

Redistricting in the City of Bellflower

Public Hearing – April 26, 2021



What is redistricting?

- Process that occurs every 10 years when Census results are released to adjust boundaries of voting districts in accordance with population shifts.
- Proposed district lines must meet strict requirements to ensure fair and equitable districts.
- Over 500 California jurisdictions will redistrict in 2021-2022.
- FAIRMAPS Act (AB 849) and AB 1276 requires public education and outreach during the map drawing process.
- Final map adopted by April 17, 2022, and implemented for November 2022 election.



What does redistricting look like?

- Community Outreach
- Input via public hearings, workshops and public mapping tools
- Drawing maps with data and analysis



How is this process different?

- COVID-19 impacted the delivery date of the Census Data
- Mandatory community outreach
 - Required to host 4 meetings and/or hearings
 - One meeting must happen before the board/council draws a map
 - At least two meetings must happen after the board/council draws draft maps
 - At least one meeting must be held on a weekend or post 6 p.m.



How do we draw lines?

1. Federal Laws

- Equal Population
- Federal Voting Rights Act
- No Racial Gerrymandering

2. California Criteria for Counties and Cities

Geographically contiguous
Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest”

(Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)

Easily identifiable boundaries

Compact

(Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

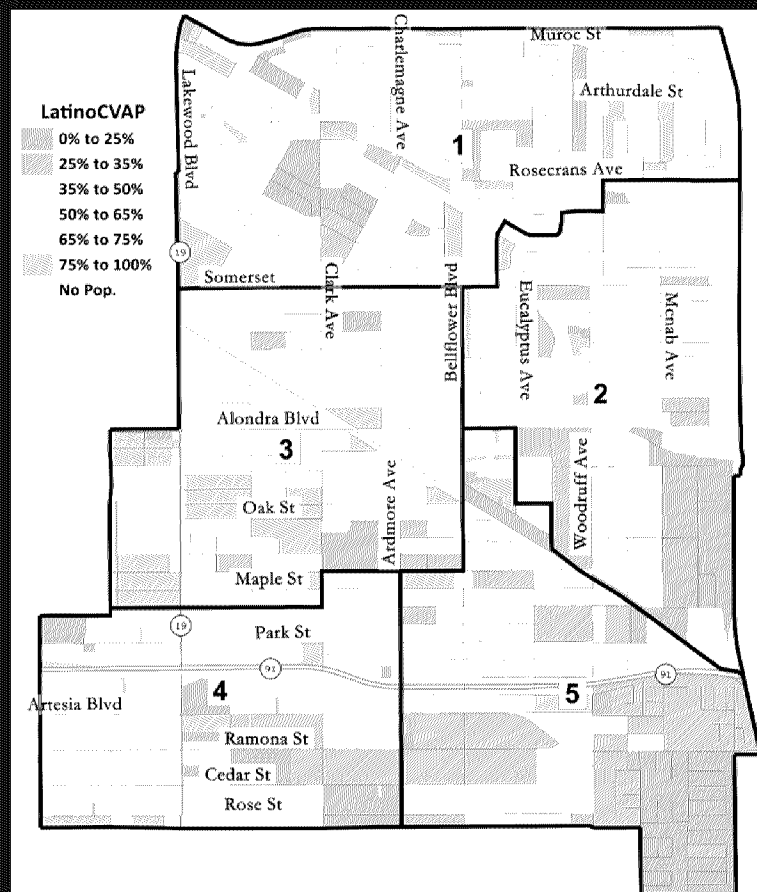
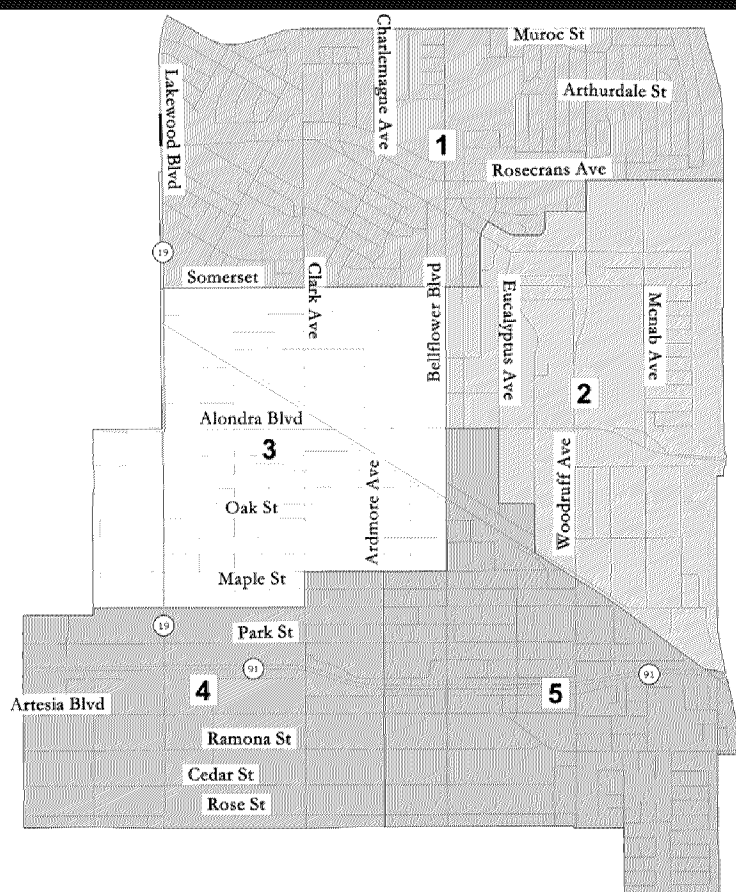
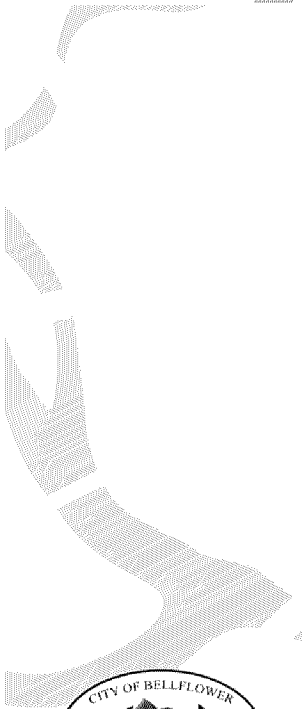
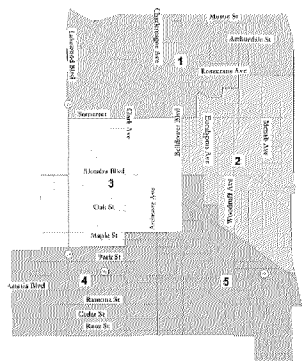
Prohibited: favoring or discriminating against a political party

