



Redistricting Advisory Commission

Humboldt County

AGENDA

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

10:00 AM

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the Redistricting Advisory Commission meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

Instructions for Listening and Participation can be found at the end of this agenda.

- A. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
- B. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- C. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
- D. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- D.1. **Approval Of 8.04.2021 Action Summary**

Documents:

[RAC Action Summary 8.4.21.pdf](#)

- D.2. **STAFF UPDATES**

Documents:

[RAC Calendar ADOPTED 8.4.21.pdf](#)

- D.3. **OUTREACH UPDATE**

California Center for Rural Policy

- E. **TRAINING SESSION**

- E.1. **The Commissioner Role & Best Practices**

Cynthia Dai, 2010-2020, CA Citizens Redistricting Commission

Carlos Marquez, 2011-2012 San Diego City Redistricting Commission

- E.2. **Communities Of Interest**

Kathay Feng, National Redistricting Director, Common Cause

Documents:

[2021 Redistricting in CA and Humboldt KF 0806.pdf](#)

F. **ADJOURNMENT**

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2. Via Phone:

Dial: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 301 715 8592

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**Redistricting Advisory Commission
Humboldt County
Action Summary
Wednesday, August 4 2021
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Zoom**

A. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

B. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Training session on The Brown Act moved to right after the introduction of Commission Members

C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

D. STAFF UPDATES

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Introduction of Commission Members

Commissioners in Attendance: Lisa Russ, Roman Rubalcava, Camilla Zapata, Brian Mitchell, Lisa Dugan

Staff Present: Neftali Miller-Rubio, Senior Administrative Analyst, Humboldt County Administrative Office

Contracted Staff Support: Dawn Arledge, Executive Director, California Center for Rural Policy; Alannah Smith, Program Manager, California Center for Rural Policy; Kimi Shigetani, Chief Administrative Officer, Redistricting Partners

2. Review of Commission Rules & Procedures

Recommendation: Agendize process for changing rule number 3 related to the quorum required for the Commission to initiate a transaction of business. Request to change quorum from 4 members to 3 members.

3. Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair

Recommendation: Nomination of Brian Mitchell as Commission Chair

A motion was made by Commission Member Lisa Dugan, seconded by Commission Member Camilla Zapata that the nomination of Brian Mitchell as Chair be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5- Lisa Russ, Roman Rubalcava, Camilla Zapata, Brian Mitchell, Lisa Dugan

Recommendation: Nomination of Camilla Zapata as Commission Vice Chair

A motion was made by Commission Member Lisa Dugan, seconded by Commission Member Brian Mitchell that the nomination of Camilla Zapata as Vice Chair be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5- Lisa Russ, Roman Rubalcava, Camilla Zapata, Brian Mitchell, Lisa Dugan

4. Proposed Meeting Schedule

Recommendation: Revisions to proposed meeting scheduled

- Update October 26 to October 27
- Add asterisk to proposed dates for September & October RAC Meetings to reflect that meeting dates are dependent on release of the final 2020 Census data

A motion was made by Commission Member Roman Rubalcava, seconded by Commission Member Camilla Zapata that the proposed meeting schedule with revisions be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5- Lisa Russ, Roman Rubalcava, Camilla Zapata, Brian Mitchell, Lisa Dugan

5. Proposed Outreach - CCRP

Recommendations:

- Explore options for hosting hybrid (Zoom & in-person) outreach trainings
- Agendize review of policies for hosting outreach trainings as official RAC meetings in order avoid violation of any Brown Act laws if more than 2 members attend

F. TRAINING SESSION

Brown Act – Clerk of the Board

G. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned 11:43 am

Meeting Recording:

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Humboldt County Redistricting Advisory Committee Calendar

July 20	RAC Appointed by Board of Supervisors & Redistricting Process
Aug. 4	RAC Meeting - Training #1: Election of Chair/Vice Chair, Brown Act Presentation, Outreach Planning, RAC Schedule
Aug. 11	RAC Meeting - Training #2: Presentation on Traditional Redistricting Principals
Aug. 18	RAC Meeting - Training #3: Presentations on Community of Interest Testimony, the Federal Voting Rights Act, and the Fair Maps Act
Aug. 25	RAC Meeting - Training #4: Draft Outreach Hearing Agenda, Outreach Hearing Presentation, and DistrictR Demonstration
Aug/Sept.	Public Hearing held during Board of Supervisors Meeting on Redistricting Principals, Outreach plan and timeline, RAC encouraged to participate (Hearing #1)
Sept. 1	• Reserved for Outreach Workshops • Outreach Workshops will be held during the month of September and hosted by the California Center for Rural Policy (Hearing #2)
Sept. 8	
Sept. 15	
Sept. 22	
Sept. 23	Statewide Database releases final 2020 Census file to be used in redistricting for Cities & Counties
Sept. 29*	RAC Meeting on draft plans and Community of Interest (COI) testimony gathered during outreach
Oct. 13*	RAC Meeting to review/approve the recommended plan or plans for presentation to the Board of Supervisors
Oct. 27*	RAC Meeting to approve the recommended plan or plans for presentation to the Board of Supervisors
Nov. 2	<i>Board of Supervisors</i> Meeting to discuss recommended plan or plans from the RAC, make changes, and hear from the public (Hearing #3)
Nov. 16	<i>Board of Supervisors</i> Meeting to vote on a final plan <u>OR</u> make final changes to a plan or plans (Hearing #4)
Dec. 14	<i>Board of Supervisors</i> Meeting to vote on a final plan
Dec. 15	Deadline to pass the final Board of Supervisor plan under the Fair Maps Act

