City of Glendale
Introduction to Districting

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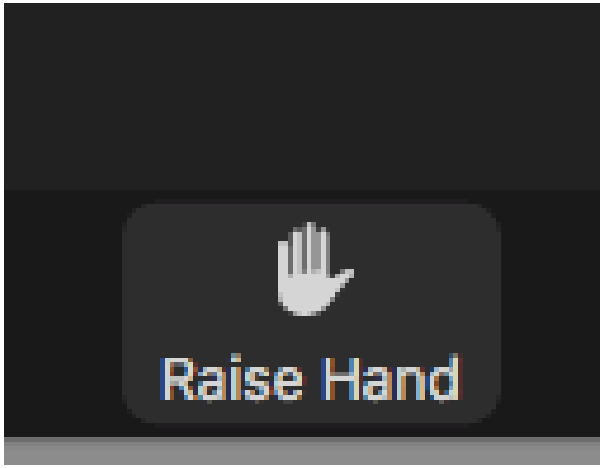
Introductions

Meeting is being recorded

Zoom Features

- Raise your hand to speak



This Session's Goal

Gather feedback on the map that should be included when voters decide whether to change to by-district elections.

Presentation Overview

I. Current Election System and Proposed Transition
II. The Districting Question Timeline
III. Legal Requirements for Districts
IV. Review of Draft Maps
V. Share Your Thoughts on the Draft Maps
VI. Review Public Mapping Tools
VII. How to Stay Engaged

Current Election System

- "At Large" also known as "Citywide," Council elections
  - Two seats up in 2024, three in 2026
  - Any city voter can run for Council in any year
  - All city voters cast ballots for two (in 2024) or three (in 2026) candidates
  - The top two (in 2024) or top three (in 2026) candidates are elected
  - One Councilmember is chosen as Mayor each year by vote of the Council

Proposed New Election System

- Six Districts with Citywide-elected Mayor
  - City would divided into six districts, each holding an election every four years (Candidates need to live in the district, and only district residents vote for who will represent them)
  - Separate citywide election for Mayor every four years
    - No required change in Mayor's role beyond what is currently in City Charter, but that is open to discussion
  - Enters CVRA "safe harbor"
  - Each voter has two representatives: a district Councilmember and a citywide Mayor
  - Keeps a Citywide representative while implementing districts
  - **All Subject to Voter Approval**

The Districting Process

Step	Description
1st Council Hearing June 13	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.
1st Round of Community Forums	First round: 1 virtual workshop, 6 in-person workshops + pop-up events. Beginning June 13 through July 27
2nd Council Hearing July 11	Very similar presentation to the first hearing, but with a summary of feedback from the forums. Council opportunity to give direction to NDC.
Initial Deadline for the public to submit maps *August 5*	Maps must be submitted far enough in advance to allow NDC to download, input and process the maps for posting online before the August 8 posting deadline.
Deadline to post initial draft maps on project website *August 8*	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 3rd hearing.
3rd Council Hearing August 15	First formal public and Council consideration of initial draft maps. Opportunity for Council to select "focus" maps options and to request new or revised maps.

Part 1 of 2

The Districting Process

Step	Description
2nd Round of Community Forums	Second round: 1 virtual workshop, 6 in-person workshops + pop-up events. Beginning August 17 through September 7
Deadline to submit maps *September 28*	Maps must be submitted far enough in advance to allow NDC to download, input and process the maps for posting online.
Deadline to post new maps *October 3*	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 4th hearing.
4th Council Hearing October 10	Public & Council to consider "focus" maps and any new or revised maps. Preferred map and election sequence selected and 1st reading of adoption ordinance.
5th Council Hearing and Map Adoption October 24	Council selects map via ordinance, contingent on voter approval. Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.
Citywide Vote March 5, 2024	Vote on transition to by-district elections on primary and (at-large) City Council election ballot

Part 2 of 2

Districting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws

- **Equal Population**
- **Federal Voting Rights Act**
- **No Racial Gerrymandering**

2. California Criteria for Cities

1. **Geographically contiguous**
2. **Undivided neighborhoods and "communities of interest"**
   (Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
3. **Easily identifiable boundaries**
4. **Compact**
   (Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

Prohibited:

"Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party."

3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

- **Respect voters' choices / continuity in office**
- **Future population growth**

Draft Maps Overview

- 22 maps submitted by the public
  - Two are partial maps that include one district for a six-district map
  - Four were not population balanced (including a 5-district and a 7-district map)
  - Two maps are identical (107 and 113)
- NDC added two maps based on partial maps and community input
- August 15th discussion generated two new map variations

- **Current Count: 19 maps to consider**

Interactive Web Viewer

Concerns Expressed by Residents

Some concerns expressed about some specific elements of some initial draft maps include:

- Combining Kenneth Village area with Crescenta Highlands area (across or around the Verdugo Mountains)
- Dividing South Glendale into too many pieces
- Dividing neighborhoods
- Splitting Rancho from southwest Glendale
- "Tropico" area between Brand and Glendale shares more in common with the area west of Brand than with Adams Hill
- Adams Hill may fit better with Canyons than with the rest of South Glendale

Draft Maps

Interactive Web Viewer

Draft Map Discussion

- Which map do you prefer, and why?
  - Could some change improve that map?

