City of Richmond

Introduction to Districting

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## Districting Process

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<td>Two Initial Hearings Nov. 5 &amp; 19</td>
<td>Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the communities in the District.</td>
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<td>Nov. 14 &amp; 18</td>
<td>Community forums and demonstrations of mapping tools.</td>
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<td>Initial Map Submission Deadline Nov. 21</td>
<td>Deadline to submit maps that will be posted Nov. 26 and considered by Council at Dec. 3 hearing.</td>
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<td>Release draft maps No later than Nov. 26</td>
<td>Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 3rd hearing.</td>
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<td>Two hearings on draft maps Dec. 3 &amp; 17</td>
<td>Two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence. Likely introduction of ordinance at Dec. 17 meeting.</td>
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<td>Dec. 5</td>
<td>Community forum and demonstrations of mapping tools.</td>
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<td>Submit Map Revisions by Dec. 6</td>
<td>Deadline to submit revisions to posted maps that will be posted Dec. 10 and considered by Council at Dec. 17 hearing.</td>
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<td>Community Forum Dec. 10</td>
<td>Opportunity to share thoughts about the draft maps.</td>
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<td>Jan. 14</td>
<td>Map adopted via ordinance. Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.</td>
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<td>Nov. 2020</td>
<td>Initial election in 3 Council districts</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>Update District lines using 2020 Census data</td>
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<td>Nov. 2022</td>
<td>Initial election in the other 3 Council districts</td>
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### Federal Laws

- Equal Population
- Federal Voting Rights Act
- No Racial Gerrymandering

### Districting Criteria and Principles

- Geographically Contiguous
- Neighborhoods and Communities of interest
- Clear visible (Natural & man-made) boundaries
- Compact (Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)
- Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office
- Future Population Growth
Latinos are particularly concentrated between San Pablo and I-580.
African-Americans are particularly concentrated in Hilltop, in the ‘Iron Triangle’, and between Ohio Ave and I-580.
Asian-Americans are concentrated around the country club and Hilltop Village in the north, in the hills of El Sobrante in the east, and along the border with El Cerrito in the south.
Non-Hispanic Whites are particularly concentrated along the water, south of I-580, along the border of El Cerrito, and in the hills of El Sobrante.
Map Summary

- Two maps received from plaintiff counsel
- Ten maps received from residents
  - 4 partial maps (one or two districts only, rest of city blank)
  - 3 non-contiguous maps
  - 1 contiguous but not quite population-balanced map, which could be adjusted to become population balanced
- Three maps received from NDC
- 8 full maps to consider tonight
  - 101 and 102 from plaintiff counsel
  - 113, 114 and 115 from NDC
  - 103, 104 and 107 from residents
    - But potential Federal Voting Rights Act concern with 103
Non-Contiguous: 105, 106, 111
Partial Maps: 108 and 109

Interactive review map
Partial Maps: 110 and 112
Hilltop Following I-80: 101, 114
Split South of 580: 103, 115

Note: NDC has Federal VRA concerns about map 103. Also needs slight population balancing.
Only 1 Neighborhood Split: 113
Highly Compact: 104
Railroad Focus: 107

Interactive review map
Jigsaw Map: 102

Interactive review map

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Discussion

1. Which map(s) do you prefer? Why?
2. What modification(s) would make your preferred map(s) even better?

3. Possible Council narrowing to a handful of “focus” maps
4. Possible Council direction on new / revised maps
Interactive review map