COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST
League of Women Voters of Santa Clara County

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For:
2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
Redistricting Principles

- Equal population
- Compliance with federal Voting Rights Act
- Keep identified communities of interest together
- Keep cities together
- Get input from city redistricting commissions before dividing that city
- No incumbent protection
- Transparency in the process

*Maps are drawn in public.*

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Issues with Current BOS Districts

➤ **Do not divide cities** (except for largest cities)
  - Sunnyvale is in two Districts with odd lines currently
  - San Jose is in four Districts (San Jose a is very large city—but four?)

➤ **If you have to divide cities, divide along their district lines**
  - Allow those cities to complete their work and then follow those new district lines.
  - Coordinate and leverage rather than duplicate efforts and create synergy between the city and supervisorial districts

➤ **Put small cities that work closely together in same District**
  - e.g. Southwest Santa Clara Valley is a community of similar interests
    - Saratoga in D5
    - Los Gatos/Monte Sereno in D1