



Redistricting 2011: Drawing Lines that Matter!

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Who will draw the lines? *Historically...*



CA Legislature

Draws **State Assembly** districts

Draws **State Senate** districts

Draws **Board of Equalization** districts

Draws **Congressional** districts

After PROP 11 (2008)



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Proposition 20 (2010) later reassigned congressional redistricting to the commission

**New
Citizens
Redistricting
Commission**

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The Citizens Redistricting Commission



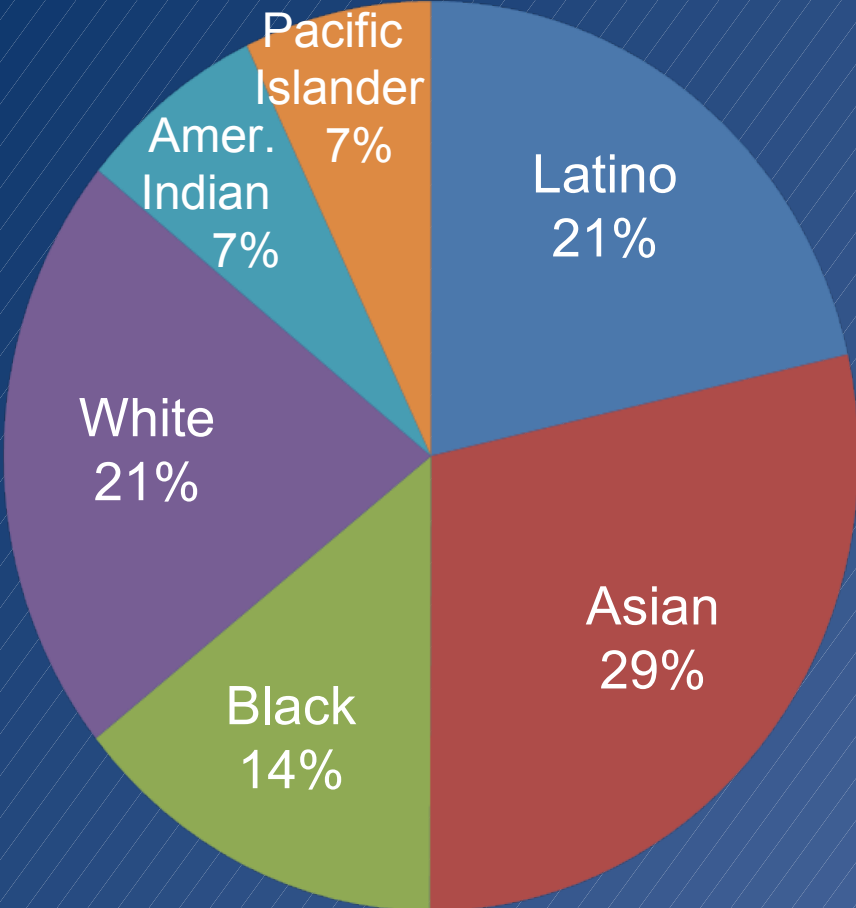
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Filkins Webber

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Galambos Malloy

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Ward

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Yao

Race/Ethnicity



- Hispanic or Latino (21%)
- Asian (29%)
- African American (14%)
- White (21%)
- American Indian (7%)
- Pacific Islander (7%)

What will the new Commission do?



From January 1st to August 15th, 2011

www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov

Public Hearings to Collect Community Input

Schedule now posted online!

- Two rounds of hearings:
- **Before line-drawing (April-May)**
- **After draft maps are drawn (June-July)**

