



COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

Redistricting

Describe Your Community of Interest

Communities of interest are the building blocks of the redistricting process. Communities of Interest are concentrated populations which share common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of effective and fair representation. The 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission (Commission) and the Board of Supervisors invite community members to submit a Community of Interest (COI) Form by September 30, 2021. Submissions will become part of the public record and reviewed by the Commission.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST?

California law defines a Community of Interest as a population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for effective and fair representation. We need you to submit your Community of Interest describing where people with your shared social and economic interests live to inform the drawing of new supervisorial districts.

Examples of Communities of Interest:

- Senior citizens
- Recent immigrants from the same country/region
- LGBTQIA+ communities
- College students living near campus
- Residents who share a common language or culture
- People who use the same public transportation
- People who live in an industrial, rural or urban area
- People who use the same parks and recreation areas

HOW COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST SHAPE FUTURE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA'S SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS

Every ten years, U.S. Census data is used to redraw the County of Santa Clara's supervisorial district boundaries. The Board of Supervisors established the 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission to ensure robust community participation in the redistricting process. Communities that share common interests, cultural ties, or other social and economic similarities are the building blocks of supervisorial districts. The Commission wants to ensure the County's districts consider your community and wants to hear from you how boundaries should be drawn. Complete this form to tell the Commission about your community of interest and to help ensure one person, one vote.

You can find a map of the County's current supervisorial districts here:

https://board.sccgov.org/sites/g/files/exjcpb936/files/2021-06/scc_all_districts_map.jpg

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WHY IS YOUR COMMUNITY OF INTEREST IMPORTANT IN THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS?

The County serves the community in many ways: providing safety net services such as access to affordable housing, healthcare, and child welfare services; overseeing land use in unincorporated areas; and protecting public health and safety. Communities of interest are kept together in districts as much as possible to ensure they can influence those policy decisions of the Board of Supervisors.

The Commission wants to know:

1. Does your community have a shared culture, interests, activity, business, or bond?
2. Does your community live in a concentrated area? Can you draw your community on a map? Is there density within your community (many people in your community living closely together)?
3. Describe how your community is affected by policy decisions made by the Board of Supervisors. (County services include housing, health care, elections, parks and recreation, child welfare, and public benefits)

It is important to remember that your input can best be used by the Commission to draw new maps if it addresses all three of these questions to describe your community of interest.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS?

1. Provide your description of your community of interest by completing the Community of Interest Form.

You have many options to submit your form to the Commission:

- a. Email
- b. Mail
- c. Attend a meeting and present your community of interest to the Commission.

2. Attend one of the County of Santa Clara's Board of Supervisors public meetings where redistricting will be discussed, with times and locations to be publicized on the redistricting website: www.sccgov.org/2021redistricting.

3. Stay engaged! Meetings of the 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission are open to the public. Information will be updated on the website regularly. You can also email the redistricting team to be added to the redistricting email distribution list to receive updates.

More information about County services, agencies, and departments can be found here:

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/scc/gov/Pages/gov.aspx>

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS?



Email the County's redistricting team at 2021redistricting@ceo.sccgov.org



Visit the redistricting webpage at www.sccgov.org/2021redistricting



In person: Call (408) 299-6006 to make an appointment for assistance



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Community of Interest Form

COMMUNITY NAME: _____

Use the same Community Name if you are submitting a map online at https://districtr.org/event/Santa_Clara_County

1. What connects your community together or creates its shared identity? Are there common interests, concerns, or issues in your community? Describe how they are important:

2. Explain the geographic boundaries of your community of interest. What are the physical boundaries? Are there nearby areas you want to be with? Include any key landmarks such as parks, county facilities, schools, church, or other boundaries.

3. What are the reasons for your community of interest to be used in the redistricting process? Please describe how the decisions that the Board of Supervisors makes about county services impact on your community. (County services include housing, health care, elections, parks and recreation, child welfare, and public benefits)

4. What else would you like to tell us about your community? How would keeping your community intact enhance the quality of its representation and ability to influence the Board of Supervisors?

OPTIONAL INFORMATION: COMMUNITY OF INTEREST FORM

If you provide an email address, we can contact you for potential presentation to the Commission.

Name:	Email:				
Which district do you live in?	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
If you're not sure, look up your district at: https://eservices.sccgov.org/rov?tab=dt					
Are you interested in presenting your submission to the Commission?	Yes	No			
Can we contact you with additional redistricting information?	Yes	No			

Submit Form

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