*These schedule dates are dependent on the release of final 2020 Census data

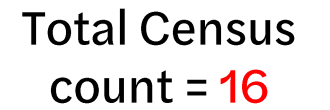


Common Cause

Holding Power Accountable

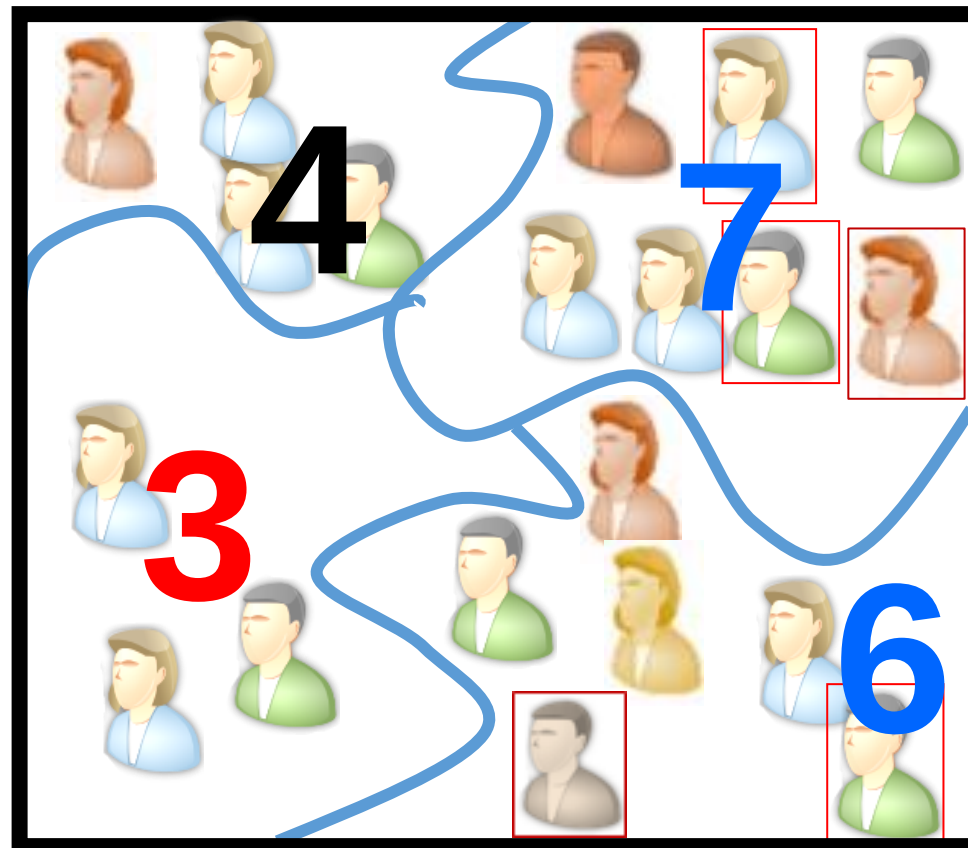


What is Redistricting?


$$16 \div 4 = 4$$

Ideal number
of people in
district = 4

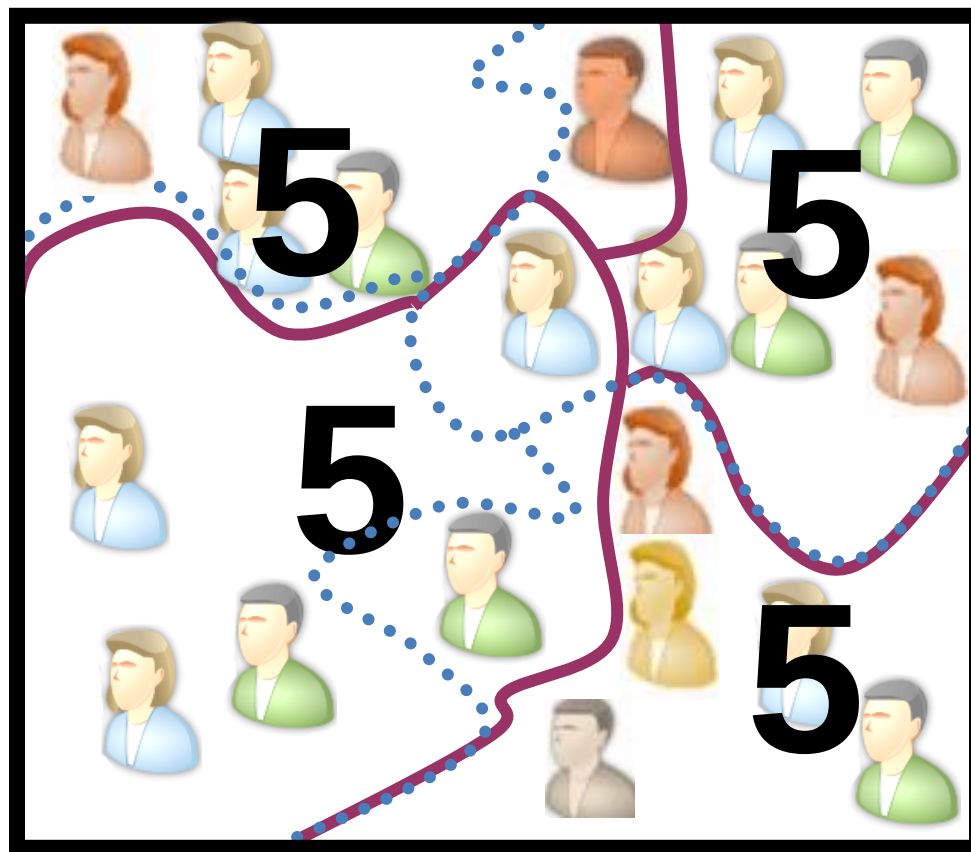
Over time, districts become uneven in population.



**What is
Redistricting?**

Every ten years, the district lines have to be redrawn to make each district even in the number of people again.

What is Redistricting?



Total Census count = 20

Number of districts = 4

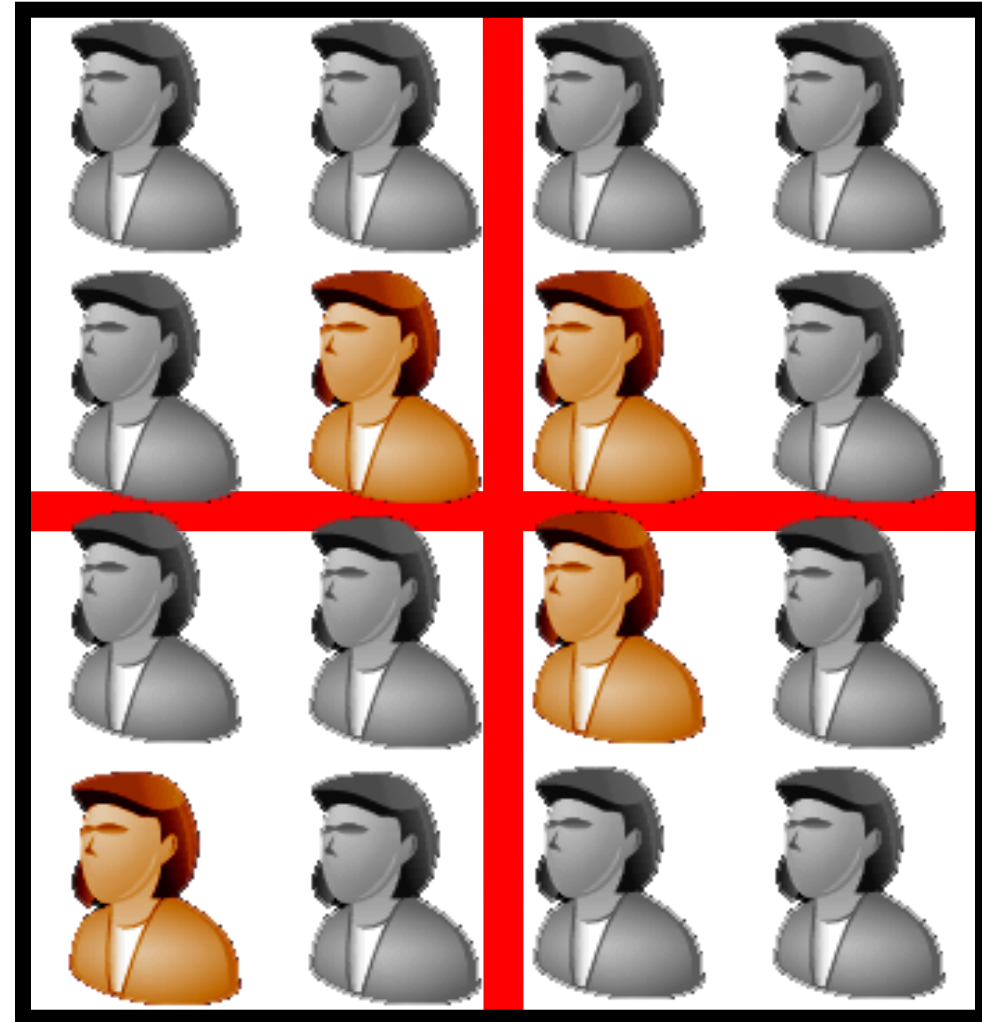
$$20 \div 4 = 5$$

Ideal number of people in district = 5

The way the lines are drawn can be used to take away **minority voting rights**.

