

City of Glendale Districting Hearing

October 10, 2023

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.
<i>Initial Deadline for the public to submit maps</i> <i>August 5</i>	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.
<i>Deadline to post initial draft maps on project website</i> <i>August 8</i>	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 3 rd 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.

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2nd Round of Community Forums	Second round: 1 virtual workshop, 6 in-person workshops + pop-up events. Beginning August 17 through September 7
<i>Deadline to submit maps September 28</i>	Maps must be submitted far enough in advance to allow NDC to download, input and process the maps for posting online.
<i>Deadline to post new maps October 3</i>	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 4 th 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 1 st 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

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**

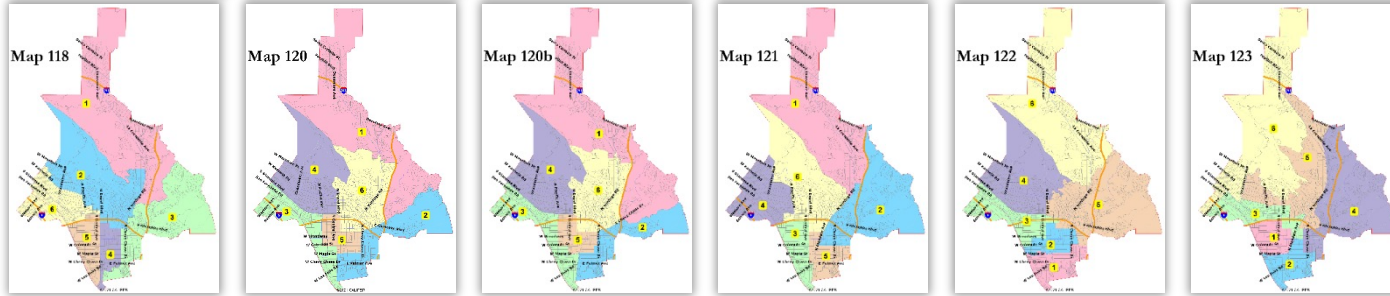
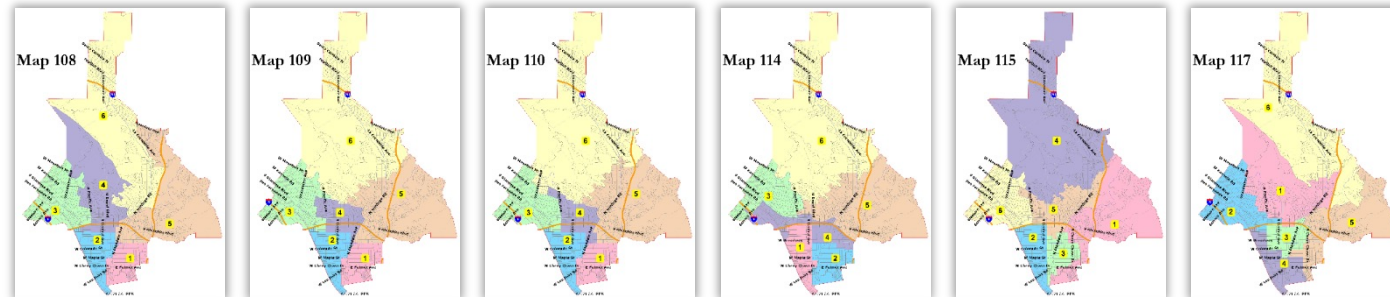
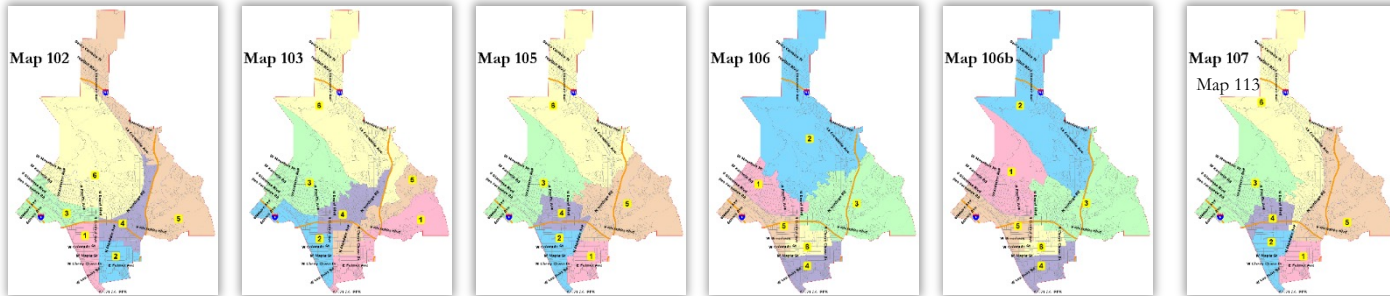
Draft Maps Overview

