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City of Dixon

*Redistricting Public Hearing # 1 – Pre-draft Map
Hearing*

Introduction to Redistricting

November 16, 2021

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Purpose of Tonight's Public Hearing

- Project timelines.
- Key deadlines.
- Discuss neighborhoods and communities of interest.
- General information on the redistricting process.

City Conducts Elections “By-District”

- The **Office of Mayor** is elected at-large for a 4-year term. The next election date for Mayor is November 2024.
- City Councilmembers for **Districts 1 and 2** are elected for a 4-year term. The next election is November 2022.
- City Councilmembers for **Districts 3 and 4** are elected for a 4-year term. The next election is November 2024.

Redistricting Process

Step	Description
Census Data Release August 12, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Census Bureau releases official 2020 Census population data.
California Data Release September 27, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• California Statewide Database releases California’s official “prisoner-adjusted” 2020 redistricting data.
Public Hearing #1 November 16, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Held prior to release of draft maps.• Educate, solicit input on neighborhoods and communities of interest.
Public Hearing #2 January 4, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Held prior to release of draft maps.• Educate, solicit input on neighborhoods and communities of interest.

Redistricting Process

Step	Description
Deadline for Public to Submit Draft Maps March 1, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two weeks prior to first draft map hearing.
Public Hearing #3 March 15, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Held after release of draft maps.• Educate, solicit input on neighborhoods and communities of interest.• Discuss, revise draft maps.
Final Deadline for Public to Submit Draft Maps March 22, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two weeks prior to second draft map hearing.
Public Hearing #4 April 5, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Held after release of draft maps.• Educate, solicit input on the communities in the districts.• Adopt final map.

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. Minimize divisions of Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest.
3. Easily identifiable boundaries.
4. Compact.

*** Cannot favor or discriminate against a political party.**

3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

- Respect voters' choices / continuity in office.
- Future population growth.
- Preserving the core of existing districts.

Dixon Adjusted Census Population

Total: 19,013.

Ideal: 4,753 (4 districts).

Demographic Summary of Existing Districts

District	1	2	3	4	Total
Total Population	4,341	4,471	4,693	5,508	19,013
Deviation from ideal	-412	-282	-60	755	1,167
% Deviation	-8.67%	-5.93%	-1.26%	15.88%	24.55%

Demographic Summary of Existing Districts

District	1	2	3	4	Total
Composition of Total Population					
% Hispanic	40.7%	50%	36%	48%	44%
% Non-Hispanic White	44%	39%	52%	38%	43%
% Non-Hispanic Black	6%	3%	3%	3%	4%
% Asian-American	5%	4%	5%	6%	5%
Citizen Voting Age Population					
Total	3,040	2,917	3,389	3,087	12,432
% Hispanic	28%	36%	27%	31%	31%
% Non-Hispanic White	63%	52%	64%	51%	58%
% Non-Hispanic Black	3%	5%	1%	4%	3%
% Asian-American/Pacific Islander	3%	5%	6%	11%	6%

Defining a Neighborhood

- 1st Question: What is your neighborhood?
- 2nd Question: What are its geographic boundaries?

Examples of physical features defining a neighborhood boundary:

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

Beyond Neighborhoods: Defining Communities of Interest

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

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.

Beyond Neighborhoods: Defining Communities of Interest

- 1st Question: What defines a community?
 - Geographic area, plus
 - Shared social or economic interest.

What is the “unique community story?”

- 2nd Question: Would this community benefit from being “included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation?”
 - Or would the community benefit from having multiple representatives?

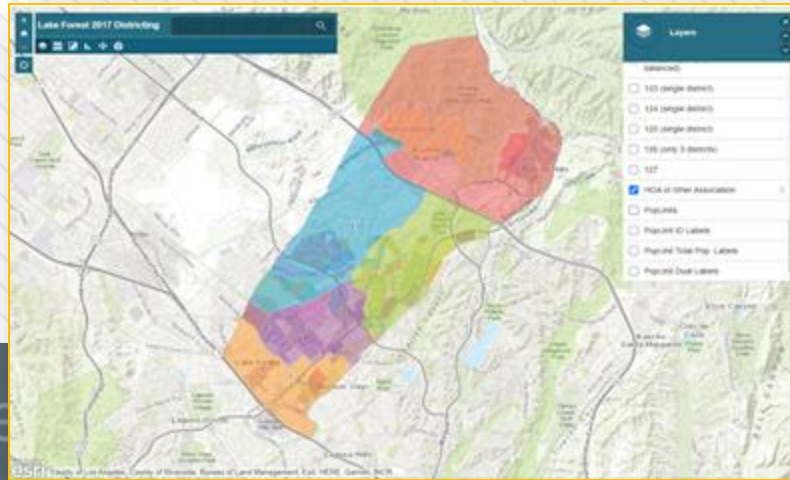
Public Mapping and Map Review Tools

- Different tools for different purposes.
- Different tools for different levels of technical skill and interest.
 - Simple “review maps tool.”
 - Easy draw your neighborhood tool (DistrictR).
 - Paper and Excel-based simple “Draw a draft map” tools.