3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

- Respect voters' choices / avoid head to head contests
- Future population growth
- Minimize voters switched from 2022 to 2024 elections



Existing Districts and Latino CVAP



LatinoCVAP
 0% to 25%
 25% to 35%
 35% to 50%
 50% to 65%
 65% to 75%
 75% to 100%
 No Pop.

What are the map drawing tools?

- Paper-only maps
- Paper maps with a Microsoft Excel Supplement Kit
- Online community/neighborhood-drawing tool
- Online map-drawing tool



Who's involved?

- Demographer, outreach consultants and City staff are all involved to help educate residents on the process, receive input and help adopt maps.
- All aspects of the Bellflower community including underrepresented and non-English speaking communities.



Timeline

May –
October,
2021

- Outreach to community
- Hold 2nd Public Education and Input Hearing

October –
December

- Receive Census data from the State (October)
- Residents submit draft maps

January &
February


- Public hearings to review and revise draft maps

By April 17,
2022

- Map adoption and submission to Registrar of voters

What's next?

- Announcement of future hearing dates
- Availability of online map-drawing tools
- For more info and to stay up-to-date on Bellflower's redistricting efforts, please visit: drawbellflower.org



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Every 10 years, local governments use new data from the Census to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. The City of Bellflower is asking for your help to plan, draw and redivide new City districts.

The finalized maps that you will help us create will change how you elect your City Council Members for the 10 years.

Our primary goal when drawing election districts is to draw lines that respect neighborhoods, history and geographical elements. So we want to know: What do you consider the boundaries of your neighborhood?

Share your specific thoughts, draw a map or attend an upcoming workshop to get involved!

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Please note this schedule is subject to change.

For more details about attending and participating in City Council meetings, please see the [City of Bellflower's website](#). Staff reports, demographer presentations and other meeting-related materials will be posted in our [Agenda Center](#).

- Spring/Summer 2021: The City will finalize the schedule for at least four public hearings plus educational community workshops.
- Spring/Summer 2021: The City will begin creating and distributing outreach materials and holding educational workshops.
- Fall 2021: The City will receive Census data from the State "no sooner than September 30"
- Fall 2021/Winter 2022: The City will conduct at least four public hearings plus workshops. Please check back here for finalized dates.
- Spring 2022: The City will adopt the finalized map adoption and submit it to the Registrar of Voters.
- November 2022: First election with the new City districts.

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