- 35 maps submitted by the public
 - Two are partial maps that include only one district (balanced 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)
 - Three are four-district maps
 - Three are five-district maps (one not population balanced)
 - Three are seven-district maps (one not population balanced)
- Four maps drawn by NDC
- 39 total draft maps
- 25 unique population-balanced, six-district maps

Key Differences

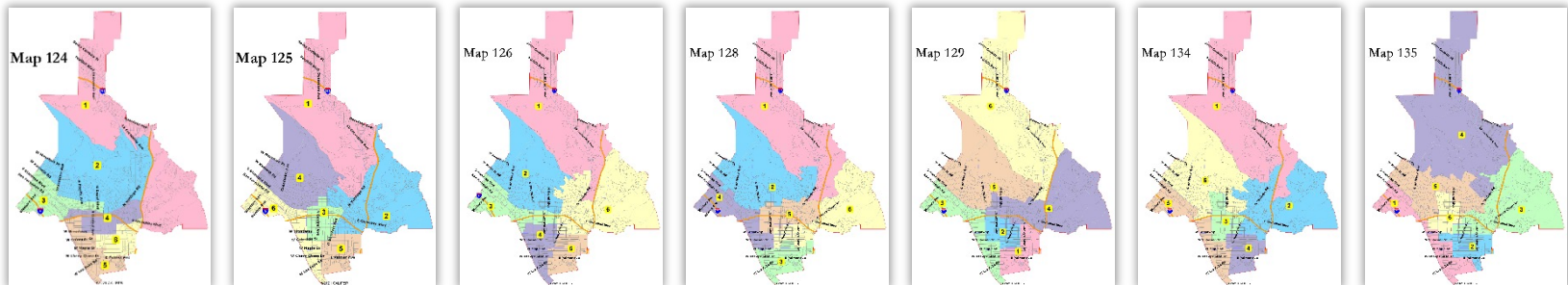
- Number of districts entirely in the south
- Rancho with Northwest vs Rancho with southwest
- What area is with La Crescenta in the northern district
- Adams Hill with the south or connected to Glenoaks Canyon
- Inclusion of a central Glendale district

Summary of 6-District Maps



[Draft Maps](#)
[Details](#)

[Interactive](#)
[Web Viewer](#)



Election Sequencing

- Moving to 6 districts and citywide Mayor:
 - 3 districts normally scheduled to elect in 2026
 - Mayor elected in 2026
 - A 4th district would hold an election for a two-year term
 - Brings Council immediately up to 6 Councilmembers plus the Mayor
 - The remaining two districts, plus the two-year-term district, would elect in 2028
 - Sets in place a “three districts every 4 years” regular schedule

- Councilmember impact:
 - A 2028 Councilmember in a 2026 district could run mid-term
 - A 2026 Councilmember in a 2028 district would leave the Council in 2026

Draft Map Discussion

Public Hearing

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

Council Consideration

- Possible selection of a preferred map and election sequence followed by introduction of the ordinance.
- If not, selection of one to three preferred map(s) and possible direction on potential revisions to those maps.