CVRA and Districting
City of Victorville

October 14, 2021
Overview

This presentation will cover a range of topics to facilitate a process of public education and involvement in a transparent and fair districting process.

- The California Voting Rights Act
- Districting vs. Redistricting vs. Gerrymandering
- Traditional Districting/Redistricting Principles
- Population and Composition
- What’s next/timeline
What is the CVRA?

The California Voting Rights Act is a state law that prohibits the use of At-Large election systems in local government if there is racially polarized voting.

“At Large” is defined as anything other than a system in which an elected official lives in a district, and is only elected by members of that district.

“Racially Polarized Voting” is determined through an analysis which quantifies the amount of voting which can be shown to be correlated to race.
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Districting is the initial process of creating election district boundaries.

These boundaries determine:

- Eligibility to run for office - must live within boundaries to qualify for election.
- Who votes in the election – only voters within the district vote for their councilmember.
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These boundaries do not determine:

• How the city decides to govern. The city can still work to achieve goals that benefit the city as a whole rather than the interests of any single district.
• How services or relationships between the city and the public are managed.
What is Redistricting definition

Redistricting is the process of adjusting district lines every 10 years after the release of the US Census. The best known examples are Congress and the legislature.

Within the US, redistricting has become an extremely politicized process and been the subject of more high-profile Supreme Court decisions than any other part of our elections system.
What is Gerrymandering

The Gerrymander

The term Gerrymander came from a cartoon depicting a rather serpentine looking district created by Governor Elbridge Gerry in Massachusetts.
Traditional Redistricting Principles

Preventing a Districting from becoming a Gerrymander

There are a number of criteria that have been used nationally and upheld by courts.

• Relatively equal size - people, not citizens
• Contiguous – districts should not hop/jump
• Maintain “communities of interest”
• Follow city/county/local government lines
• Keep districts compact – appearance/function
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Preliminary Findings

Estimated population according to the 2020 Census Data is **131,417**.
- Grew by 15,517 counted residents
- 13.4% growth rate

**Ideal Population for 4 districts:** 32,855

Under the “equal population” criteria, the total district population deviation (from smallest to largest) cannot exceed 10%.
For determining ethnicity of a district we use the American Community Survey calculations of Citizen Voting Age Population or “CVAP” which is also sometimes called “eligible voters population”:

- CVAP: 72,251
- Asian CVAP: 2,533 3.5%
- Latino CVAP: 32,948 45.6%
- Black CVAP: 12,450 17.2%
The document contains a map of Victorville with demographic data from the 2020 Census. Below is the table with the population and voting age population data:

### Victorville Population and CVAP Data

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The map shows the distribution of various ethnic populations and the voting age population data is presented in bar charts.
Public hearings will be held to obtain input on communities of interest and receive feedback on potential districting plans prior to board adoption.

Input can be provided in public hearings or using Community of Interest Worksheets and/or paper or online maps.
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What’s Next

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