- Which map(s) do you dislike? Why?

Public Mapping and Map Review Tools

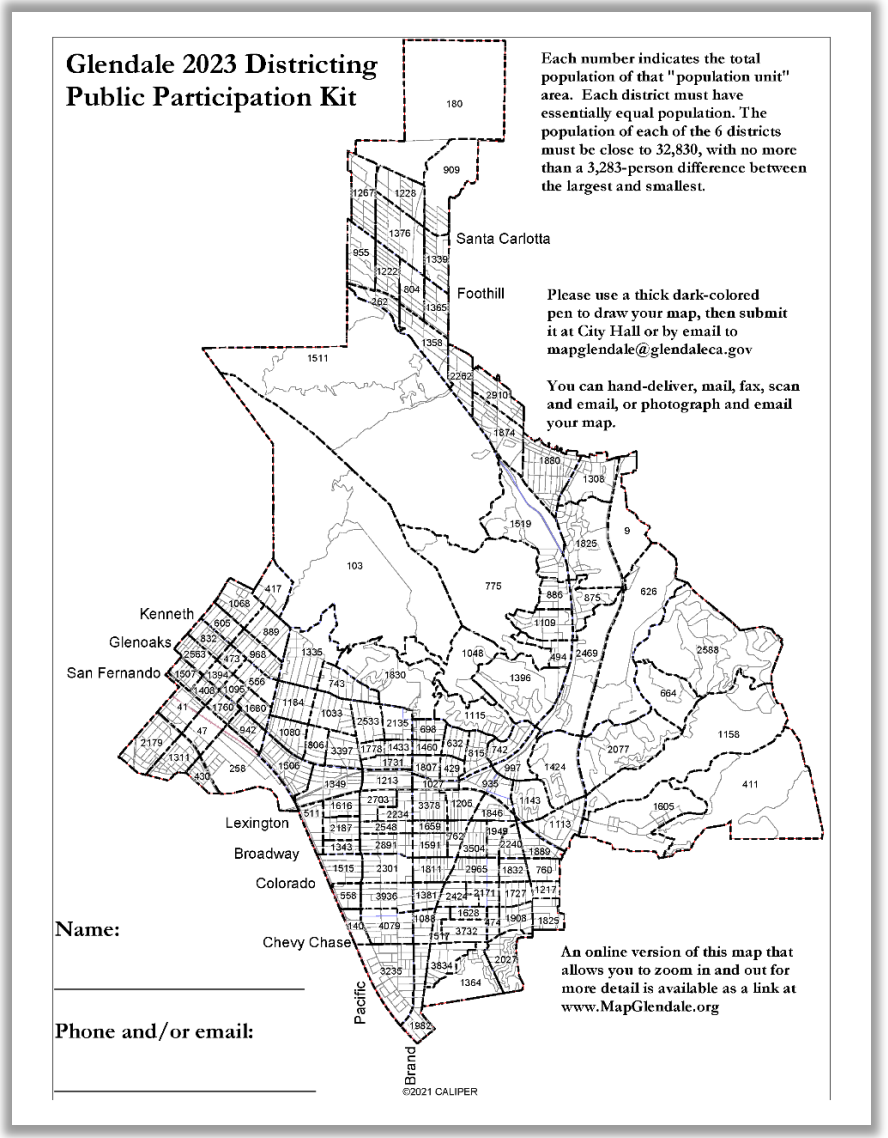
- **Different tools for different purposes**
- **Different tools for different levels of technical skill and interest**
  - Simple "review draft maps" tool
  - Paper-based simple "Draw a draft map" tool
  - Powerful, data-rich "Draw a draft map" online tool

Whether you use the online mapping tool, the paper kit, or just draw on a napkin, we welcome your maps!

