

CURIOUS HOW REDISTRICTING COULD IMPACT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

District lines can help your community's voice be heard by elected officials - or make it harder. These maps impact who makes decisions about the issues you care about, like healthcare, education, affordable housing, community services, fair wages and more. Below are examples of how previous redistricting efforts have affected California neighborhoods.

Berryessa, San Jose

- In the 2001 district maps, the Berryessa neighborhood of San Jose was divided into four Assembly and two Senate districts.
- When they wanted to raise issues or weigh in on what their Assemblymembers and State Senators should focus on, they had to direct their efforts in multiple directions. It was challenging and hard to be effective.
- During the 2011 redistricting process, community members successfully advocated for their neighborhood and other surrounding areas to be kept together in one district with shared priorities, restoring and even amplifying their voice.

South East Asian/Hmong Communities in Fresno

- When the district lines are drawn, your neighborhood benefits if you're grouped with other neighborhoods who have similar interests and priorities. Your collective voices will be louder.
- For example, in 2011 the Hmong community in Fresno asked for a district map that kept their neighborhood together so their power would not be divided. They also asked to be paired with nearby Latinx communities since they had many overlapping concerns and wanted to be able to vote together for someone to represent those shared interests.
- Californians' line drawers need to hear from residents to make sure they draw lines that empower our communities/communities.

Watts, Los Angeles

- When a massive rain and hail storm in 2003 caused widespread blackouts, building damage, and property loss, residents struggled to get timely information and assistance from the government because they were divided into multiple districts.
- Being divided into multiple districts created a lot of communication and coordination challenges, causing confusion and frustration for Watts residents.
- In the 2011 redistricting cycle, Watts was reunited into a single State Senate (SD-35) and Congressional district (CA-44) so community members know exactly who is accountable to them.

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