



# City of Indio

## Introduction to Redistricting 2021

11/3/2021

National Demographics Corporation

# 2021 Indio Redistricting

- The 2021 redistricting process
  - Project timelines
  - Key deadlines
  - Next steps and hearings

# Indio Elections

- Council Members hold 4 -year terms
  - Districts 2, 3 & 4 terms end November 2022
  - Districts 1 & 5 terms end November 2024

# Redistricting Process

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Step	Description
<b>Two Initial Hearings</b> November 3 & December 1	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the communities in the Districts.
<b>US Census Data Release</b> Mid-August	Census Bureau released official 2020 Census population data.
<b>California Data Release</b> Late September 2021	California Statewide Database released California's official 'prisoner-adjusted' 2020 redistricting data.
<b>Two Draft Map Hearings</b> January 19 and February 16	Two Public Hearings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
<b>Map Adoption Hearing:</b> March 2	Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption. Map adopted via ordinance. <b>Process must be complete by no later than April 17<sup>th</sup>.</b>

# 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

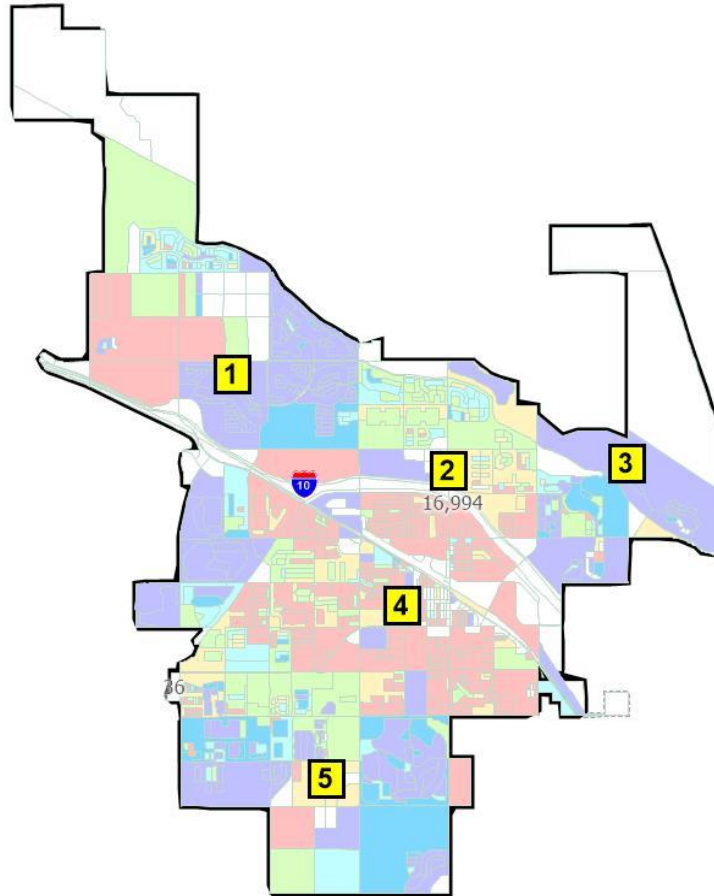
Minimize voters shifted to different election years

Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office

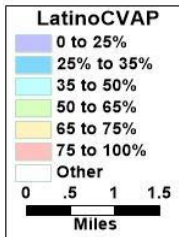
Future population growth

Preserving the core of existing districts

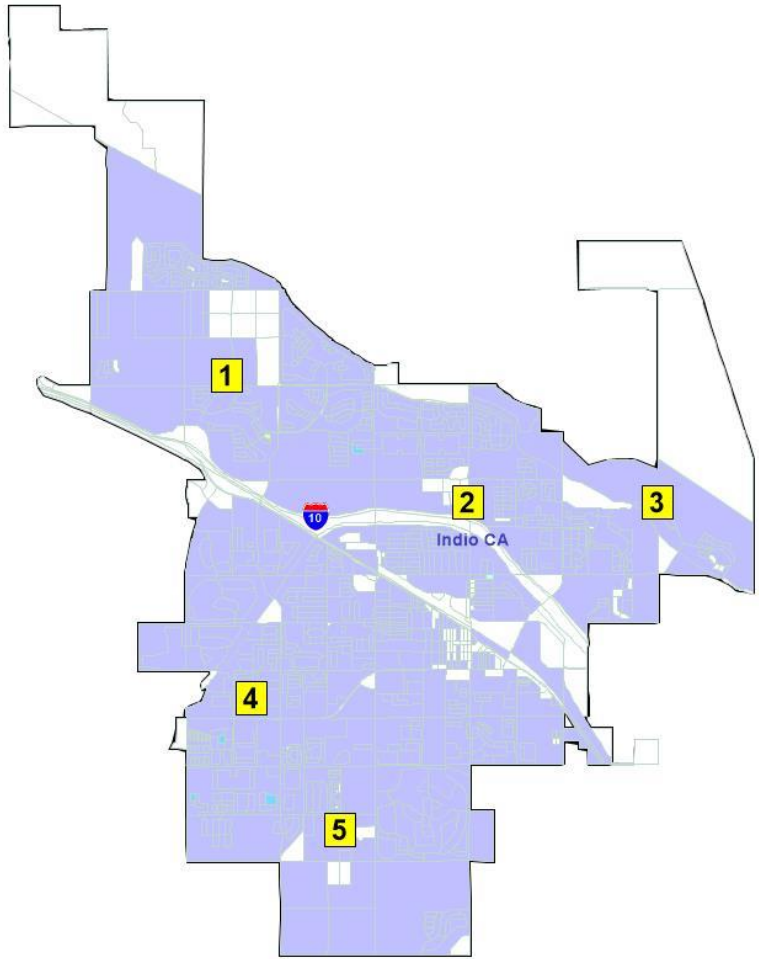
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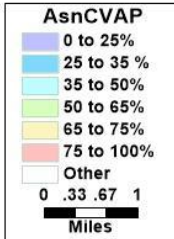
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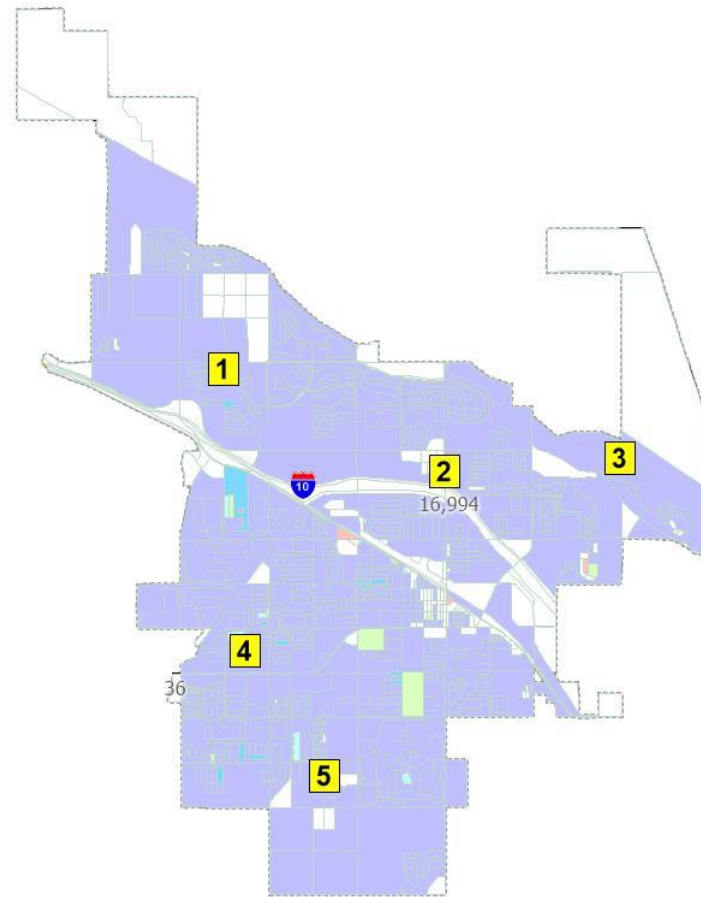
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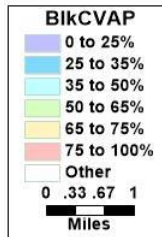
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# African American CVAP Data



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# Defining Neighborhoods

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**1<sup>st</sup> Question: What is your neighborhood?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Question: What are its geographic boundaries?**

**Examples of physical features defining a neighborhood boundary:**

- Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals and/or hills
- Areas around parks or schools
- Other neighborhood landmarks

**In the absence of public testimony, planning records and other similar documents may provide definition.**



# Beyond Neighborhoods: Communities of Interest

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Under the California Elections Code, “community of interest” has a very specific definition in the context of districting and redistricting cities and counties:

A “community of interest” 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.

Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

(emphasis added)

# Beyond Neighborhoods: Defining Communities of Interest

## 1<sup>st</sup> Question: what defines your community?

- Geographic Area, plus
- Shared issue or characteristic
  - ▣ *Shared social or economic interest*
  - ▣ *Impacted by city/ county policies*
- Tell us “your community’s story”

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Question:

Would this community benefit from being “included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation”?

- Or would it benefit more from having multiple representatives?

*Definitions of Communities of Interest may not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.*

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing

## Next Steps:

- Council Discussion, then Action:
  - ▣ At 2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing (December 1, 2021), vote on areas that meet each AB 849 definition:
    - “neighborhoods”
    - “communities of interest . . . that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.”

# Key Dates and Next Steps

Fall 2021	Mapping software released to the public.* *Estimated time
October 2021	Census data will be released in mid- to late-August. California will release prisoner-adjusted redistricting data around October 1.
November 3, 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> Public Hearing
December 1, 2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing to identify “neighborhoods” and “communities of interest.”
January 19, 2022	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hearing
TBA	Maps due from the public.
February 2, 2022	4 <sup>th</sup> hearing and ordinance introduction
March 2, 2022	Ordinance adoption hearing. Must be completed no later than April 17, 2022.
April 17, 2022 (E-205)	City deadline to adopt and submit map to Registrar
November 2022	2022 Election