

# City of Livermore Community Workshop on Redistricting

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# Meeting is Being Recorded

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# Logistics and Amenities

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# Introductions

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# Today's Schedule

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**AGENDA: 7 p.m. to no later than 9 p.m.**

**Process, Rules and Goals**

**Neighborhoods/Communities of Interest**

**Public Mapping and Map Review Tools**

**Next Steps**

# Today's Goals

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*You* Learn From the Experts

Experts Listen to *You*

You Leave Empowered to Give Effective Feedback

# Why You Should Care

- Democracy works better when people are engaged.
- You are experts on the community.
- You are an expert about your neighborhood.
- A once in a decade opportunity.

# Timeline

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1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education</li><li>• Public input</li></ul>	October 11
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*\* Additional hearings/workshops may be conducted to encourage public participation*



# Two Phases

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**Phase I:** At least 1 hearing before drawing draft plans:

- October 11
- January 24

Chance for public to provide input on communities of interest, existing lines, and then propose their own plans

All public input to website

**Phase II:** At least 2 hearings after first draft plans

- February 14
- March 14

Chance for public feedback, suggested changes, alternate plans, & additional community of interest testimony

Final plans must be adopted by April 17

# What is Redistricting?

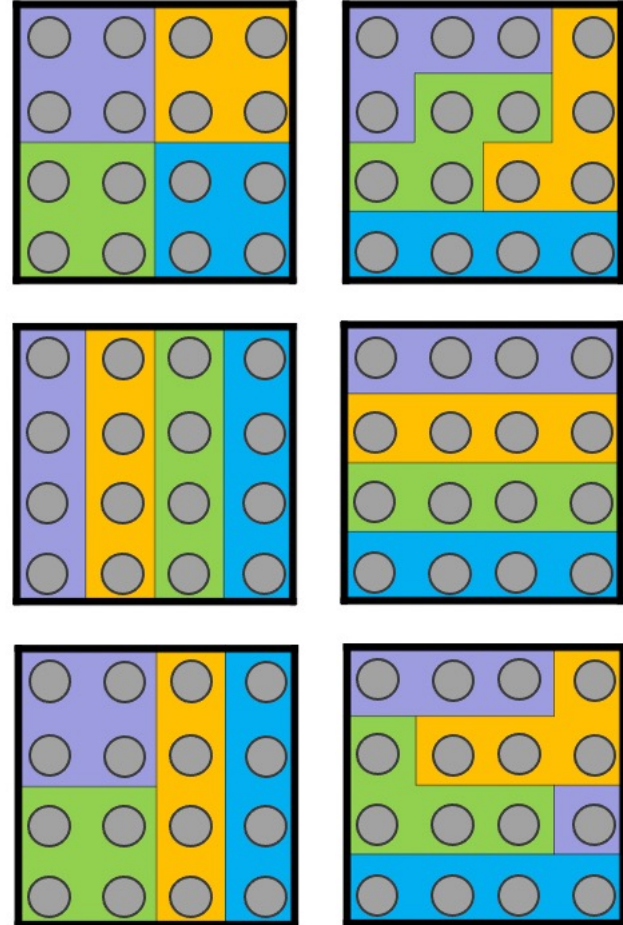
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Members elected from districts

