2%	1,498	1.0%
Total	1,420,568				
Divided by 9	157,841				



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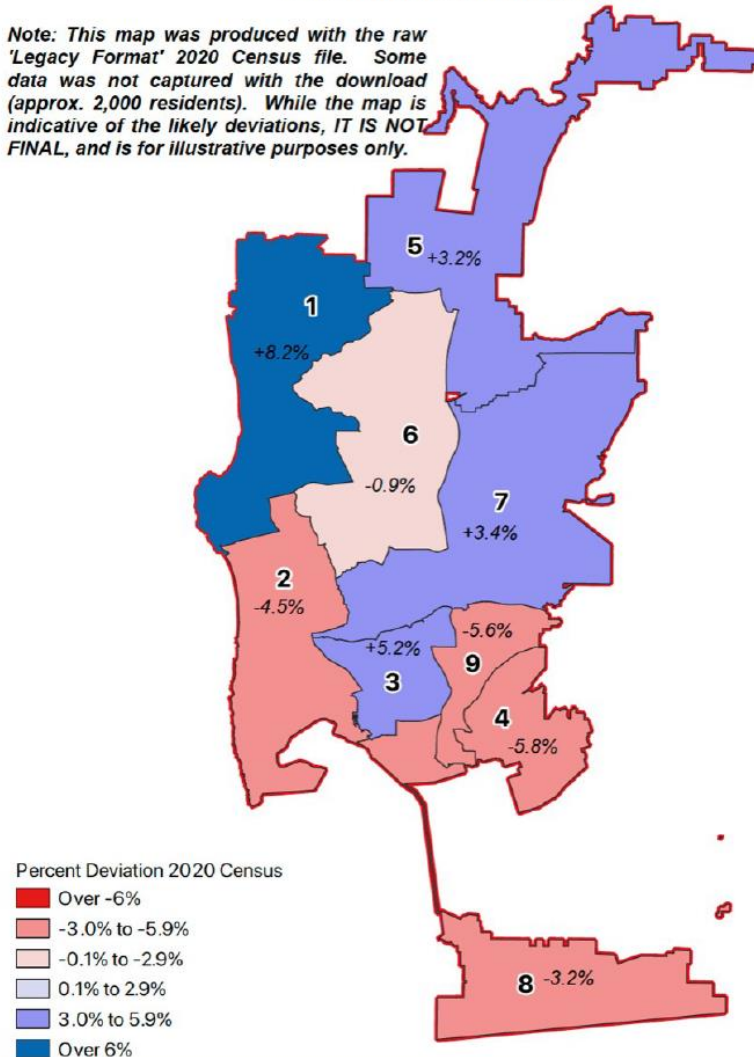
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### San Diego City Council Districts: Deviation from Ideal Size using 2020 Census Legacy Format Data - PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS

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# Community Mapping Tool

San Diego Community Engagement Survey



Thank you for helping the City of San Diego Redistricting Commission in its task to redraw the nine City Council districts.

A vital part of this mission involves hearing from you about your community. Speaking up about your community is critical to ensuring district lines are drawn to keep your community whole to the extent possible, and grouped with neighboring communities with similar interests. We invite you to draw your community with the tools below. Thank you for your input.

If you encounter a problem submitting your input, please email [redistricting2020@sandiego.gov](mailto:redistricting2020@sandiego.gov) and provide a description of your problem.

First Name\*

Last Name\*

Zip Code\*

Would you like to select neighborhoods or draw a map?\*

☐ Selectable list

☒ Map

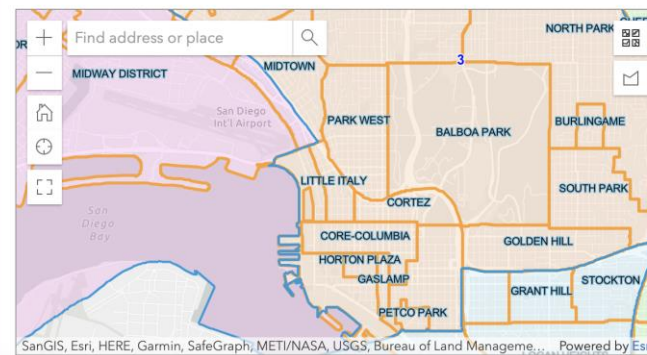
## Map

Please click the area tool to draw out your desired neighborhood

Additional Help?

☐ Yes

## Community Boundary Map



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# Public Feedback Needed Throughout the Process

After all 9 community hearings have taken place, the Redistricting Commission will draw preliminary maps of the 9 Council districts. Then, the Commission will host 5 additional community hearings in November and December to receive feedback on the preliminary maps.

November 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

December 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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# Stay Connected to the Commission

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*\*There are also independent Redistricting Commissions for the county and state that you can get involved with.*