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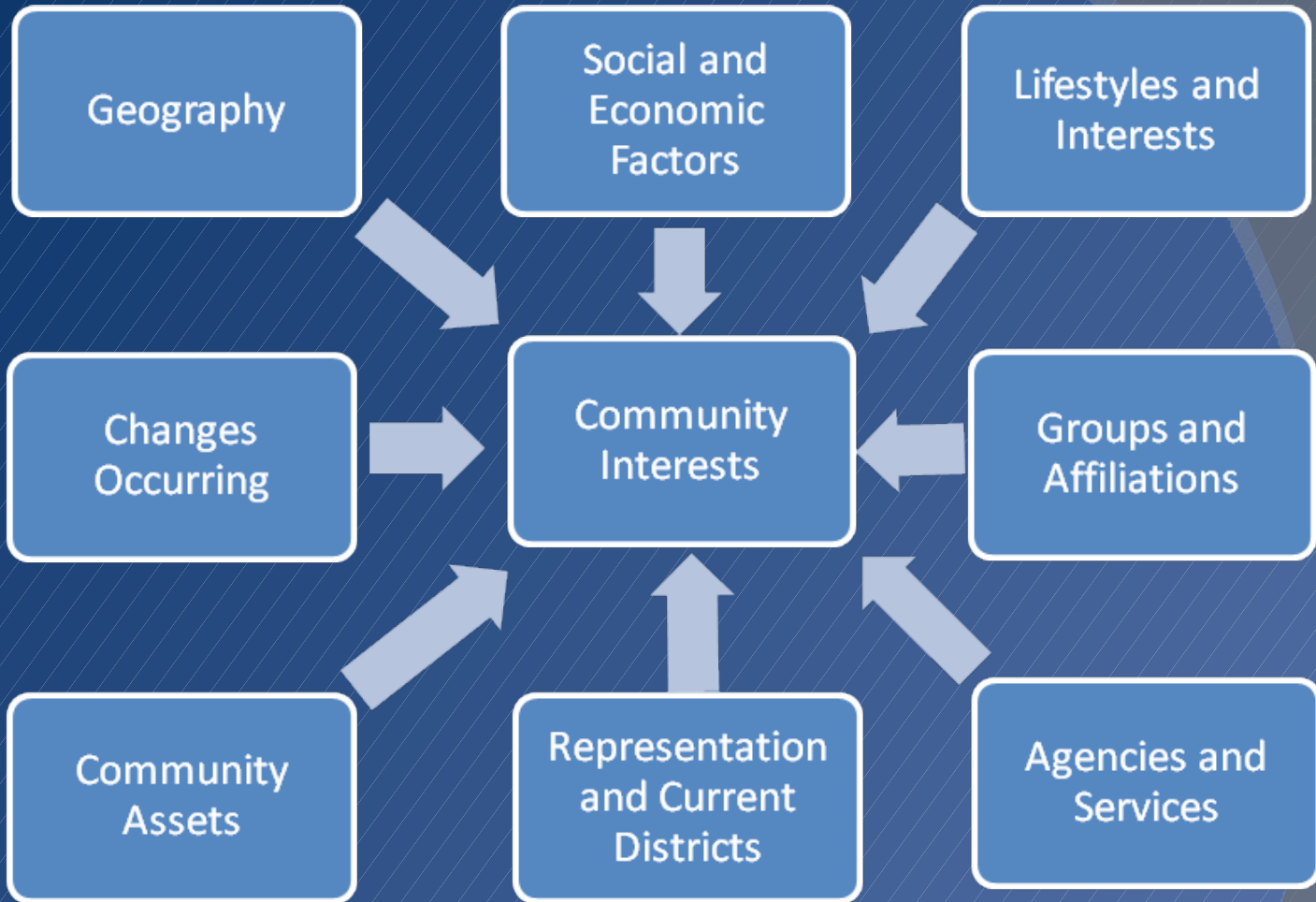