Why does Redistricting Matter?

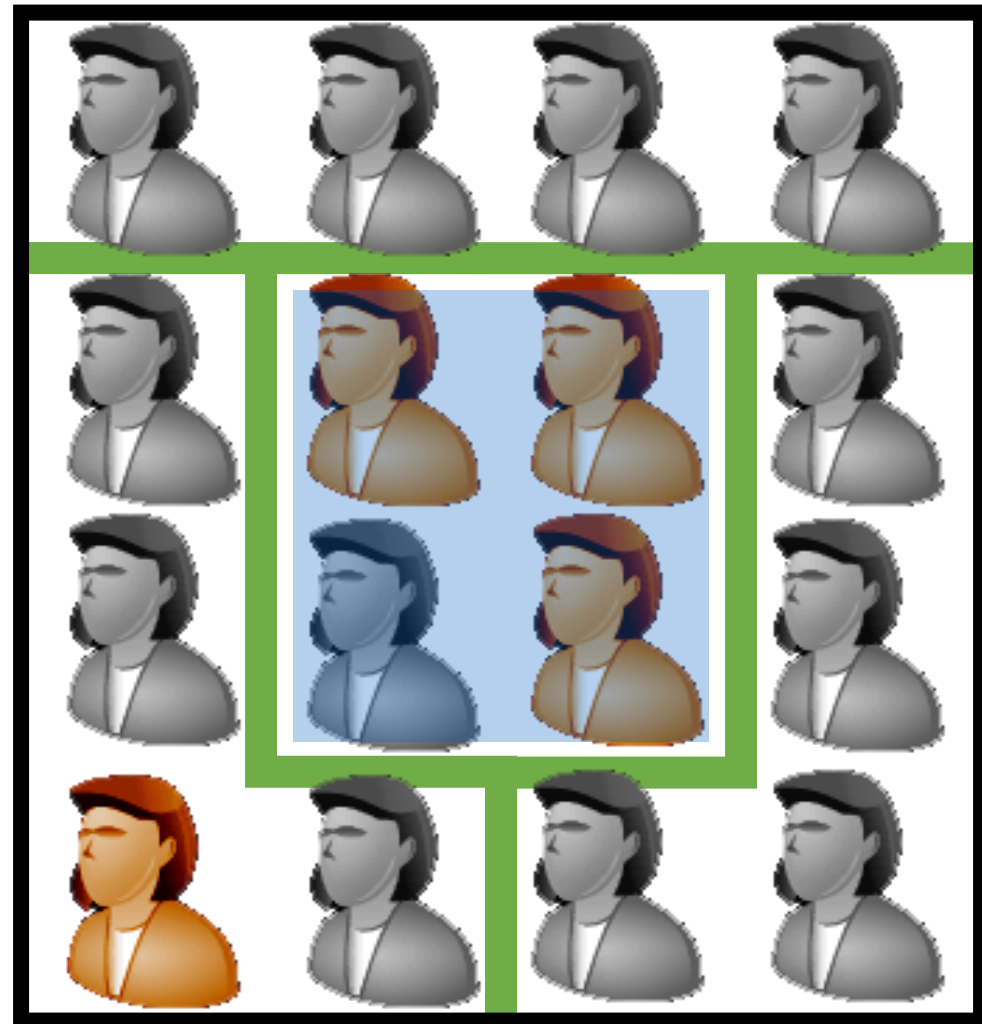
Minorities make up only $\frac{1}{4}$ in all four districts



When people organize, we can elect candidates of our **community's choice**.

Minorities
make up $\frac{3}{4}$
of this
district

If a majority
can be
drawn, the
Voting
Rights Act
requires it



Why does
Redistricting
Matter?



California's Redistricting Story



HEY, MR.
GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL, WHAT'S
GOING ON
UNDER THERE?

TRUST ME.
YOU DON'T NEED
TO KNOW.