Simple Map Drawing Tool

Paper "Public Participation Kit"

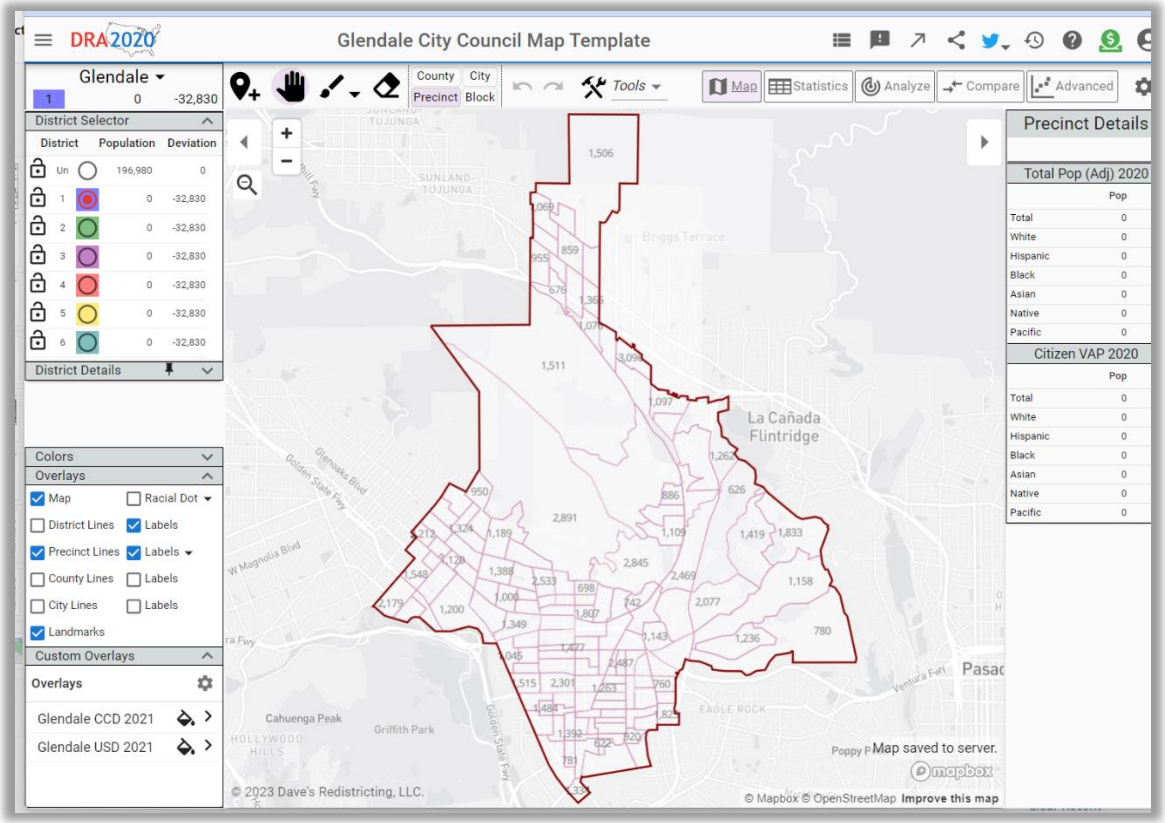
- For those without internet access or who prefer paper
- Total Population Counts only – no demographic details



DRA (Dave's Redistricting App)

Draw Your Community of Interest or a Full District Map

- Easy-to-use online mapping tool
- Full demographic and geographic database
- Email a link to your map to the City and publish or share

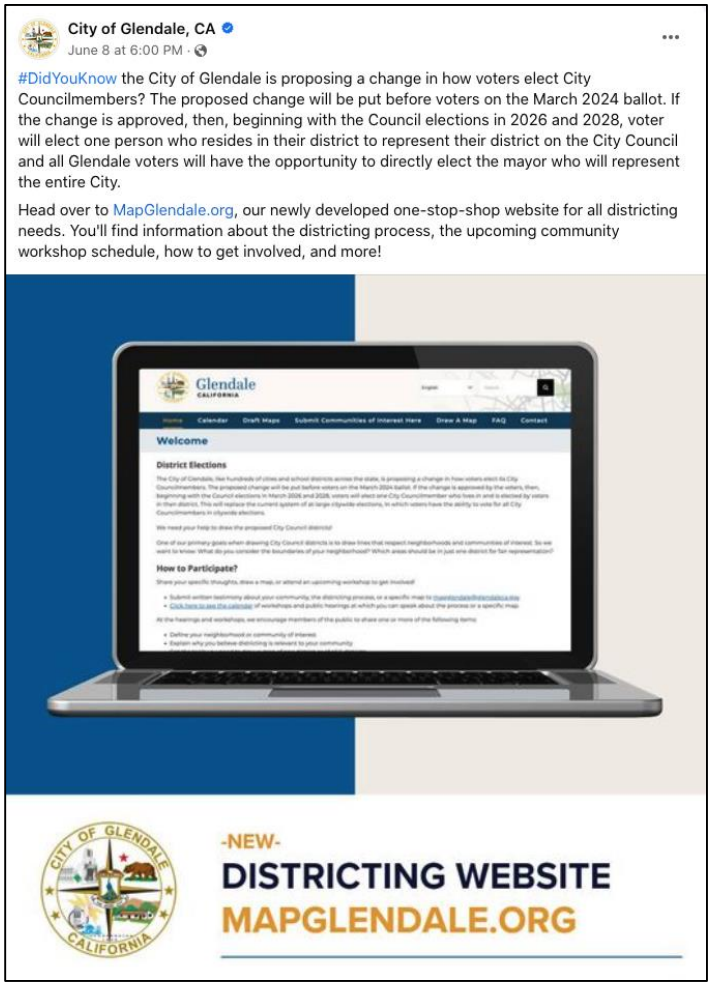


Q&A With Your Hosts

How to Stay Engaged

The City is committed to robust outreach and engagement throughout the process, including the following:

