



CVRA and Districting City of Carpinteria



City of
CARPINTERIA
California

Overview

This presentation will cover a range of topics to facilitate a process of public education and involvement in a transparent and fair districting process.

- The California Voting Rights Act
- Districting vs. Redistricting
- Traditional Districting/Redistricting Principles
- Population and Composition
- Mapping of the City of Carpinteria

What is the CVRA?

The California Voting Rights Act is a state law that prohibits the use of At-Large election systems in local government if there is racially polarized voting.

“At Large” is defined as anything other than a system in which an elected official lives in a district, and is only elected by members of that district.

“Racially Polarized Voting” is determined through an analysis which quantifies the amount of voting which can be shown to be correlated to race.

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What is Districting

definition

Districting is the initial process of creating election district boundaries.

These boundaries determine:

- Eligibility to run for office - must live within boundaries to qualify for election.
- Who votes in the election – only voters within the district vote for their councilmember.

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Districting is the initial process of creating election district boundaries.

These boundaries do not determine:

- How the city decides to govern. The city can still work to achieve goals that benefit the city as a whole rather than the interests of any single district.
- How services or relationships between the city and the public are managed.

What is Redistricting

Definition

Redistricting is the process of adjusting district lines every 10 years after the release of the US Census. The best known examples are Congress and the legislature.

Within the US, redistricting has become an extremely politicized process and been the subject of more high-profile Supreme Court decisions than any other part of our elections system.

Traditional Redistricting Principles

Preventing a Districting from becoming a Gerrymander

There are a number of criteria that have been used nationally and upheld by courts.

- Relatively equal size - people, not citizens
- Contiguous – districts should not hop/jump
- Maintain “*communities of interest*”
- Follow city/county/local government lines
- Keep districts compact – appearance/function

Additional Redistricting Rules

Criteria required in Carpinteria beyond Traditional Principles

The FAIR MAPS Act adds more criteria to the process.

- Requires cities and counties to conduct outreach and reach out to Community-based Organizations
- Hold minimum set of hearings, encourage public engagement.
- Posting of all redistricting commission information on a website that is maintained *for the next 10 years*.



2020 Census

	CARPINTERIA
Population	13,293
Deviation	0
Deviation %	0.0%
Other	6,434
Other %	48.4%
Latino	6,485
Latino %	48.8%
Asian	299
Asian %	2.2%
Black	75
Black %	0.6%

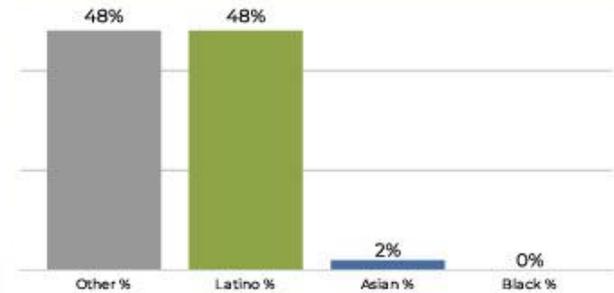
Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP)

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Total CVAP	9,005
Other CVAP	6,045
Other CVAP %	67.1%
Latino CVAP	2,705
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Asian CVAP	203
Asian CVAP %	2.3%
Black CVAP	52
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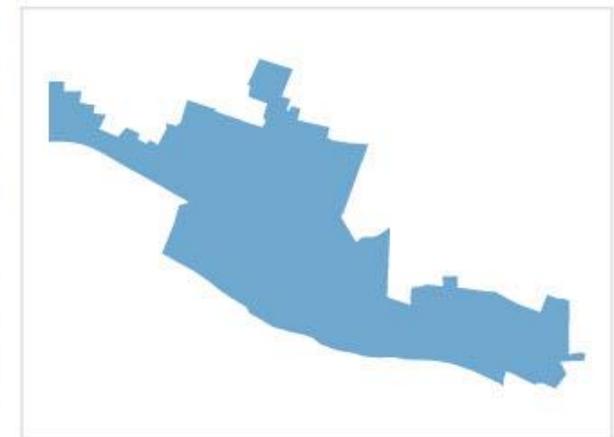
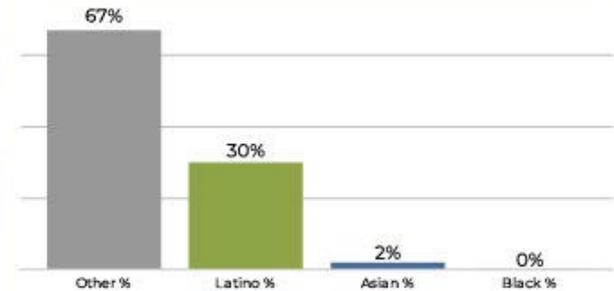
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Public Outreach