THE
PUBLIC

CLOAK
of
SECRECY



September 12, 2001



**Take a
guess where
this picture is
from**

**What are the real life
impacts of gerrymanders?**

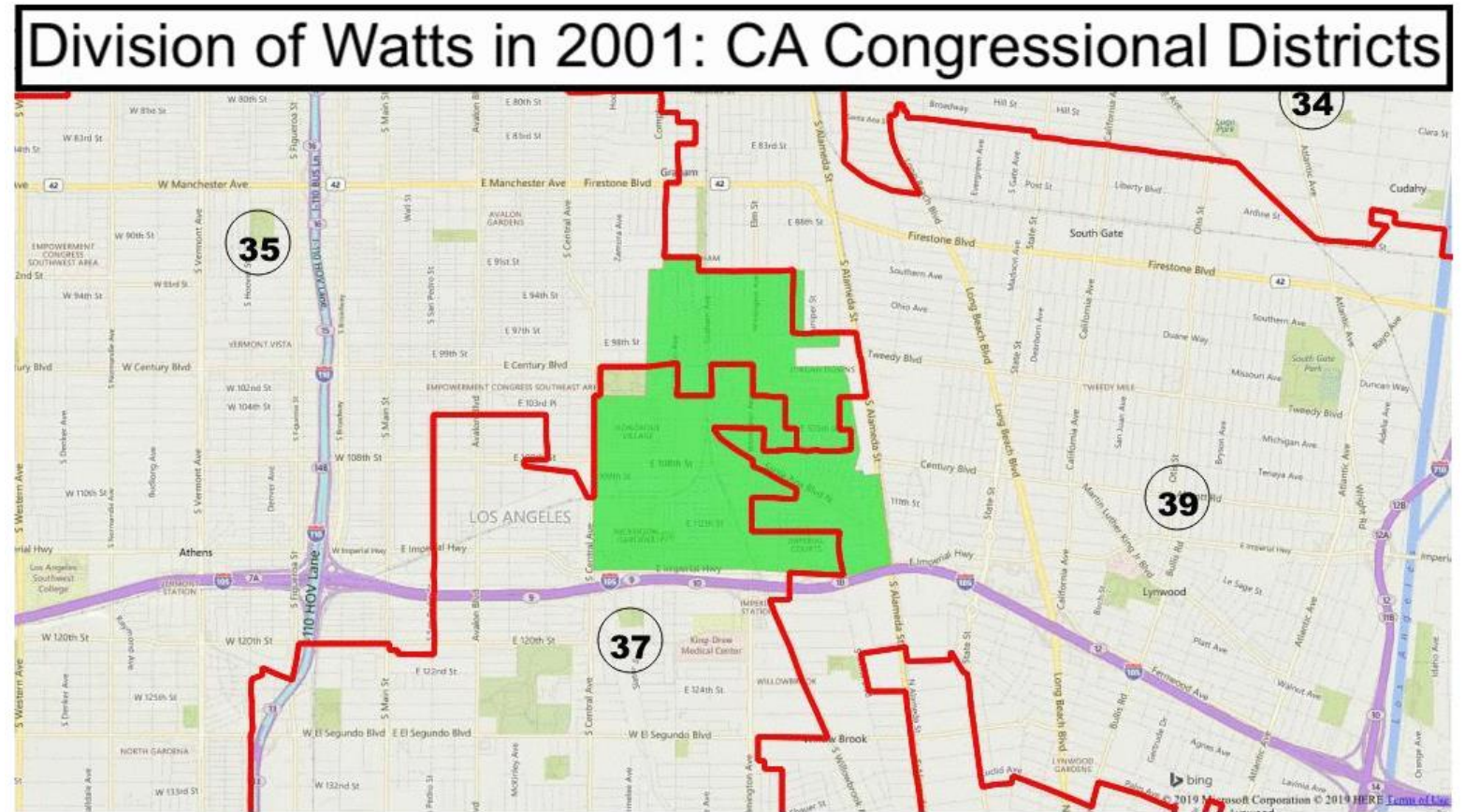


**In a time of
need, Watts
was ignored.**

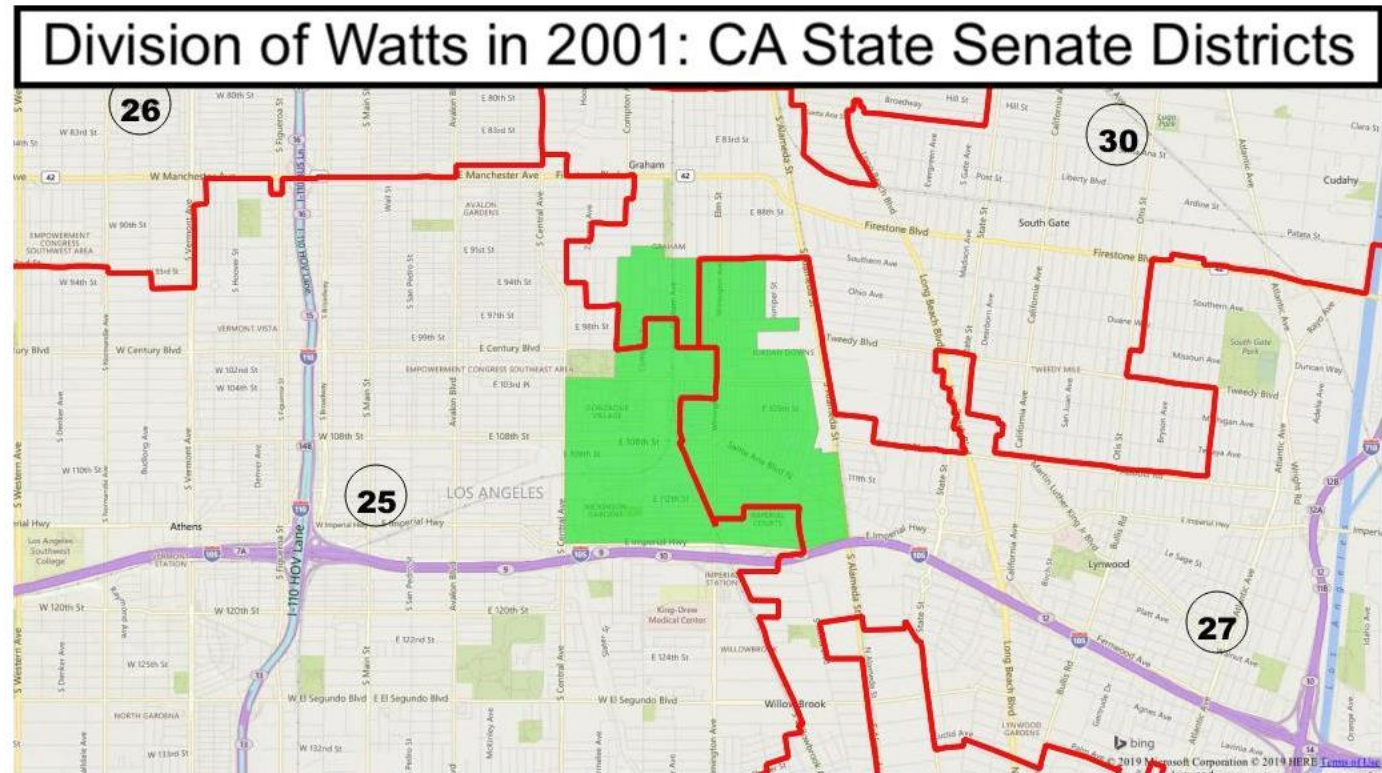


In 2001, Watts was split by incumbents into 3 districts at the Congressional level.

Why? Because
the Watts
neighborhood
was split by
district lines



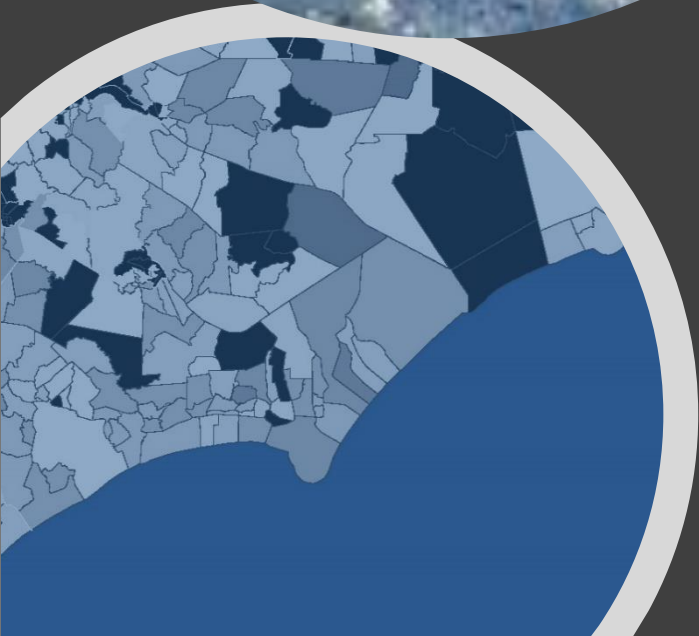
In 2001, Watts was split by incumbents into 3 districts at the state Senate level.



**Why? Because
the Watts
neighborhood
was split by
district lines**



**Because of
redistricting,
community voices
and needs were
abandoned.**



“At the time of the 2003 flood, I remember our office trying to be very responsive, but there was a lot of ping-ponging of constituents between elected representatives. Residents weren't sure who actually was their member of Congress.”

Watts is cut into three different Congressional and state Senate districts. Residents who live on the same street may live in different districts. There was a lot of unnecessary frustration for constituents during a difficult time.

This would have never happened if all of Watts belonged to one district.”

- Romulo Rivera, former Congressional staffer

In 2008, an unusual coalition of people from left, right and center pushed for **Prop 11's** redistricting reform.



