


# REDISTRICTING 2021

Redistricting Outreach summary



## What is Redistricting?

Following the taking of each federal decennial census, the Council shall, by ordinance, redistrict the City into ten (10) numbered Districts. Redistricting is also required by state and federal law.



In any redistricting, the Council shall make the Districts as nearly equal in population as may be practicable, and may, in establishing the boundaries of the Districts, give consideration to


(a) natural boundaries, street lines and/or City boundaries;


(b) geography;


(c) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory; and


(a) community of interests within each District.


(City Charter)

- Meetings of the Redistricting Commission were held on the third Thursday of the month from March through September.
  - Communities of Interest public hearings held in every district:
    - August 7: Districts 1 and 6
    - August 12: Districts 2 and 8
    - August 21: Districts 9 and 10
    - September 11: Districts 3 and 7
    - September 11: Districts 4 and 5
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- Email notices were sent in English, Spanish and Vietnamese to:
    - Neighborhood organizations from list provided by the Office of the Mayor
    - Community based organizations
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- Notices in Spanish, English and Vietnamese were posted on the City of San José's Next Door targeting each district 1-2 weeks prior to the public hearings.
  - Notices in Spanish, English and Vietnamese were posted on the City of San José's Facebook page 1-2 weeks prior to the public hearings.
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- Members of the public were invited to draw their own maps using the DistrictR website
  - Several constituents presented their draft maps to the commission
  - Over 9 meetings held in October and November, hundreds of members of the public attended Redistricting Commission meetings and provided testimony
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- The commission heard strong support for two community submitted maps, The Community Map and the Unity Map.
  - Additionally, the Commission drew their own map called the Commission Map.
  - The Commission voted to move all three maps to Council
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- The Commission map received unanimous support.
  - The Community Map received support from 9 of the 11 members
  - The Unity Map received support from 6 of the 11 members
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- The City Council is required to hold three public meetings with at least one meeting held in the evening or on Saturday
  - The first public hearing is held tonight, November 30, with additional public meetings scheduled on December 7 and 14<sup>th</sup>. The City Council must make a decision no later than January 11.
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Conclusion