Input can be provided in public hearings or using our paper maps, online forms or on the website -

<https://carpinteriaprojects.com/district-elections/>

 **COMMUNITY MAPPING TOOL**

ONCE COMPLETE

1. Email a photo of your completed map to Carpinteriadistrictelections@ci.carpinteria.ca.us
2. Mail it to: City Clerk
5775 Carpinteria Ave
Carpinteria, CA 93013
3. Drop it off at City Hall in person at the Front Desk

NAME _____

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THE RULES

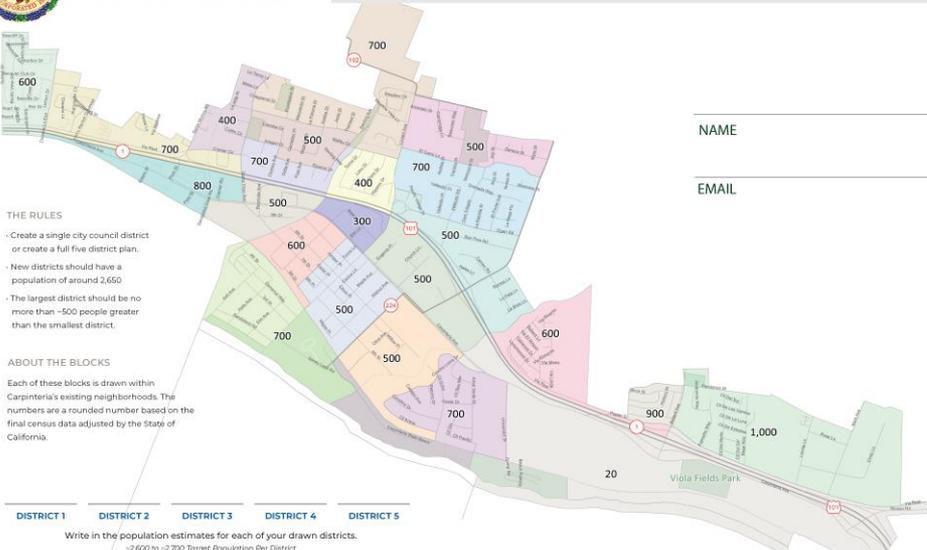
- Create a single city council district or create a full five district plan.
- New districts should have a population of around 2,650
- The largest district should be no more than +500 people greater than the smallest district.

ABOUT THE BLOCKS

Each of these blocks is drawn within Carpinteria's existing neighborhoods. The numbers are a rounded number based on the final census data adjusted by the State of California.

DISTRICT 1 **DISTRICT 2** **DISTRICT 3** **DISTRICT 4** **DISTRICT 5**

Write in the population estimates for each of your drawn districts.
~2,600 to ~2,700 Target Population Per District



Communities of Interest & Districts

Drawing YOUR Communities of Interest

The City of Carpinteria is using DistrictR as a public mapping tool to allow residents to draw their own Communities of Interest and 5 District map plans.



You draw the lines.

<https://districtr.org/event/Carpinteria>

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Next Steps

- In January, draft maps will be presented after Redistricting Partners analyzes all of the Community of Interest feedback, and also analyzes all the maps received via paper map or online at DistrictR.
 - These maps are the first draft in an iterative process that will allow for additional comment and feedback.
- In February, Redistricting Partners will present a second set of draft maps to the City Council incorporating feedback from January.
- In March, the City Council will vote on a final map.

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What's Next

Public hearings will be held to obtain input on communities of interest and receive feedback

September 20th

September 22th

September 26th

November 8th

December 13th

January

February

March

District Elections Public Workshop

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District Elections Public Workshop

Pre-Map Hearing

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Draft Map Hearing

Draft Map Hearing

Final Map Hearing



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