CA's Citizen Redistricting Commission

**CITIZEN
EMPOWERMENT**



CA's Citizen Redistricting Commission

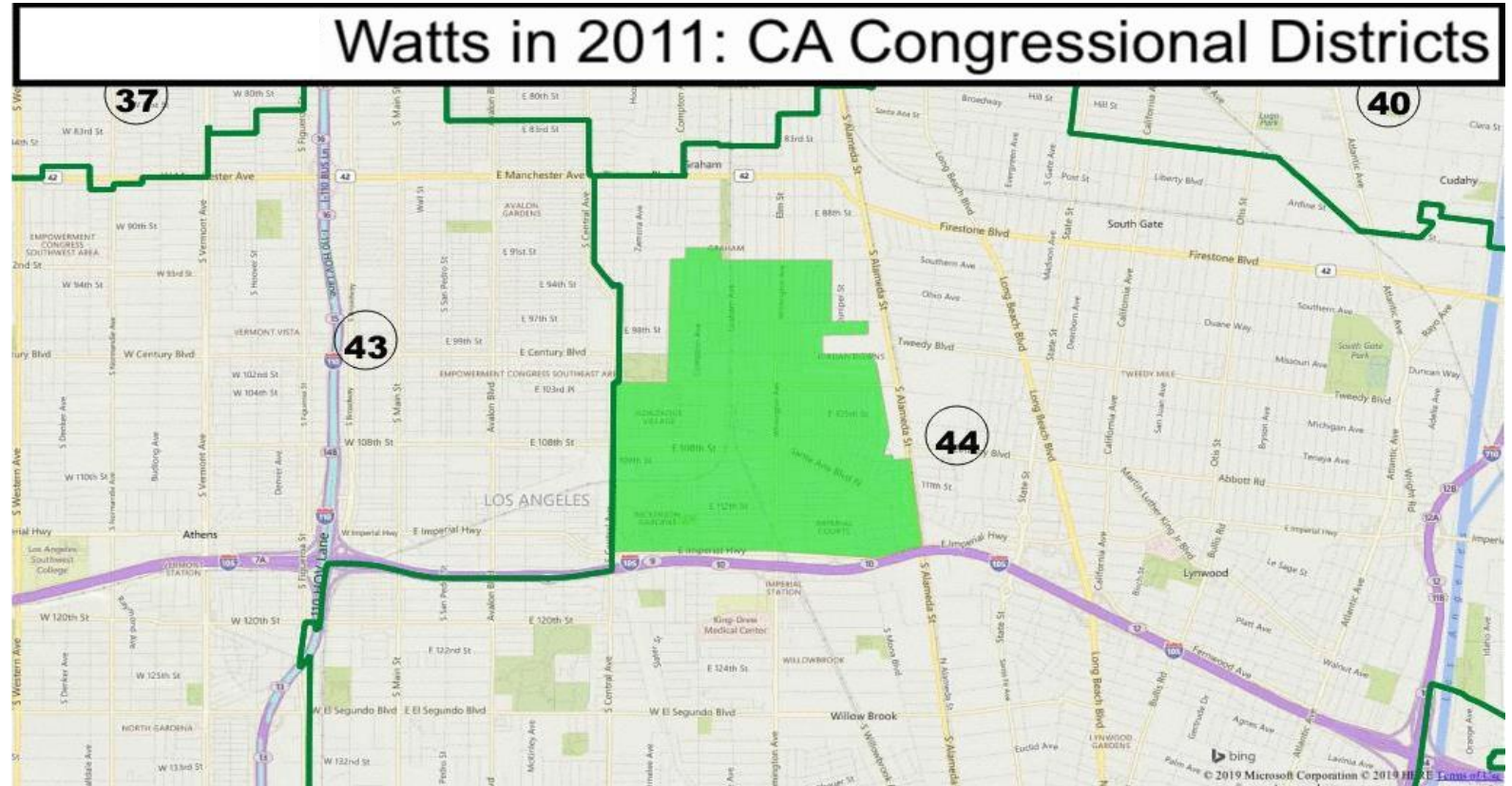
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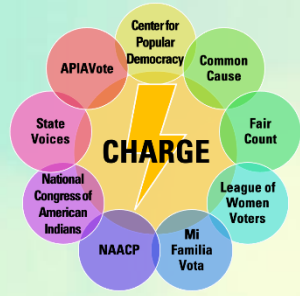
In all, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

- Held over 100 public meetings
- Met in 32 cities over an eight month period.
- Received input from over 20,000 members of the public

**After 2011, leaders united to testify about Watts
before the CA Citizens Commission.
Watts was made whole.**



**Redistricting
matters because
it can lift
community
voices**

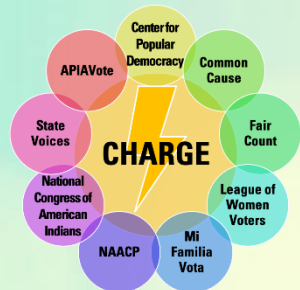


Community Mapping: Let's get started!

Listen for stories that cover the 3 Cs:

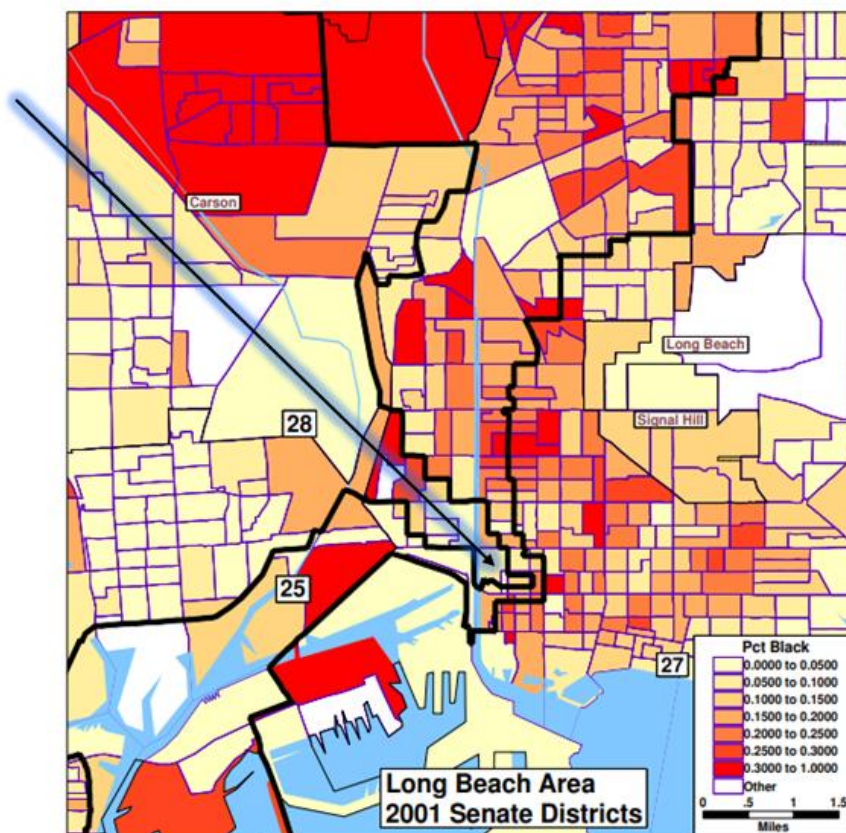


- **CULTURE:** How would you describe the **people** who are part of your community? What do we have in common? What is our history? What are our languages? What do we celebrate? What do we value?
- **CONCERNS:** What **issues** need attention from government? What community projects need resources? Are there examples of elected officials ignoring our concerns?
- **COUNT:** Is there **data** we can present that strengthens our stories? (Number of people in our community, % POC, income levels, distance from hospitals, lack of greenspace)



Community Mapping: What are the 3 C's?

