



Redistricting Project City of Elk Grove Updates

March 3, 2022

In-Person Workshop

Overview

- Redistricting Process
- Redistricting Project Updates
- Guidelines for Drawing
- Drawing Tools – districtr.org

Redistricting Process

- California Elections Code section 21600 requires all cities to redistrict after each Federal decennial census as a basis so that the districts shall be as nearly equal in population as may be possible
- Redistricting seeks to create districts of roughly even sizes based on total population. The district boundaries must ultimately be drawn so that identified “communities of interest” remain together as a voting bloc
- Maps for election district boundaries will be based on the total population counts from 2020 Census data, and data that comply with federal and state laws, as adjusted by the California Statewide Database (SWDB)
- State redistricting process requirements updated since last effort

Redistricting Project Timeline

Date (denotes a public hearing date)	Action
<u>January 2022</u> 01-26-2022	Initial presentation of timeline and analysis of demographic changes from 2010 to 2020 based on Census data for the four council districts
<u>February 2022</u> 02-09-2022 02-23-2022	<p>February 23, 2022 discussion of Communities of Interest, Project Updates, and principles to consider when evaluating maps</p> <p>Community outreach and identification of Communities of Interest (City Staff): Various dates in February will be identified for teleconference meetings, pop-up events, and in-person workshop opportunities.</p>
<u>March 2022</u> 03-09-2022 03-23-2022	Review of Outreach and then Analysis of Submitted Maps for consideration (NDC)
March – April 2022	Final selection of a four-district map based on 2020 Census data
<u>April – May 2022</u> 04-13-2022	Assistance with transmittal of final map to the Sacramento County Office of Voter Registration and Elections (NDC and City Staff)

Redistricting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws

- **Equal Population**
- **Federal Voting Rights Act**
- **No Racial Gerrymandering**



2. California Criteria for Cities

1. **Geographically contiguous**
2. **Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest”**
(Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
3. **Easily identifiable boundaries**
4. **Compact**
(Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

Prohibited:

“Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party.”