Populations shift over time

Redistricting the act of  
redrawing those lines

How those lines are drawn  
affects how people are  
represented



# Why Redistrict?

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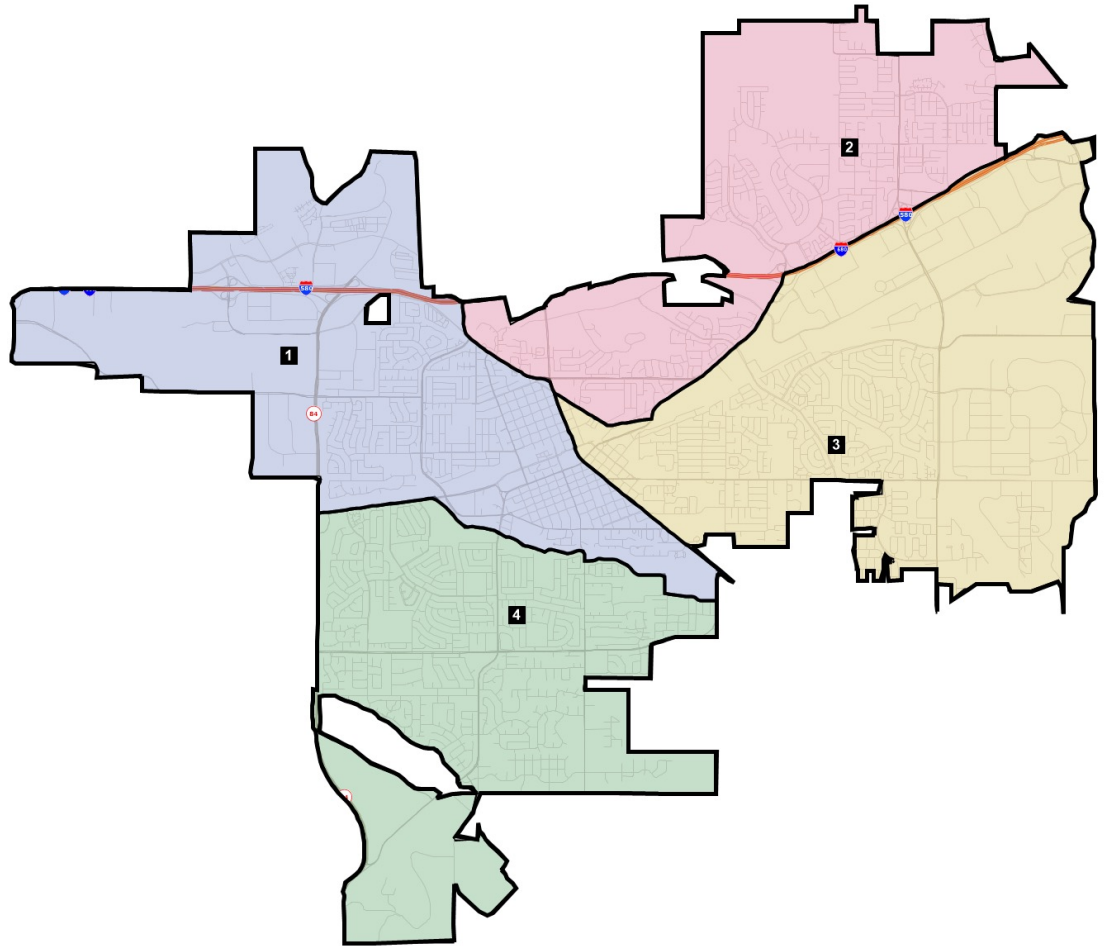
**New Data:** Census conducted every ten years

**Evolving Rules:** Federal/state law continue to change. Both through legislation and the courts

**Public Input:** Communities change over time. New opportunities to engage public

# Current Lines

#	Population <sup>^</sup>	
	Total	Deviation
1	22,837	+3.8%
2	21,020	-4.5%
3	22,292	+1.3%
4	21,857	-0.7%
Total	88,006	
Ideal	22,002	



<sup>^</sup> 2020 Census Redistricting Data. Adjusted for incarcerated populations  
+ Boundaries adjusted to conform to 2020 Census geography when necessary.

# Current Lines

#	Population <sup>^</sup>		Citizen Voting Age Population <sup>+</sup>				
	Total	Deviation	Total	Latino <sup>*</sup>	Asian <sup>*</sup>	Black <sup>*</sup>	White
1	22,837	+3.8%	16,240	17.7%	10.6%	3.3%	67.8%
2	21,020	-4.5%	14,742	15.9%	12.8%	3.3%	66.5%
3	22,292	+1.3%	15,089	12.0%	14.9%	3.2%	68.0%
4	21,857	-0.7%	15,883	12.6%	8.8%	0.9%	76.0%
Total	88,006		61,954	14.6%	11.7%	2.6%	69.6%
Ideal	22,002						

<sup>^</sup> 2020 Census Redistricting Data. Adjusted for incarcerated populations

<sup>+</sup> Adjusted 2015-2019 American Community Survey Special Tabulation

<sup>\*</sup> Calculated pursuant to OMB BULLETIN NO. 00-02

# Criteria

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## In order of priority:

- Equal Population
- Federal Law
- Contiguous
- Neighborhoods & communities of interest
- Understandable boundaries
- Compactness

# 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

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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 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?