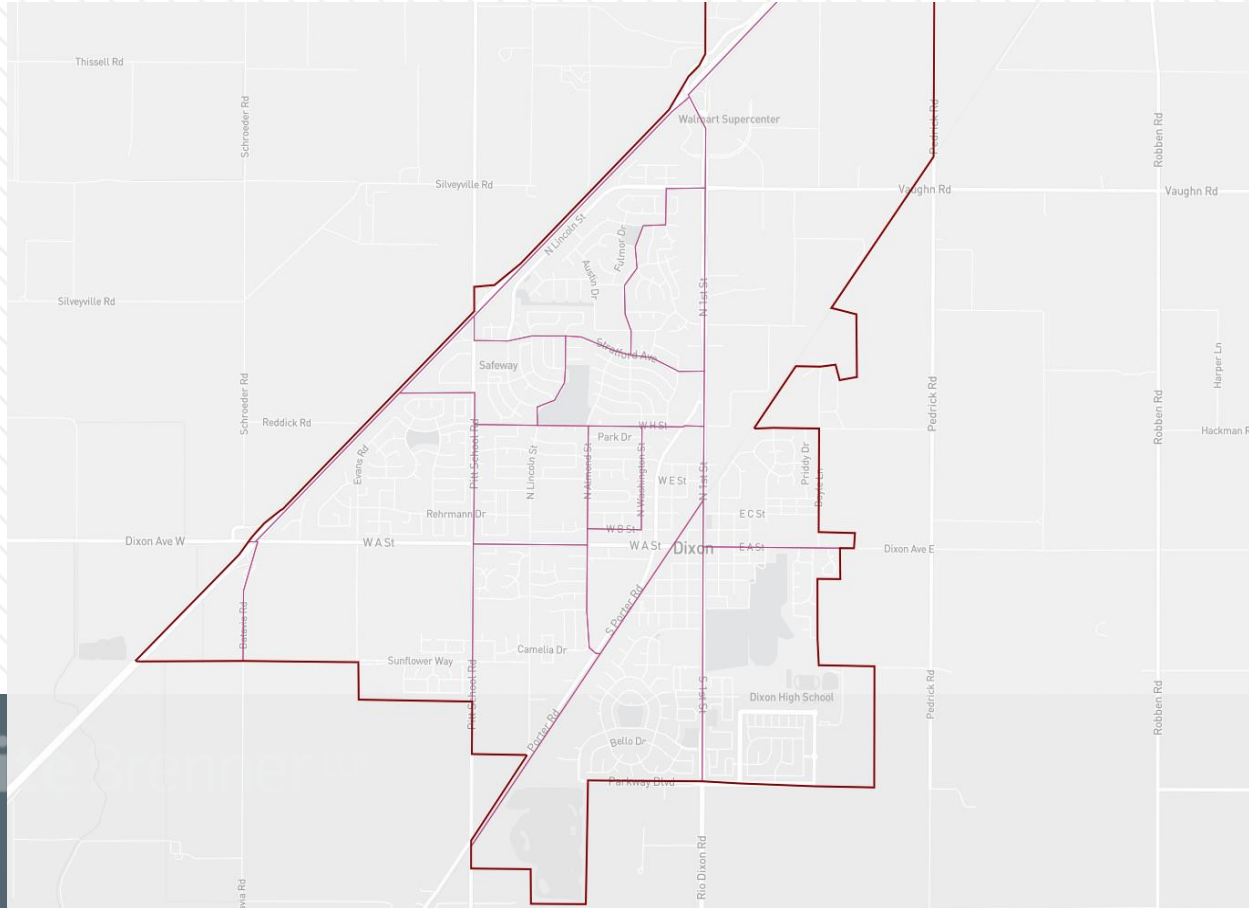
Whether you use the online mapping tool, Excel, the paper kit, or just draw on a napkin, we welcome your maps!
Submit maps to: lruiz@cityofdixon.us.

Simple Map Review Tool

- Online Interactive Review Map.
 - ESRI’s “ArcGIS Online” – similar to Google Maps in ease of use.
 - Used to review, analyze and compare maps, not to create them.



Dave's Redistricting App - Dixon



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Simple Map Drawing Tool + Excel Supplement

- “Public Participation Kit.”
 - For those who know Excel and do not wish to use online tools.
 - Adds CVAP data.
 - Excel does the math.

Lake Forest
2017 Districting

Population Unit
ID Numbers ←



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District	Pop	Civ	Tot	...
1	1,528
2	1,643
3	1,643
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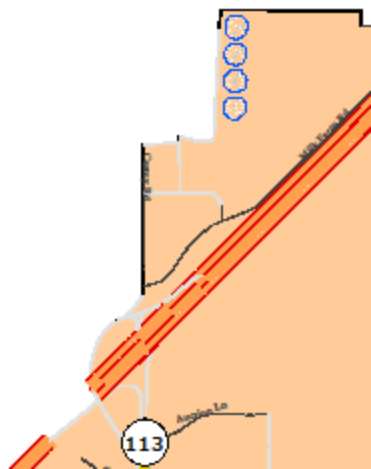
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Your own mapping software?

- A GIS Shapefile and/or a Census Block equivalency file (w/2020 Census Blocks);
- A description of the choices and key points of your map; and
- Send to the City of Dixon redistricting email address: lruiz@cityofdixon.us.

City of Dixon 2016 Districting

Map of Adopted Council Districts



Next Steps and Information

- Information on redistricting, including information how to participate and draft maps, is available at <http://RedrawDixon.org>.
- For any question regarding redistricting, email lruiz@cityofdixon.us.
- The 2nd public hearing will be on January 4, 2022.

Public Hearing and Discussion

- What are the City's neighborhoods?
- What are the City's communities of interest?
 - Should a “community of interest” be kept together in one district?
- Any questions about the redistricting process?

Thank you

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