Criteria #4

“Community of Interest” and Neighborhood Boundaries

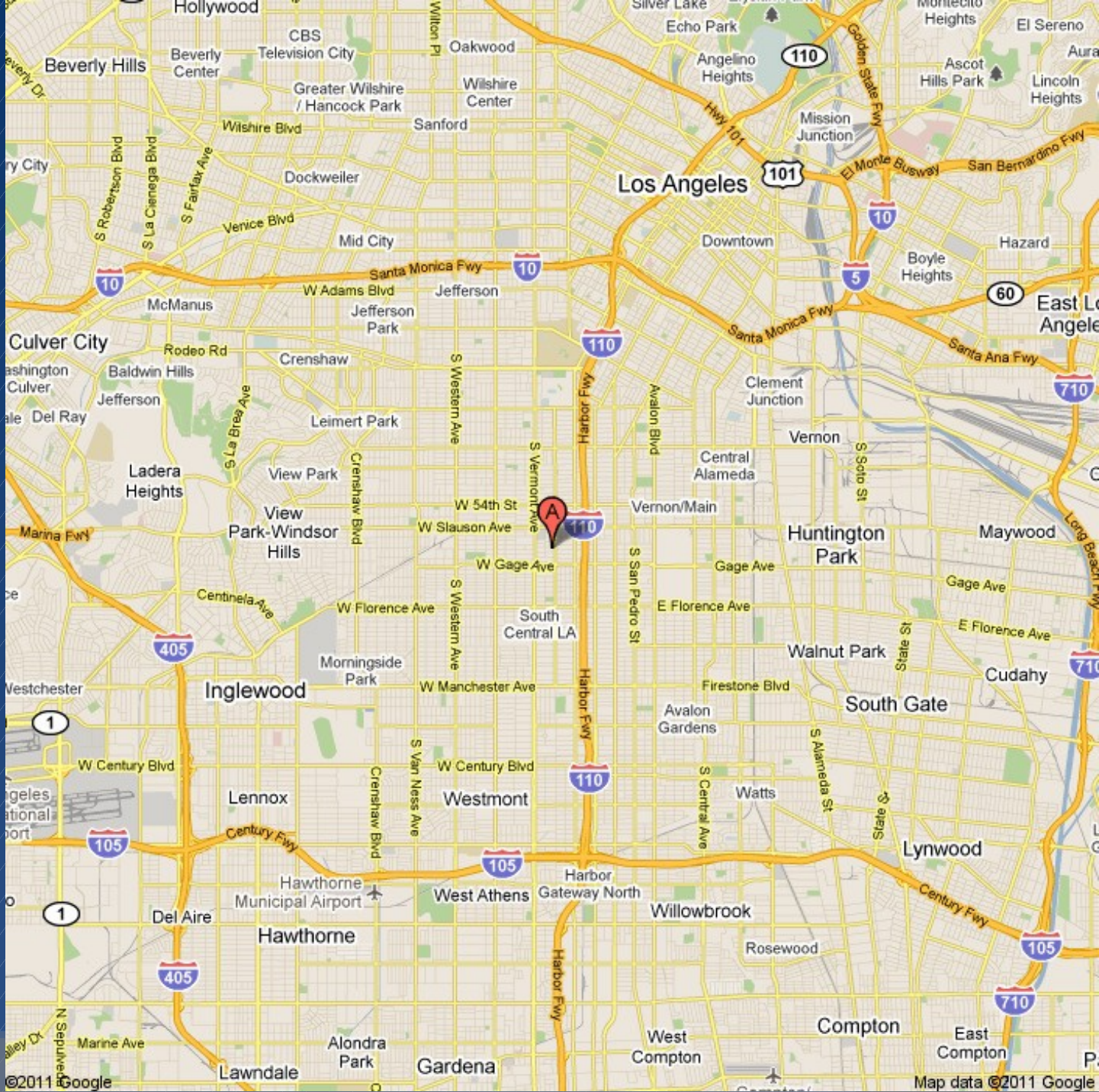
A community of interest is defined as “a contiguous population which shares **common social and economic interests** that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.”

–Defined by Proposition 20 (2010)



GROUP ACTIVITY

- Small groups: 4-5 people
- Choose ONE Topical Area
- As a group, answer the “critical questions” for your topical area (7 MIN)
- Assign a note-taker to document and present the key issues from the group's discussion



Next Steps

Getting Ready for:

Los Angeles Public Hearings:

- April 28th (Los Angeles)

How we can help:

Next workshop: Preparing to Testify/
Mapping my Community

- Possible dates: April 26th, 27th



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The Criteria (Prop 11)

1. **Equal Population**
 2. Comply with **Federal Voting Rights Act (Sect. 2 & 5)**
 3. **Geographically contiguous**
 4. Respect **city and county, neighborhood, or “community of interest”** boundaries.
 5. **Compactness**
 6. **Nesting** (i.e. 2 Assembly districts = 1 Senate district)
- *** **Incumbent blind** - residences may not be considered; districts may not be drawn to favor politicians or parties.