# Your Turn

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What is your neighborhood and what are its boundaries?

What other notable areas are in the City, and what are their boundaries?

Discussion to identify 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.”

# Your Turn – Communities of Interest

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- Who is a part of your community?
- What are some meaningful places your community recognizes or gathers at?
- What are some common concerns you share with a group?
- What are some common cultural characteristics that unite a community?
- What are common work-related traits that bring a community together ?
- What is significant about the physical environment?
- What areas benefit from staying together in a district?

*Your thoughts and ideas will become part of  
the record and be recorded / written down*

# Public Mapping and Map Review Tools

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Different tools for different purposes

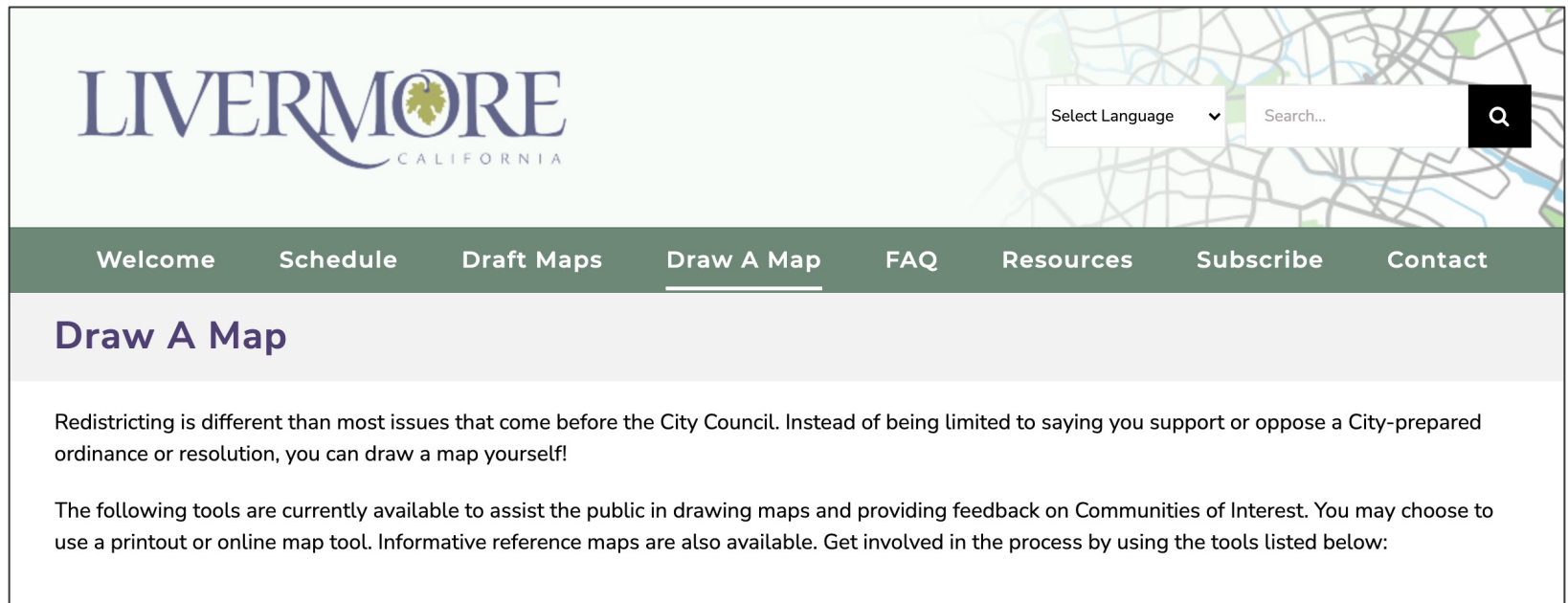
Different tools for different levels of technical skill and interest

- Community of Interest Tool
- Print Plan Submission Worksheet
- Plan Submission Excel
- Online Mapping Tool

Whether you use the powerful online mapping tool, Excel, the paper kit, or just draw on a napkin, we welcome your maps!

