

# Town of Windsor Redistricting 2021 First Public Hearing





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The 2021 redistricting process

- Project timelines
- Key deadlines
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## **Town of Windsor**

Council Members hold 4 -year terms

 Districts 1, 2 & 4 terms begin November 2022

Districts 3 term end November 2024





# **Redistricting Process**

Step	Description
Initial Pre-Draft Hearing(s)	Held prior to release of draft maps.  Education and to solicit input from the community  Identify "neighborhoods," "communities of interest," and  "secondary areas."
Initial deadline for draft maps	Deadline for the public to submit draft maps for inclusion in the next hearing packet and presentation
Release draft maps	Draft maps posted to project website
Public Hearings (post-map)	Public Hearings to discuss and revise or adopt the draft map(s)
Map adoption	Map adopted via ordinance or resolution.  Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.





## Redistricting Rules and Goals

#### Federal Law

Equal Population
Federal Voting Rights Act
No Racial Gerrymandering

#### California Criteria for Cities

Topography Geography

Cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity of territory

Communities of Interest of the Division

Other traditional principles

Minimize voters shifted to different election years

Respect voters' choices / continuity in office

Future population growth

Preserving the core of existing districts

#### Prohibited:

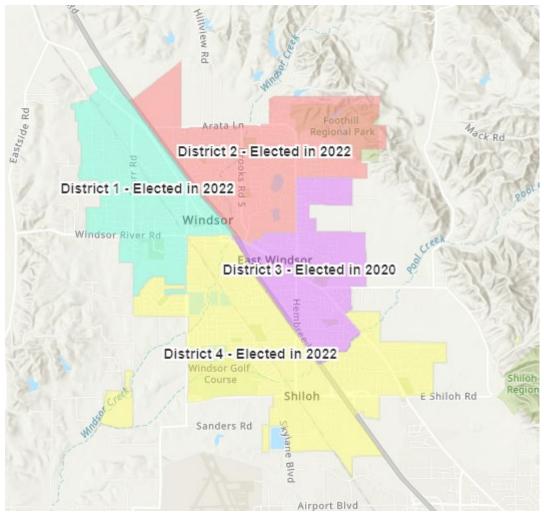
Shall not favor or discriminate against an incumbent, a candidate, or a political party.







## **Existing Districts**



Housing Stats





## Existing District Boundaries with 2020 Census Data

District	Total_Pop	Raw Dev	% Dev	Latino	CVAP19 Total
1	6110	-484.5	-7.35%	2903	469
2	6542	-52.5	-0.80%	1642	468
3	6382	-212.5	-3.22%	2345	513
4	7344	749.5	11.37%	2018	460
Total Pop	26378				
Ideal	6594.5				





## **Defining Neighborhoods**

1st 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 staff resources or planning records may be used to define neighborhoods and neighborhood boundaries





# **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 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.





## **Public Hearing & Discussion**

- What is your neighborhood and what are its boundaries?
- ➤ What other notable areas are in the city, and what are their boundaries?
- Inform the public on how they can participate
- > Any questions about what's next?

At the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing, Council will take public testimony and provide additional input regarding preferred map boundaries.





## Timeline & Next Steps

- ➤ The prisoner-adjusted census data was released by the state on September 20, 2021.
- Three additional public hearings must be held before the Council may vote on a proposed final boundary map.
- The approved map must be submitted to the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters by no later than April 17, 2022





# Timeline & Next Steps

Summer 2021	Mapping software released to the public.*				
	*Estimated time				
September 27, 2021	1st Public Hearing				
	Held prior to the release of draft maps				
October 25, 2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing				
	Held prior to the release of draft maps				
October 26, 2021	Mapping Tool released to the public				
Fall/Winter 2021/22	BB&K to prepare draft maps using 2020 census data				
December 30, 2021	Deadline for the public to submit draft maps for consideration at 3 <sup>rd</sup> public hearing				
January 17, 2022	Publish draft map(s)				
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January 24, 2022	3 <sup>rd</sup> Public Hearing				
	Consideration and input on proposed draft maps				
February 16, 2022	4 <sup>th</sup> Public Hearing				
	Council to introduce Ordinance approving final maps.				
April 17, 2022	City deadline to adopt and submit map to Registrar (2 <sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance must				
	occur by this date).				
November 2022	2022 Election				



