



# What is Redistricting California Collaborative?

The Redistricting CA Collaborative is a collection of statewide and regional organizations working together to empower demographically and geographically underrepresented communities to fully participate in CA's statewide redistricting process.

We imagine a day where enacted public policies are responsive to the needs of low-income people of color and designed to create collective success. Whereby elected officials both represent and are responsive to their residents, especially those in the highest need. That district lines are determined by residents to enhance power at the local level and lift the voice of their communities.

### Partners include:

- AAPIs for Civic Empowerment Education Fund
- Advancement Project CA
- Alliance San Diego
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Los Angeles
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Law Caucus
- CA Black Census and Redistricting Hub
- CA Calls
- CA Common Cause
- CA Donor Table Fund
- CA League of Conservation Voters Education Fund
- CA NAACP
- CA Native Vote Project
- CAIR-Los Angeles
- CHIRLA
- Dolores Huerta Foundation
- Inland Empowerment
- League of Women Voters of CA Education Fund
- MALDEF
- NALEO Education Fund
- PICO CA
- Power CA

## How will redistricting work in California?

Since 2011, Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and Board of Equalization districts are redrawn by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC). The CRC is an independent redistricting commission comprising 14 commissioners who are neither legislators nor public officials.

The California State Auditor will help create the Citizens Redistricting Commission. From June 10th, 2019 - August 9th, 2019, the Auditor will accept applications from interested citizens to serve on the commission. The 14 commissioners will be selected by August 15th, 2020.

Once the commission is formed, they will decide on maps through a transparent deliberation process that requires public engagement and encouraging public input.



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# CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

### Our once-in-a-decade opportunity to map California's future



## What is redistricting?

Redistricting is the process of redrawing the lines of legislative districts to ensure equal and equitable political representation of residents. This process usually occurs once every decade following the decennial census, and it affects political districts at the:

- ▶ Federal (congressional districts)
- ▶ State (assembly, senate, and board of equalization districts)
- ▶ Local levels (county supervisorial, city council, school board, and special districts).

## Why is redistricting Important to me?

We only have one shot every ten years to shape who gets elected and what policy matters to us. We, the people, can have a real impact for our family, neighborhood, city, county, and state by becoming informed, empowered, and fully engaged in the redistricting process to ensure fair district lines are drawn in CA.





# I am interested in serving on the commission.

## What is involved?

### What will the commission do?

The Citizens Redistricting Commission will:

- ▶ Draw new district maps for Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and Board of Equalization seats.
- ▶ Evaluate data, statistical materials, and other relevant information.
- ▶ Seek and listen to public testimony and comments on the maps.
- ▶ Hire staff, legal counsel, and consultants.

### How much are commissioners paid?

The compensation for commissioners is \$300 a day, plus reimbursement of personal expenses, when doing commission business.

### What are the basic qualifications?

- ▶ You must be a registered voter in California with the same party (or non-party) affiliation since July 1, 2015.
- ▶ You must have voted in at least two of the last three statewide general elections.
- ▶ You must have relevant analytical skills, be impartial, and appreciate California's diversity.

### Would I be a good commissioner?

A good commissioner is someone who:

- ▶ Has an open mind, putting aside personal interests and loyalties
- ▶ Is mindful of California's diversity
- ▶ Makes factually sound decisions
- ▶ Cooperates with other commissioners to achieve agreement on decisions.



### Who is disqualified?

An applicant is disqualified if, in the past ten years, he or she, or any member of his or her immediate family, has:

- ▶ Been appointed to, elected to, or been a candidate for federal or state office.
- ▶ Served as an elected or appointed member of a political party central committee.
- ▶ Served as paid congressional, legislative, or Board of Equalization staff.
- ▶ Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party or the campaign committee of a candidate for elective federal or state office.
- ▶ Been a registered federal, state, or local lobbyist.
- ▶ Contributed \$2,500 or more to any congressional, state or local candidate in a year.

Staff and/or consultants to, persons under contract with, or any person with an immediate family relationship with, the Governor or a member of the Legislature, Congress, or Board of Equalization may not be a commissioner. Commissioners will be restricted from certain activities, including public office, for either 5 or 10 years.

## What is the selection timeline?

**Jun. 10, 2019 - Aug. 9, 2019**

Initial application period for commissioners. Applications must be received by Aug. 9, at 11:59pm.

**Aug. 12, 2019 - Sep. 11, 2019**

Qualified applicants will be invited to complete a supplemental application, including essays and letters of recommendation.

**Feb. 18, 2020 - April 20, 2020**

The State Auditor team will interview the top 120 applicants. By May 8, 2020, the State Auditor team selects 60 finalists.

**May 15, 2020 - Aug. 15, 2020**

The Legislative leaders may reduce the finalists to 36. The State Auditor then randomly selects the first 8 commissioners. The 8 commissioners select the last 6 commissioners. Of the 14 commissioners, 5 will be Democrats, 5 will be Republicans, and 4 will be registered with neither party.



## How can I get involved?

### 1) Apply to be on the commission!

To apply, go to:

<https://shapecaliforniasfuture.auditor.ca.gov>

Spread the word and get others to apply as well!

### 2) Participate during the map-drawing process in 2021!

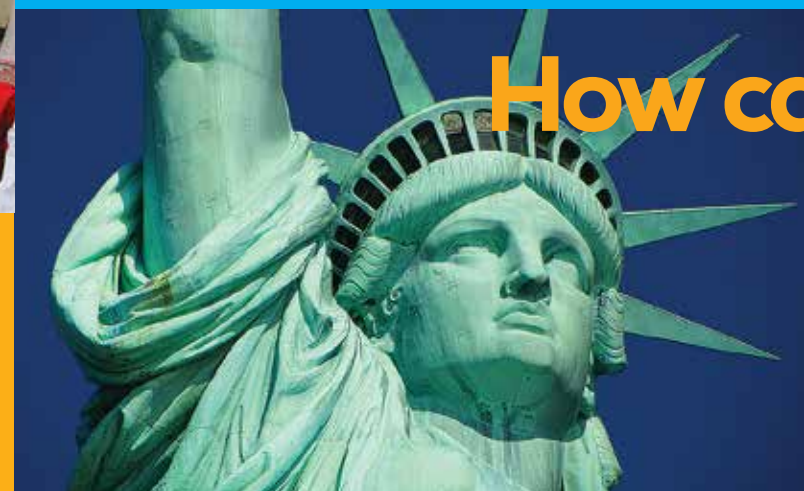
- ▶ Mobilize, attend, and provide testimony during community hearings with the Commission.
- ▶ Develop and present map proposals for your district(s).
- ▶ Submit comments and recommendations online and via email to the Commission.
- ▶ Educate commissioners about your community and how lines should be drawn to enhance their voice and voting power.

### 3) Join an organization!

The Redistricting CA Collaborative has over twenty partner organizations leading statewide and local efforts to uplift people power during redistricting. Learn more about them and join!

For more information on local events, resources, and tools to engage in CA's redistricting process visit:

[www.ReDrawCA.org](http://www.ReDrawCA.org)



## What is the time commitment?

The commissioners will decide on a meeting schedule. The commissioners may spend 10 - 40 hours a week or more on their responsibilities. The bulk of the work will happen in 2021. Commissioners will serve until 2030.