- Dedicated website: www.mapglendale.org
- In-person workshops
- Virtual workshops
- Pop-up events in the community
- Social media (including online ads)
- Animated explainer video
- Flyers
- Community group outreach
- Interpretation/translation of materials



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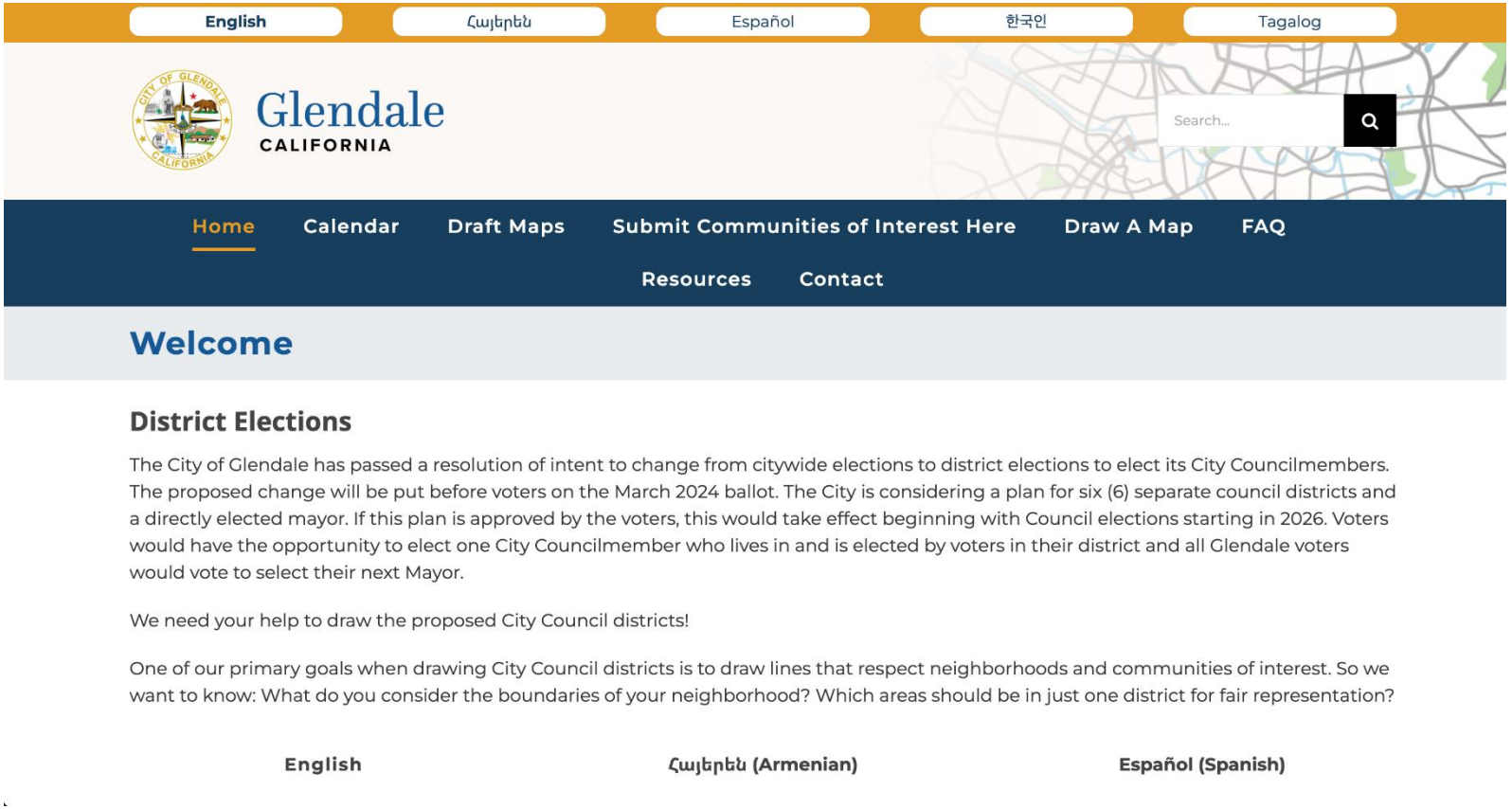

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