# Demo Tools on Website

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Find tools at [www.drawlivermore.org/draw-a-map](http://www.drawlivermore.org/draw-a-map)

# Q&A With Your Hosts

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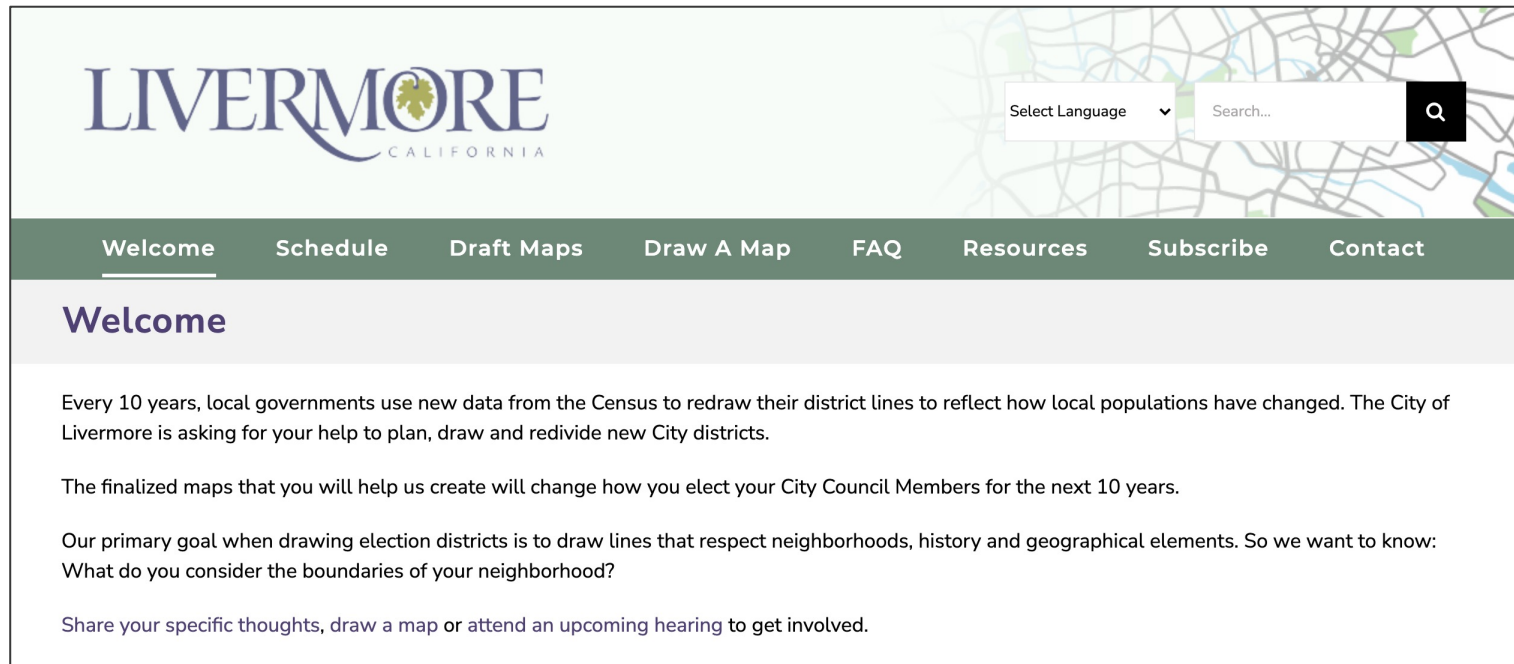
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# Share Your Thoughts/Continue Engagement

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