California Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Why Redistricting Reform?

• Previously, elected officials redrew their own district boundary lines – a flagrant conflict of interest.

• When elected officials and political parties worked together, their careers were always “safe.”
Redistricting reform in CA

- **Voters First Act** — Prop. 11, PASSED 2008
  - Created 14 member, multi-partisan citizen Commission
  - CA’s Senate, Assembly, & Board of Equalization Districts
  - CA Constitutional Amendment

- **Voters First Act for Congress** — Prop. 20, PASSED 2010
  - CA’s Congressional Districts
The Commissioners
5 Republicans – 5 Democrats – 4 “Others”

- Small business owners, lawyers, engineers, urban planners, educators, non-profit and philanthropic sectors, a farmer, a stay-at-home mom, and a former US Census Bureau Director
CRC public input

- 34 Public Hearings from Redding to San Diego
- 3-5+ Hours each
- 2700+ testimonies
- 20,000+ written submissions
Voter-approved map criteria

• Ranked order:
  • Equal Population
  • Voting Rights Act
  • Contiguous (connected)
  • Integrity of cities, counties, neighborhoods and “communities of interest”
  • Compact (do not bypass nearby areas)
  • Nesting (where feasible)
  • No consideration of candidates, incumbents, or political parties
Communities of interest

A contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of effective and fair representation.
Reflections

• Competing & ambiguous criteria
• Public participation

Democracy at Work!
CRC maps

Assembly Districts

Senate Districts

Congressional Districts
Get involved

**State:**
- Apply to the CA Citizens Redistricting Commission
- Testify & Map

**Local:**
- Encourage jurisdictions to “open” redistricting
- Testify & Map