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?

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<td>Equal Population</td>
<td>Geographically contiguous</td>
<td>Respect voters’ choices / avoid head to head contests</td>
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<td>Federal Voting Rights Act</td>
<td>Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest”</td>
<td>Future population growth</td>
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<td>No Racial Gerrymandering</td>
<td>(Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)</td>
<td>Minimize voters switched from 2022 to 2024 elections</td>
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<td>(Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)</td>
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Existing Districts and Latino CVAP

[Map showing existing districts and Latino CVAP percentages]
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

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

May – October, 2021

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

October – December

- Public hearings to review and revise draft maps

January & February

- Map adoption and submission to Registrar of voters

By April 17, 2022
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