

**G1. 8:00 P.M. TIME CERTAIN - PUBLIC HEARING #1** - Consideration of City Council Election District Boundaries, to Include Discussion Regarding the Redistricting Process, Review of Permissible Criteria to be Considered to Redraw City Council Election District Boundaries, and Receiving Public Input on Communities of Interest and Potential District Boundaries. (CITY)



**DATE:** September 15, 2021

**TO:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** John R. Gillison, City Manager

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**SUBJECT:** **8:00 P.M. TIME CERTAIN - PUBLIC HEARING #1** - Consideration of City Council Election District Boundaries, to Include Discussion Regarding the Redistricting Process, Review of Permissible Criteria to be Considered to Redraw City Council Election District Boundaries, and Receiving Public Input on Communities of Interest and Potential District Boundaries. (CITY)

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council receive a report from staff on the redistricting process and permissible criteria to be considered to redraw district boundaries; and conduct a public hearing to receive public input on district boundaries.

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 8, 2016, the voters of Rancho Cucamonga approved Ordinance 887, providing for the election of four members of the City Council by four districts, with a Mayor elected at large, and establishing the boundaries and election order of each district. At that time, the Council districts were drawn using the 2010 Census data as was required by law.

On December 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution 2020-136, adding the recently annexed area of the Etiwanda Heights Neighborhood and Conservation Plan into Council District 4, pursuant to Elections Code Section 21603.

Every ten years, cities with by-district election systems must use new census data to review and, if needed, redraw district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. This process, called redistricting, ensures all districts have nearly equal population.

By law, the City must hold at least four (4) public hearings that enable community members to provide input on the drawing of district maps. At least one hearing must occur before the city or county draws draft maps. The fourth hearing can happen either before or after the drawing of draft maps.

**ANALYSIS:**

The City must now begin the process of redrawing City Council districts using the 2020 census data and in compliance with the FAIR MAPS Act, which was adopted by the California legislature as AB 849 and took effect January 1, 2020.

Under the Act, the council shall draw and adopt boundaries that are substantially equal in

population, consistent with constitutional requirements, and using the following criteria listed order of priority in accordance with Elections Code 21601(c):

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)
5. The City Council may not adopt a map for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party

Once the prioritized criteria are met, other traditional districting principles can be considered, such as:

1. Minimize the number of voters delayed from voting in 2022 to 2024
2. Respect voters’ choices/continuity in office
3. Future population growth

The City has scheduled five (5) hearing dates for the Council Redistricting process, including this September 15 hearing. All hearings are scheduled to take place at 8:00 pm in the City Council Chambers:

Wednesday, September 15, 2021  
Wednesday, November 3, 2021  
Wednesday, January 19, 2022  
Wednesday, February 2, 2022  
Wednesday, March 2, 2022

The purpose of this Public Hearing #1 is to inform the public about the districting process and to hear from the community on what factors should be taken into consideration while creating district boundaries. The City has not yet drafted maps for consideration of the Council and the public.

The public is requested to provide input regarding communities of interest and other local factors that should be considered while drafting district maps. A community of interest under the relevant Elections Code for cities Section 21601(c) is “a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.”

In general, possible features defining community of interest might include, but are not limited to:

- A. School attendance areas;
- B. Natural dividing lines such as major roads, hills, or highways;
- C. Areas around parks and other neighborhood landmarks;
- D. Common issues, neighborhood activities, or legislative/election concerns; and
- E. Shared demographic characteristics, such as:

- (1) Similar levels of income, education, or linguistic isolation;
- (2) Languages spoken at home; and
- (3) Single-family and multi-family housing unit areas.

At the hearing, National Demographics Corporation, the City's demographic consultant assisting with the redistricting effort, will provide a presentation, and staff will discuss possible communities of interest in Rancho Cucamonga that may be considered during the redistricting process.

Over the coming months, residents are encouraged to visit [www.drawrc.org](http://www.drawrc.org) to follow updates on the redistricting process, review data and materials as they become available, and participate in the process by offering comments and submitting maps for consideration (mapping tools are not yet available, as final Census 2020 data is pending; tools will be released later in the Fall). The next scheduled public hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**COUNCIL MISSION / VISION / GOAL(S) ADDRESSED:**

Conducting this public hearing is in keeping with the City Council's mission to ensure and advance the quality of life for the community through inclusive decision making.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1 – Redistricting Flyer (English)

Attachment 2 – Redistricting Flyer (Spanish)

# GET INVOLVED !

*Redistricting is a community effort*

- Learn how shifts in population may affect Council boundaries
- Overview of redistricting and mapping tool
- Help define possible communities of interest
- Assist in consensus building



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## PUBLIC HEARINGS

All hearings held in City Council Chambers  
10500 Civic Center Dr. Rancho Cucamonga, CA at 8:00 p.m.

- ✓ Wednesday, September 15, 2021  
Public Hearing #1 - Introduction on redistricting and providing feedback on communities of interest
- ✓ Wednesday, November 3, 2021  
Public Hearing #2 - Demographer's preliminary analysis; public mapping tool shared and community invited to submit maps
- ✓ Wednesday, January 19, 2022  
Hearing #3 - Considering draft maps, including submittals by the public
- ✓ Wednesday, February 2, 2022  
Hearing #4 - City Council tentatively selects map
- ✓ Wednesday, March 2, 2022  
Hearing #5 - First reading of the ordinance for adopted map

Staff reports, demographer presentations and other meeting-related materials will be posted in our Agenda Center at [www.DrawRC.org](http://www.DrawRC.org)

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ATTACHMENT 1

For more information and mapping tool visit [www.DrawRC.org](http://www.DrawRC.org)

# INVOLUCRARSE !

*La redistribución de distritos es un esfuerzo comunitario*

- Aprenda cómo los cambios en la población pueden afectar los límites del Consejo
- Descripción general de la herramienta de mapeo y redistribución de distritos
- Ayudar a definir comunidades de interés
- Ayudar en la creación de consenso



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## AUDIENCIAS PÚBLICAS

**Todas las audiencias celebradas en las Cámaras del Consejo de la Ciudad  
10500 Civic Center Dr. Rancho Cucamonga, CA a las 8:00 p.m.**

- ✓ Miércoles, 15 de Septiembre de 2021  
Audiencia pública #1 - Introducción sobre la redistribución de distritos y la retroalimentación de las comunidades de interés
- ✓ Miércoles, 3 de Noviembre de 2021  
Audiencia pública #2 - Análisis preliminar del demógrafo; herramienta de mapeo pública compartido y comunidad invitada a enviar mapas
- ✓ Miércoles, 19 de Enero de 2022  
Audiencia pública #3 - Considerando los borradores de mapas, incluidas las presentaciones del público
- ✓ Miércoles, 2 de Febrero de 2022  
Audiencia pública #4 - El Ayuntamiento selecciona tentativamente el mapa
- ✓ Miércoles, 2 de Marzo de 2022  
Audiencia pública #5 - Primera lectura de la ordenanza para el mapa adoptado

Los informes del personal, las presentaciones de los demógrafos y otros materiales relacionados con las reuniones se publicarán en nuestro Centro de Agenda en [www.DrawRC.org](http://www.DrawRC.org)

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**ATTACHMENT 2**