



# Getting Involved in the Redistricting Process

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## Making a Case for Your Community and Building a Record

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AARC is working to ensure that the African American community participates in California's redistricting process to the fullest extent

- conduct community education workshops
- monitor Commission processes
- testify at Commission hearings
- draft/comment on proposed maps





The redistricting  
process determines  
the allocation of  
political power.



# Stay Informed and Share Your Knowledge

- The Commission needs your testimony.
- You know your community... YOU are an expert.
- Connect with like-minded community members and community based organizations to advocate for your communities of interest.



# Get Involved Directly

- Monitor the CRC's process for transparency, willingness to receive/hear public input and compliance with the Voting Rights Act.
- Testify before the CRC to give input into the process & describe your communities of interest
- Coordinate with partners and form coalitions
- Comment on draft maps
- Comment to DOJ (Kings, Merced, Monterey, Yuba)



# Where to Plug In

- AARC ([aarc-ca.tumblr.com](http://aarc-ca.tumblr.com))
- MALDEF ([www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org))
- APALC ([www.apalc.org](http://www.apalc.org))
- RedistrictingCA ([www.redistrictingca.org](http://www.redistrictingca.org))
- CRC ([www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov](http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov))



# Mapping & Technical Assistance Tools

- Healthy Cities ([www.redrawca.org](http://www.redrawca.org))
- UCB Statewide Database (<http://swdb.berkeley.edu>)
- Google Earth
- Maptitude
- Fold-out maps and Thomas Guides



# Key CRC Dates

## Input Hearings/Draft Maps

- April 16: Stockton
- May 20: Santa Rosa
- May 21: Oakland
- May 23: San Jose
- May 24: Northern Cal  
Organized groups
- June 10: 1st Draft Map
- June 25: San Jose
- June 26: San Francisco
- June 27: Sacramento
- Aug 15: Final Map



Give Your Community a Voice  
and  
Make a Difference