In 2001, the Legislature gave Long Beach the "boot."



Culture/Character:

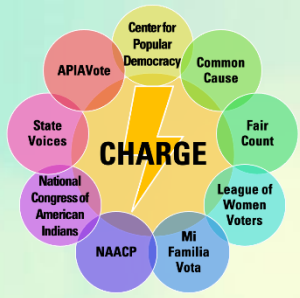
- Washington neighborhood has a lot of working class Latinx families. When we have community gatherings, you will hear a lot of Spanish spoken.

Concerns:

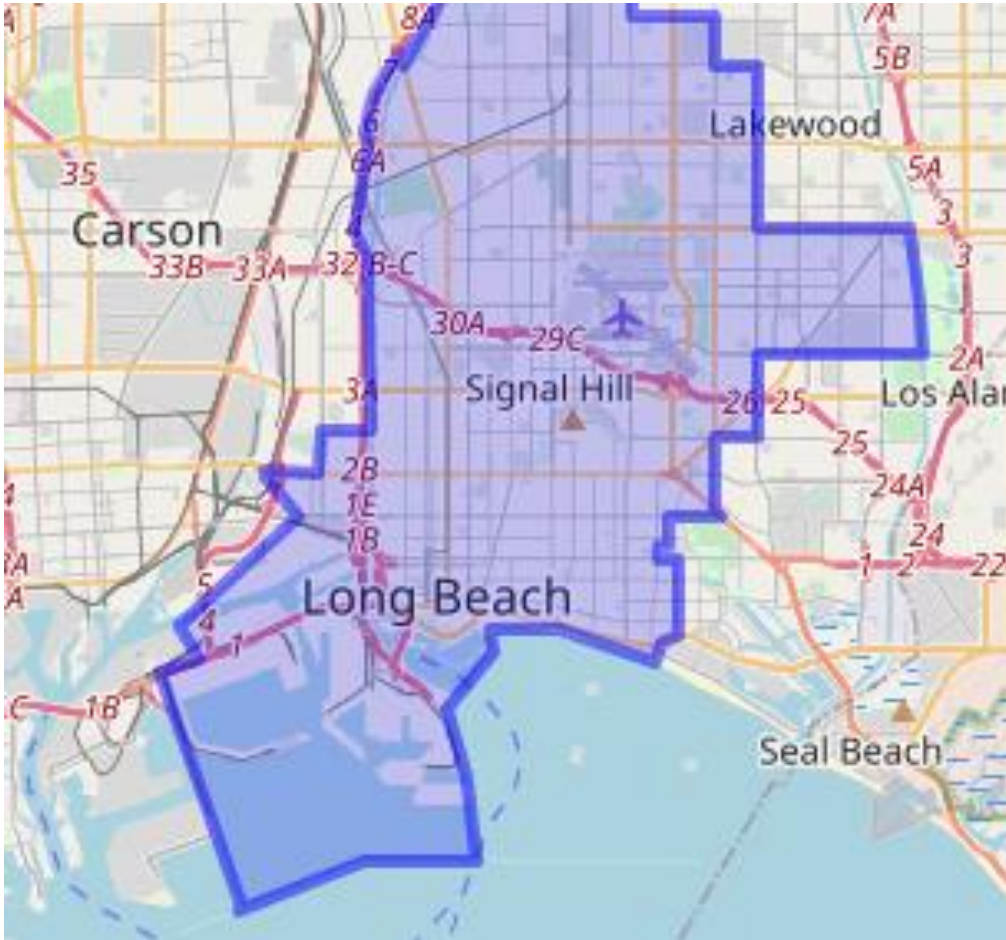
- Mrs. Zazueta: "At least every other day, I have to tell my 8-year-old daughter that she can't play outside with her friends. She has asthma and we live in an area known as 'Asthma Alley.' We had to go to the hospital night after night because Emma would wake up gasping for air."

Counts:

- Washington neighborhood is one of the poorest parts of Long Beach, with almost 20% unemployment.
- 29% of households surveyed are home to at least one adult that has asthma, and 18.9% are home to at least one child with asthma.



Community Mapping: Practice Mapping

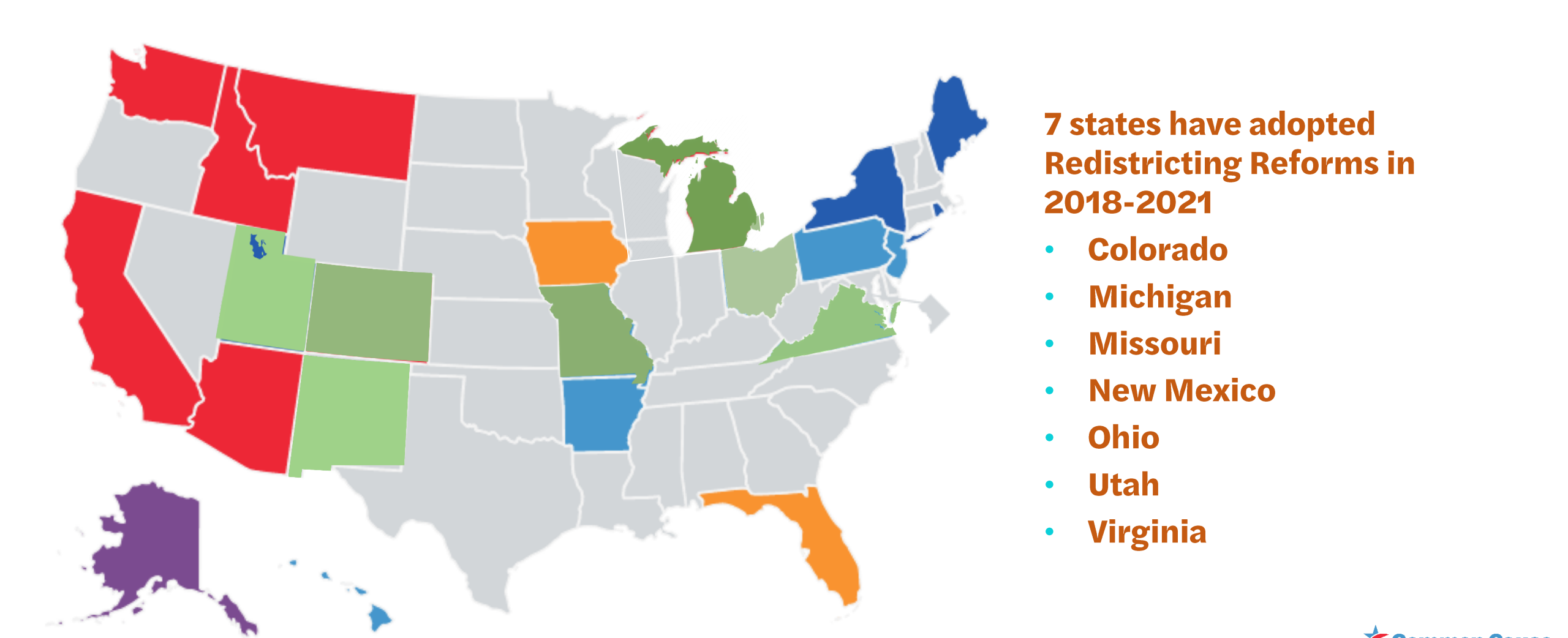


Community testimony helped unify Long Beach

With one representative, issues like the health of communities impacted by the ports and freeways are starting to be addressed.



