

City of San Diego Redistricting Principles

- **Non-partisan**
 - Our goals for redistricting are non-partisan and are only to be shaped by the interest of maximizing representation.
- **Maintain Fair and Competitive Districts**
 - Redistricting should maximize competitive elections. Competitive elections ensure that elected officials are accountable to taxpayers.
- **Responsive government**
 - Redistricting should help to increase the responsiveness of elected officials by creating compact and contiguous, follow geographic features and natural boundaries, and contain the lowest possible population deviation. We support the creation of districts that maximize the connection that councilmembers have with City of San Diego residents.
- **Maintain communities and established neighborhoods**
 - Recognized communities and neighborhoods should be maintained whenever possible. Compact and contiguous districts should recognize geographic features and natural boundaries.
- **Follow political geography of City**
 - Districts should follow the political geography of the City whenever possible (e.g. school district boundaries, community planning groups).
- **Legally defensible under the Voting Rights Act**
 - Redistricting should be consistent with The Voting Rights Act and subsequent court decisions.