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SIMI VALLEY TO HOST A SECOND VIRTUAL REDISTRICTING WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

The City will host another virtual Redistricting Workshop on Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. as part of the post-Census redistricting process. This workshop will review the mapping tool available to residents and include a discussion of “Communities of Interest.” The mapping tool and the map for public download is available at redistrictsimivalley.org. Paper maps are also available at City Hall and at the Simi Valley Public Library. Residents who would like to participate in the Redistricting Workshop may do so by using this link, <https://simivalley.zoom.us/j/83485288853>, or by calling in at (346) 248-7799, Webinar ID: 834 8528 8853. Live Spanish translation of the Workshop will be available.

Redistricting is important to City residents because it determines which neighborhoods are grouped together into a district for the purpose of electing City Council Members. Residents are invited to participate in this process by sharing comments and proposing maps for redrawing the lines.

In addition to the workshop on Saturday, January 8, the City also invites the community to attend the upcoming redistricting meetings:

- **January 24, 2022:** Public Hearing: 1st reading of ordinance introducing the final map (During the City Council meeting)
- **February 14, 2022:** Public Hearing: 2nd reading of ordinance and adoption of final map (During the City Council meeting)

The City has launched [redistrictsimivalley.org](http://www.redistrictsimivalley.org) at <http://www.redistrictsimivalley.org> to increase public awareness and participation in the redrawing of election district boundaries. This website will serve as the central information point for the redistricting process and will include all related staff reports, presentations, and other informational resources. The City will also publish all District maps submitted for consideration on this website.

As City residents consider their feedback to the City Council, there are six criteria established by state law for how the district lines are redrawn:

1. Districts must be kept together, sharing a common border with other districts.
2. Local neighborhoods and communities should be kept together, and not split.
3. Neighborhoods should be kept together where possible, with minimal division.
4. Boundaries that separate districts should be easily identifiable (i.e., rivers, streets, highways).

5. Districts should be compact, not stretched to include specific neighborhoods or communities.
6. Boundaries cannot be drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party.

The City of Simi Valley encourages the public to get involved in the redistricting process, review the redrawing criteria, and join at least one of the community meetings. **The deadline to submit a map for consideration is January 18, 2022.**

The redistricting process occurs every 10 years with the release of new U.S. Census data to ensure that each City Council member represents about the same number of constituents. For more information about the City's redistricting process and how you can participate, please attend one of the upcoming meetings, visit the redistricting website at redistrictsimivalley.org, or email redistrict@simivalley.org.

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