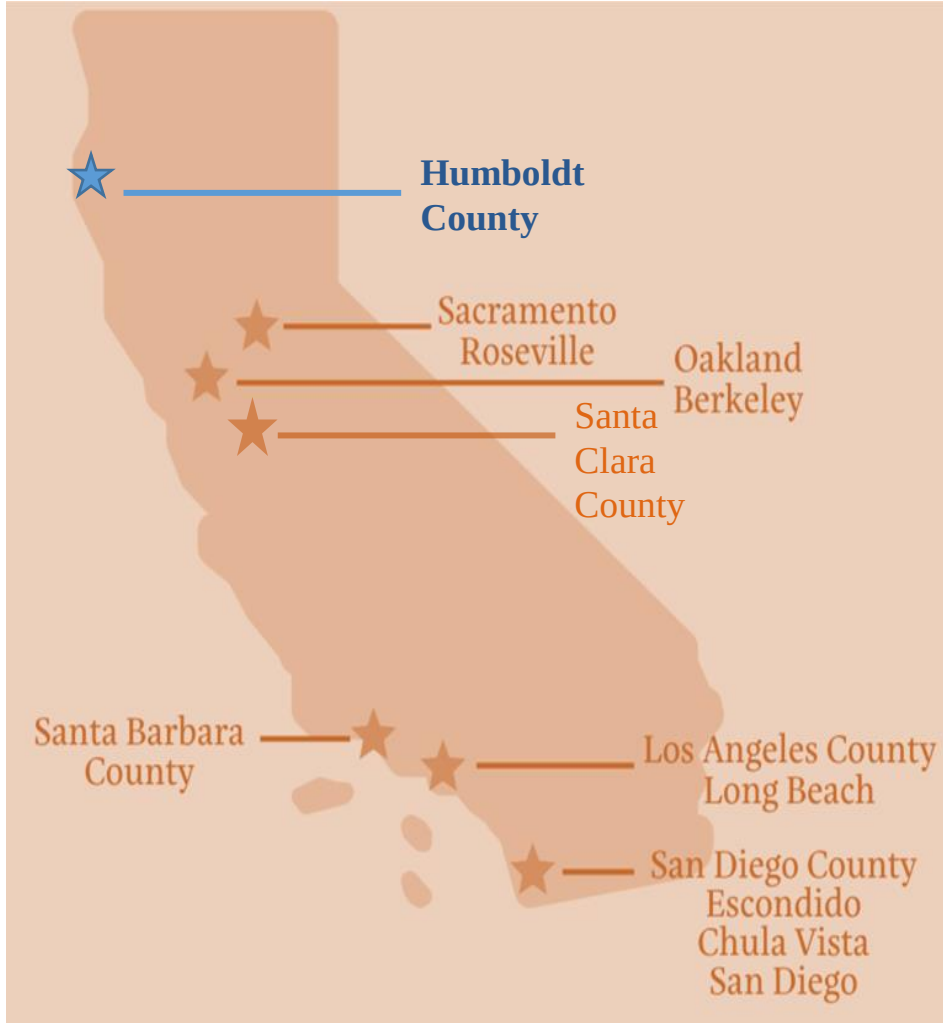
CA sparked a Redistricting Revolution



7 states have adopted Redistricting Reforms in 2018-2021

- **Colorado**
- **Michigan**
- **Missouri**
- **New Mexico**
- **Ohio**
- **Utah**
- **Virginia**

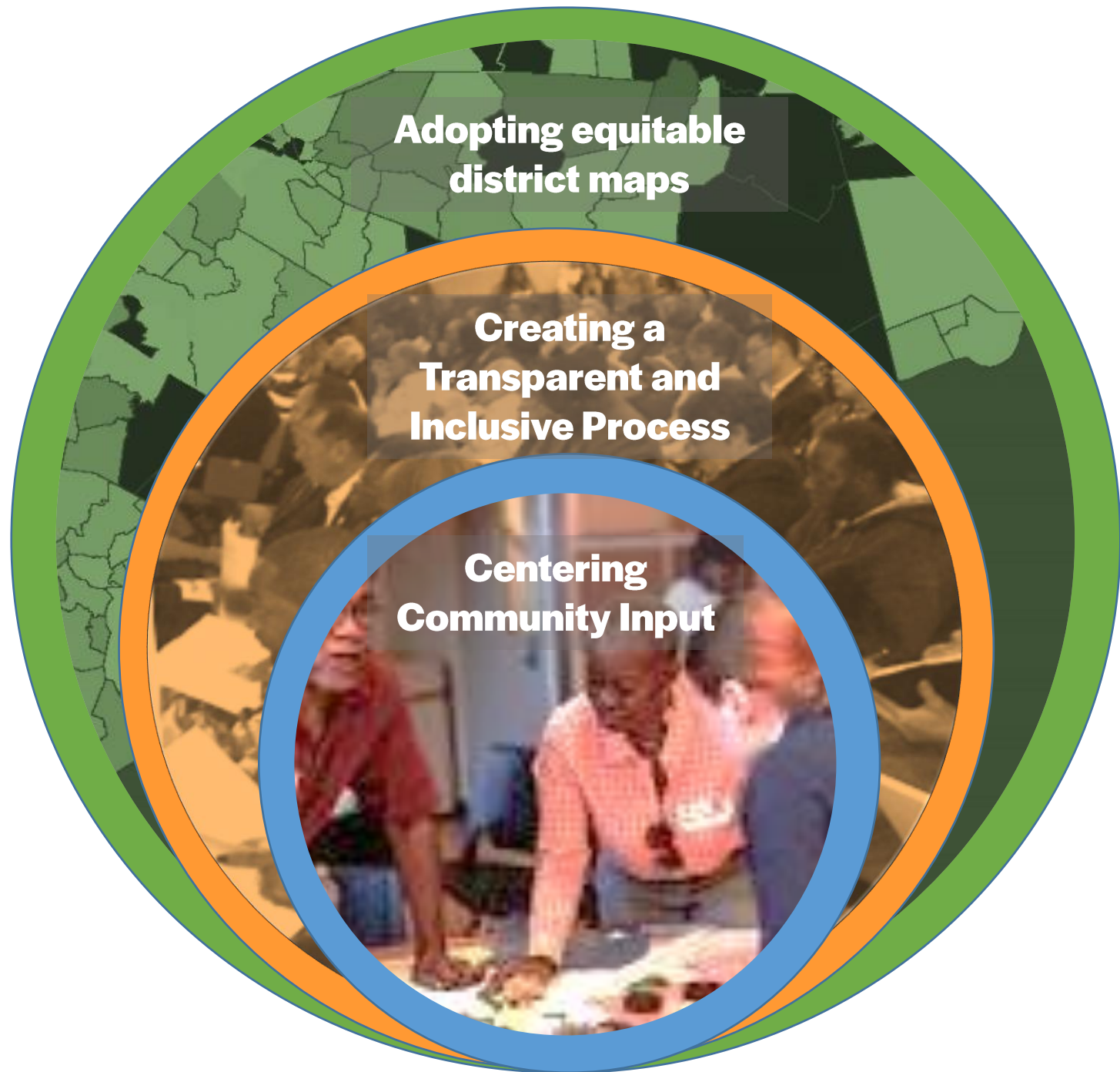
CA sparked a Redistricting Revolution



California cities and counties also moved to independent and advisory commissions including:

