



LEAGUES OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY

LWV Cupertino/Sunnyvale
LWV Los Altos - Mountain View
LWV Palo Alto
LWV San Jose/Santa Clara
LWV Southwest Santa Clara Valley

COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

League of Women Voters of Santa Clara County

Tom Picraux, Chair

For:

2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

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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.



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*