Providing Feedback on Local Draft Maps

You Have a Voice in Local Redistricting

Many local jurisdictions are in the process of redrawing electoral district lines this year, including local school boards, City Council seats, and Board of Supervisor districts. One of the best ways you can get involved with the redistricting process is by providing feedback on how these proposals will impact you and your community.

Where Can I Find Draft Map Proposals for My Local Jurisdiction?
The most recent map proposals for your local jurisdictions, like the Board of Supervisors or City Council, can be found on their redistricting website. Look for links or headers titled Draft Maps. There may be regular updates since many line drawers will be making changes to these proposals as public comment comes in.

For questions about redistricting where you live, please feel free to email redistricting@advancingjustice-alc.org.

How Can I Effectively Advocate for Changes to Draft Maps?
Here are some guiding questions to help you think about how draft district maps will affect you. Check out our script on the last page if you need help planning a comment to provide feedback.

Does the proposal split your neighborhood or community between multiple districts?

- If the current draft map proposals cut through your community, tell local line drawers where your community is located and ask them not to divide your community. You can do so by sharing specific neighborhoods, streets, or landmarks that are important to your community.

- Describe your community: What are your shared interests or policy needs? Why should you be kept together?

- Make a specific ask: If a line cuts through your community, provide a recommendation to local line drawers on where to move it.

Why Is It Important to Keep a Community in One District?

Splitting a community across multiple districts disrupts their ability to effectively advocate to local politicians. If a community is drawn together in one district they have a stronger voice to raise the issues that are important to them.

Does the proposal group your community with others who have similar interests?

- If the draft maps group you with communities that have different policy priorities, it means your elected officials might be less likely to advocate for your priorities. If you’d rather be grouped with another community, identify who they are and where they are located. Explain what your shared interests are.
- Why would you be better paired with another community? What are your shared interests?

- If you’d like to be grouped with another area or community, be specific in your feedback to line drawers. You can also suggest an alternative for how the lines should be drawn.

**What if the proposed lines keep my community whole?**

- If you like the proposed lines because they keep your community whole and keep you with similar communities, let the line-drawers know by providing a supporting comment to the local line drawers. It’s important for local line drawers to know if the lines they draw are favorable to your community, otherwise they might change them.

- Thank the local line drawers for the initial map proposal and affirm how it keeps your community whole. Identify who your community is, where you are located, and why it’s important to be kept together.
Draft Map Feedback Guide

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in front of you today. My name is ________________ and I would like to provide feedback about the ________________ community.

My community is located in:
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

We have the following shared characteristics:
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

The most recent map proposals impact my community by:
[Splifying my community apart.] OR [Keeping my community together.] OR [Pairing my community with a community that has different interests.]
__________________________________________________________________________

Today I am asking the [insert jurisdiction’s line drawers] to:
[Move the proposed boundary.] OR [Pair us with a different community with similar interests.] OR [Keep the proposed boundary.]
__________________________________________________________________________

(If applicable) My reason for pairing us with a different community with closer shared interests is:
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

(If applicable) My suggestion on where to move the boundary is:
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It is important to keep my community whole because:
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
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Thank you for hearing from me today.