- Berkeley
- Chula Vista
- Escondido
- **Humboldt County**
- Oakland
- Long Beach
- Los Angeles City and County
- Roseville
- Sacramento
- San Diego City and County
- San Francisco City and County
- Santa Barbara County
- Santa Clara County

3 Driving Principles

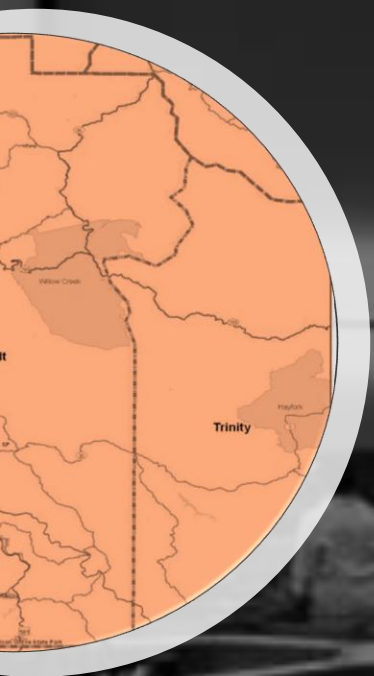




How can you help communities participate?

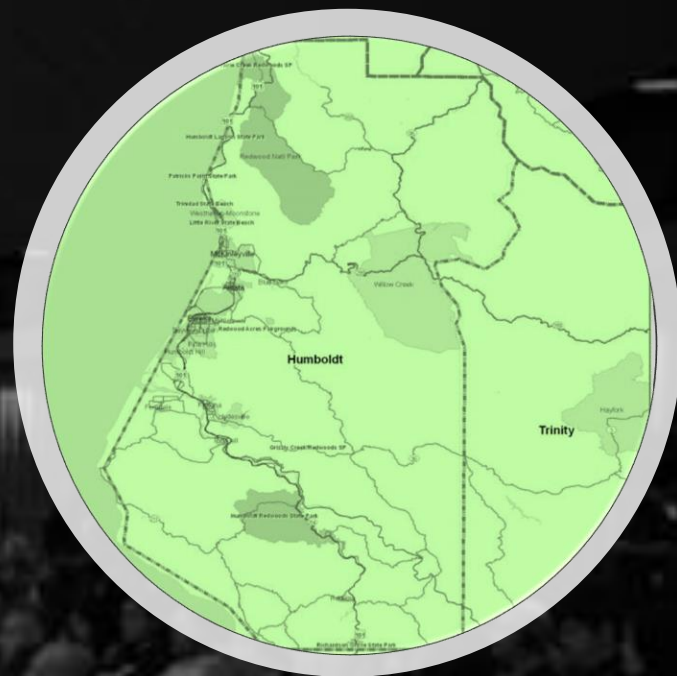
Listen to the stories of communities

- Explain how to give input
- Organize community-centered redistricting workshops
- Adopt a free mapping software platform like [Districtr.org](https://www.districtr.org/) for input



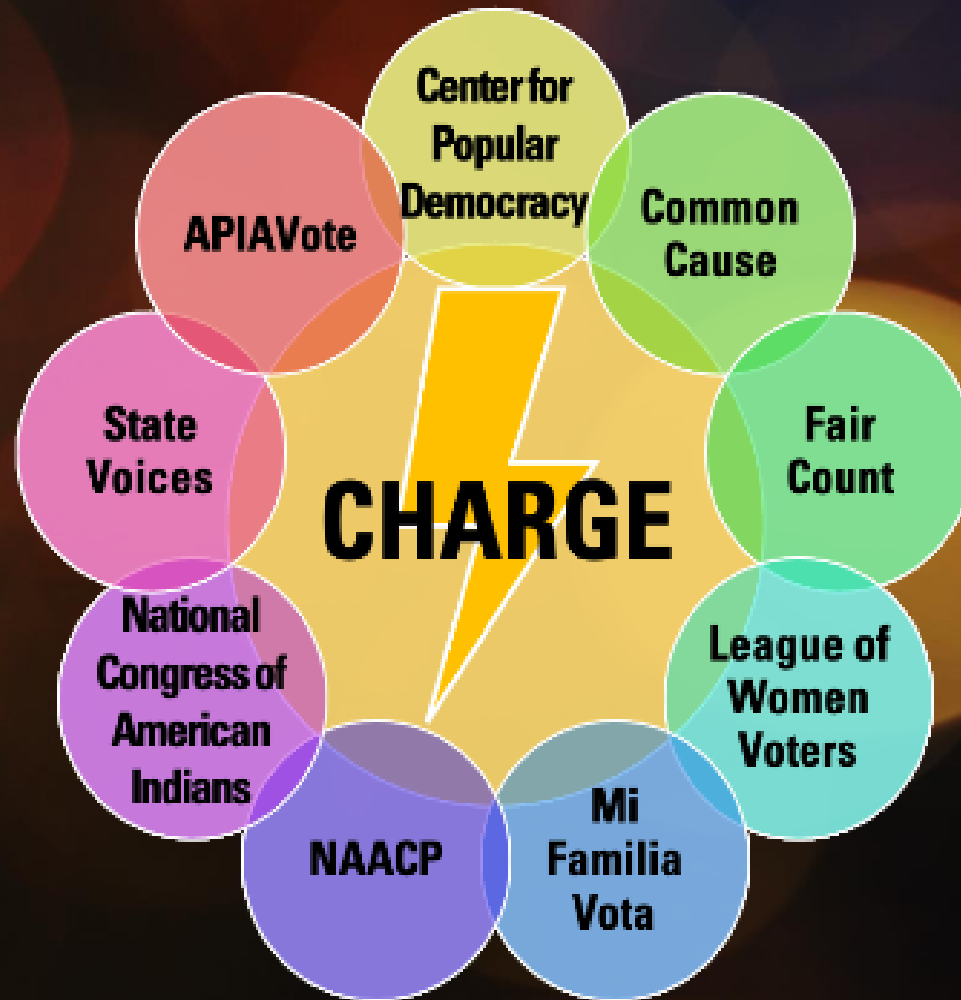
How can you create a transparent and inclusive process?

- Allow community leaders to submit district proposals for consideration
- Hold meetings / webinars with videos turned on
- Maps are visual!
- Give people time to comment on draft maps
- Think about language and disability access



How can you lead us to more equitable government?

- Bring your lived experience, listen to others' stories
- Engage your fellow commissioners.
- Document your experience.
- Set an example for the country.



Shareable trainings, materials, and videos can be found at:

www.RedistrictingCommunityCollege.com



[www.commoncause.org
/localredistricting2021](http://www.commoncause.org/localredistricting2021)



Thank you!

Got Questions?

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