



# Describe Your Community of Interest

## What is redistricting?

Every ten years, electoral districts throughout the U.S. are redrawn to equalize the district populations. This process is called redistricting. It is important in ensuring that each Supervisor represents about the same number of constituents.

## What is a Community of Interest?

A Community of Interest is a group of people that share a common bond or interest. It is a concentrated population that should be included within a single district for purposes of effective and fair representation. Communities of Interest may not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or candidates.

### Examples of Communities of Interest:

- Senior citizens
- Recent immigrants from the same country / region
- LGBTQIA+ communities
- Residents who share a common language or culture
- People who use the same public transportation
- People who live in an industrial, rural or urban area
- People who use the same parks and recreation areas

## How can you tell the County about your Community of Interest?

- During a public hearing or workshop by providing public comment. Visit the website for a schedule of upcoming events: <https://SmcDistrictLines.org/schedule/>
- Online:
  - Submit a proposed district map by using the mapping tools available here: <https://SmcDistrictLines.org/draw-a-map>
  - Complete the Community of Interest web survey: <https://SmcDistrictLines.org/COI>
  - Submit a public comment by sending an email to: [DistrictLines@smcgov.org](mailto:DistrictLines@smcgov.org)
  - Post on social media (Facebook or Twitter) using the hashtag #SmcDistrictLines
- Paper:
  - Draw a map and/or Complete a Community of Interest Survey and submit:
    - Via email to [DistrictLines@smcgov.org](mailto:DistrictLines@smcgov.org)
    - Via mail/drop off to: County Manager's Office  
Attn: Redistricting  
400 County Center, 1st Floor  
Redwood City, CA 94063



## Why should you participate?

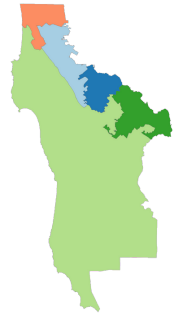
- To give your community a voice and make sure it has equal access to the political process.
- To help shape a redistricting plan that provides communities a meaningful opportunity to elect candidates who represent their interests on issues that are important to them.
- **Remember that you are the expert in your community and the County wants to hear your input!**



# Community of Interest Survey

**Community Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Use the same Community Name if you are submitting a map online at <https://SmcDistrictLines.org/draw-a-map>



## 1. What is your Community of Interest?

Describe your community's shared culture, interest, activity, business or other bond.

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## 2. Where is your Community of Interest?

Explain the geographic boundaries of your community of interest. What are the physical boundaries? Include any key landmarks such as parks, county facilities, schools, church, or other boundaries.

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## 3. How is your Community of Interest Impacted?

Describe how your community is affected by policy decisions made by the Board of Supervisors. (County services include housing, healthcare, elections, parks and recreation, child welfare, and public benefits).

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## Optional Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle which district do you live in:      District 1      District 2      District 3      District 4      District 5

If you're not sure, look up your district at: <https://bos.smcgov.org>

Can we contact you with additional redistricting information?    Yes    No