

June 2, 2021 Redistricting Commission

It is important to educate the public about redistricting because district lines determine representation.

- **With that in mind how do we maximize diversity, accountability, and fairness through the process.**
- **It begins with making sure that it is open and transparent, allows for public engagement.**
- **We need to ensure the public is educated, organized, and engaged, regardless of political party.**
- **I recommend that individuals check out the website “All About Redistricting” and look at the book “A Citizen’s Guide to Redistricting” by Professor Justin Levitt. I quote, if you care about representation, political power or public policy, then you care about redistricting”.**
- **This guide will provide engaged citizens with the knowledge and tools they need to get involved with this round of redistricting, and to work towards continuing reform to open the redistricting process in decades to come.**

Districts should be compact with communities of interest and be established to provide genuine opportunities for political parties to be representative of the county as a whole. At the last presidential election, the 2-party vote was split 57-43 and the Council districts should provide opportunities for representative outcome close to a council that is 5-2 or 4-3 that would be more representative than our current situation.

We respectfully await the data from the Census and will be happy to work with the commission.