3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

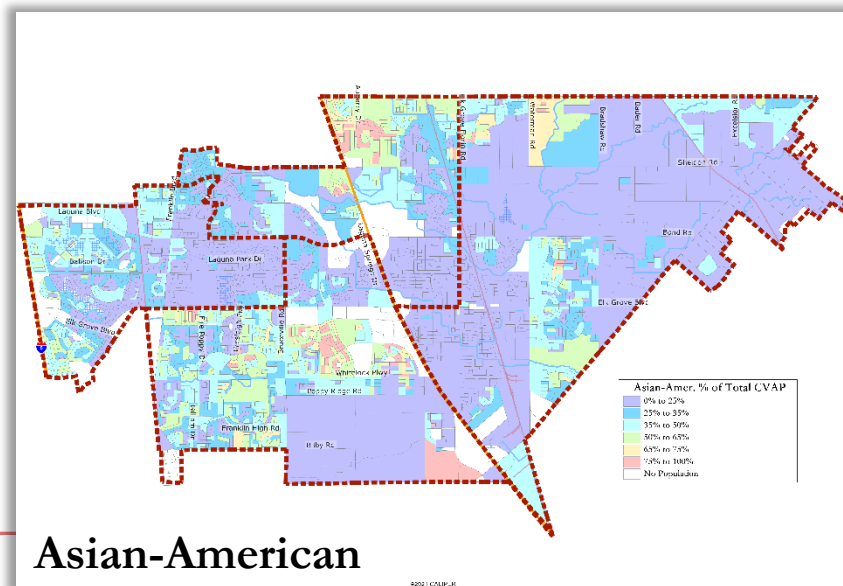
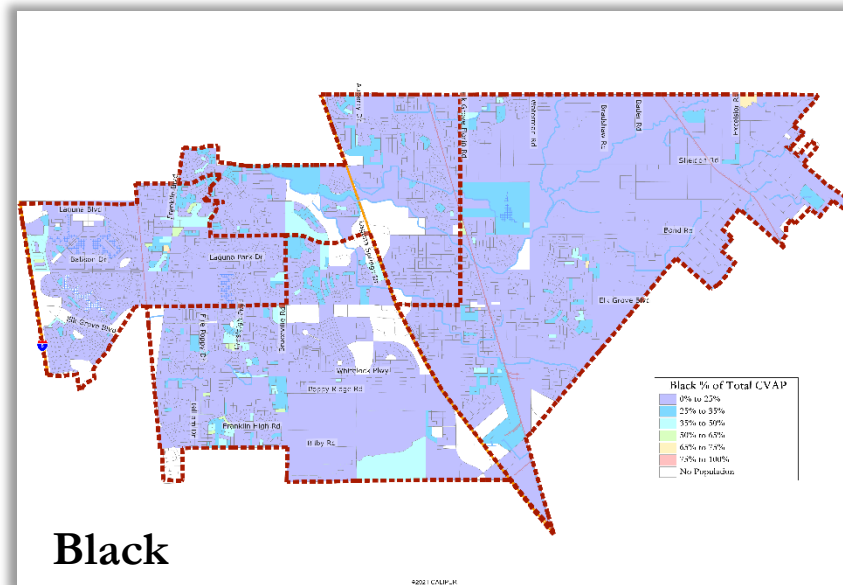
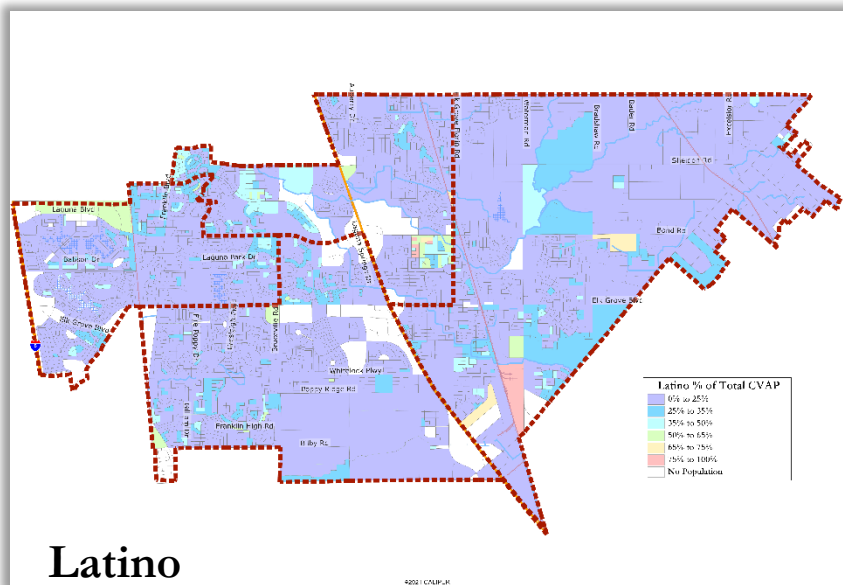
Minimize voters shifted to different election years

Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office

Future population growth

Preserving the core of existing districts

Protected Class CVAP



Map Drawing

- districtR
- drawEG – <https://districtr.org/tag/drawEG>
- District Maps
- Identify Communities of Interest
- The Map Equation

The Map Equation

- Four Districts, total population 176,561
- Four close to even divisions by population: 44,140 ($\pm 5\%$)
- Contiguous, Communities of Interest, Identifiable, Compact
- Check the final product – do the lines make sense? How would it feel to see a district of boundary line change?

Methods of Workshop Outreach

Teleconference Events

The teleconference environment will run in tandem with in-person meetings (both outdoor and indoor events) creating a “teleworkshop” environment of online participants as well as in-person attendees.

Walk-Up Outdoor Events

Walk-up at the outdoor locations (weather permitting) to engage with staff in the open-air environments to talk about redistricting. A teleconference environment will run in tandem with the in-person, outdoor meetings creating a “teleworkshop” environment of online participants as well as in-person attendees.

In-Person hybrid Workshop

Walk-in to the indoor locations listed to engage with staff in spacious, indoor environments to talk about redistricting. A teleconference environment will run in tandem with the in-person, indoor meetings creating a “teleworkshop” environment of online participants as well as in-person attendees.

Next Steps

- March 9, 2022 – Public Hearing to Evaluate Submitted Maps
- March 23, 2022 – Public Hearing to return Selected Maps for Review
- April 13, 2022 – Public Hearing - City Council adopts a Final Map
- Final Map utilized for the November 2022 Election (the nomination period commences mid-July 2022)

Questions?

http://www.elkgrovecity.org/city_hall/city_government/city_council/redistricting

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