

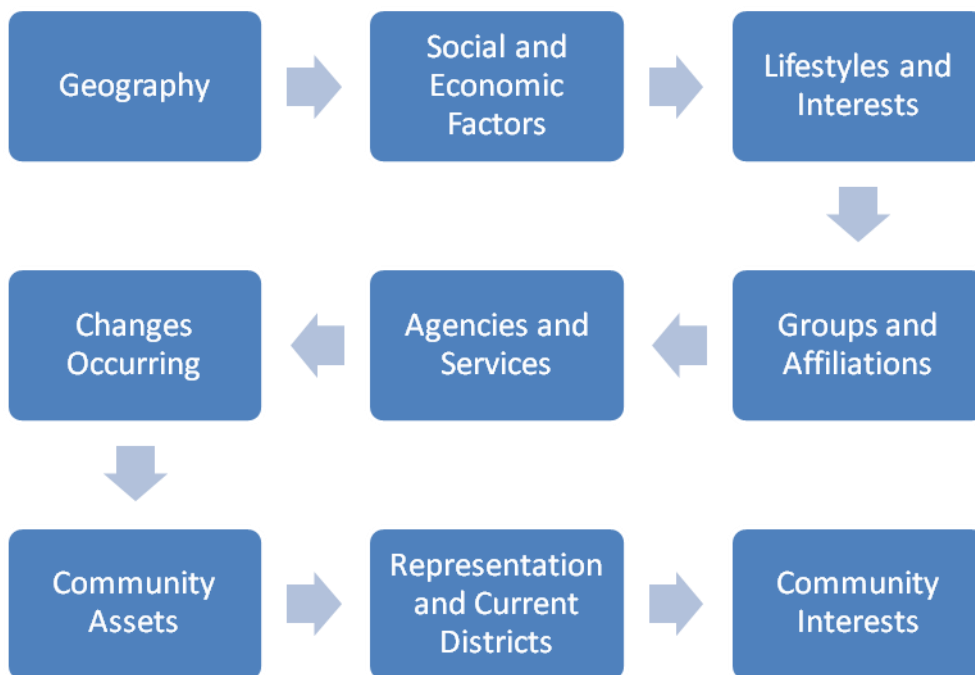


Providing Testimony on Your Community of Interest

When you prepare testimony for the Citizen's Redistricting Commission on your community of interest, remember, you are making an *argument* for why your community should be kept together and not split into multiple districts, and why it should be grouped with other communities with similar interests. The goal is to make sure your community is in a district that will lead to the best representation possible, that will be responsive to the **most important** overall interests which you've identified.

The worksheets that follow will help you consider a range of factors that will help you describe your community. They are provided as a guide for building your argument. **You can find a list of resources on the last page of this document.** When you are finished collecting information you will probably want to choose the topics that **best support the argument you want to make for the Citizen's Redistricting Commission.**

These worksheets can serve as a starting point for putting together information that will help build your case. The worksheets are divided into the following topic areas:



Resources

Demographics

American Fact Finder: http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/aff_transition.html
(US Census site, best way to find demographic information about your area.)

CA Statewide Database: <http://swdb.berkeley.edu/index.html>
(Election and precinct data, GIS (map) files)

California Department of Finance:
<http://www.dof.ca.gov/research/demographic/reports/view.php>
(alternative count of California population)

California Secretary of State (list of county elections offices):
http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_d.htm
Get voter file information from your county registrar
California Secretary of State (historical voter registration information and election outcomes):
http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_elections.htm

Healthy City (awesome community mapping tool, very useful): <http://www.healthycity.org/>

The Redistricting Game: <http://www.redistrictinggame.org/>

Testimony and Information

CA Citizen's Redistricting Commission: www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov (to get schedule of hearings and to submit testimony online).

AARP, Contact: [David Pacheco](mailto:David.Pacheco@aarpanet.org) (916) 549-8457

Asian Pacific American Legal Center, a member of the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting (CAPAFR); Contact APALC at redistricting@apalc.org or visit CAPAFR at [facebook.com/capaf2011](https://www.facebook.com/capaf2011).

CA Common Cause: www.commoncause.org/ca; www.redistrictingca.org

CA National Association for the Advancement of Colored People: www.ca-naacp.org

Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE): Contact Maricela Morales at maricela@coastalalliance.com or 805-658-0810 ext. 203

The Greenlining Institute, contact Michelle Romero at 510-926-4016, micheller@greenlining.org

League of Women Voters: Contact Chris Carson at redistricting@lwvc.org.

National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund: Visit LatinosDrawTheLines.org/events or contact Astrid Garcia at agarcia@naleo.org or 213-747-7606 ext. 4434.

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Contact: [Nancy Ramirez](mailto:Nancy.Ramirez@maldef.org) (213) 629-2512, ext. 121