Mapping Technology and Expertise

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What is 'adjusted census data'?

- Cities and counties in California must redistrict based on total population data as reported by the decennial census and then adjusted.

- "… an incarcerated person as that term is used in Section 21003, shall not be counted towards a city's population, except for an incarcerated person whose last known place of residence may be assigned to a census block in the city, if information about the last known place of residence for incarcerated persons is included in the computerized database for redistricting that is developed in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 8253 of the Government Code, and that database is made publicly available."
- (Election Code Section 21601)

Adjustment: Who, How, Where, When?

- The California Statewide Database, the official redistricting database for the state of California, is responsible for adjusting the census data.
- The Database will reallocate data about incarcerated people that were enumerated in facilities under the control of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to their last known residential address.
- The Data will be available at: statewidedatabase.org
- Datasets will be available by state, county and city

- The adjusted data will be available 30 days after the census data are released (i.e. Pl94-171 release + 30 days)

What does a Re/districting Consultant do?

- Laws and requirements are complicated: there are many criteria that need to be considered
- Help with planning the process and implementing all requirements (there are many!)
- Create/set-up a redistricting dataset
- Draft materials and presentations
- Setting up and populating project website - tools
- Answer questions
- Work with the public to collect data
- Train your staff/committees/whoever works on the process
- Most importantly: will assist with VRA assessment and implementation;
- Work with your in-house counsel (most jurisdictions will not have to hire specialized counsel for redistricting if they have hired a good redistricting consultant)
- Construct districts – line drawing – the technical piece
- (note that when people say that they hired a 'line drawer' they are really saying that they hired a redistricting consultant who does all of the above)

Draw My CA Community

http://drawmycacommunity.org

A brief introduction

What is a Community of Interest (COI)?

- To the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of any **local neighborhood or local community of interest** shall be respected in a manner that **minimizes its division**. A "community of interest" is a population that shares **common social or economic interests** that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

    (Elections Code Section 21601)

Draw My CA Community (DMCC)

Developed to facilitate public access to California's <u>statewide</u> redistricting process

Users define their Communities of Interest and submit their input directly to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
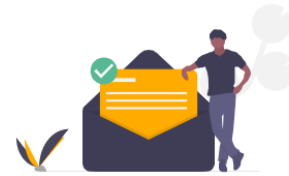
Free to use, low-barrier of entry, user friendly

Tell the California Citizens Redistricting Commission everything they need to know about your community in 3 easy steps:

Tell us about your community
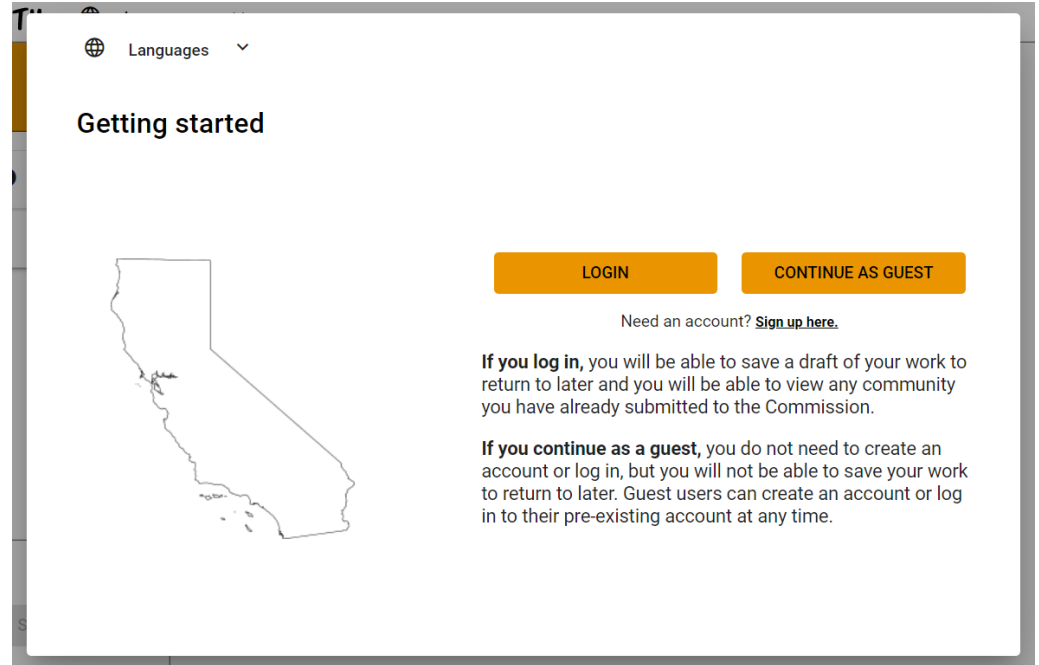
Draw your community on a map

Send your testimony directly to the Commission

Creating an account vs Guest users

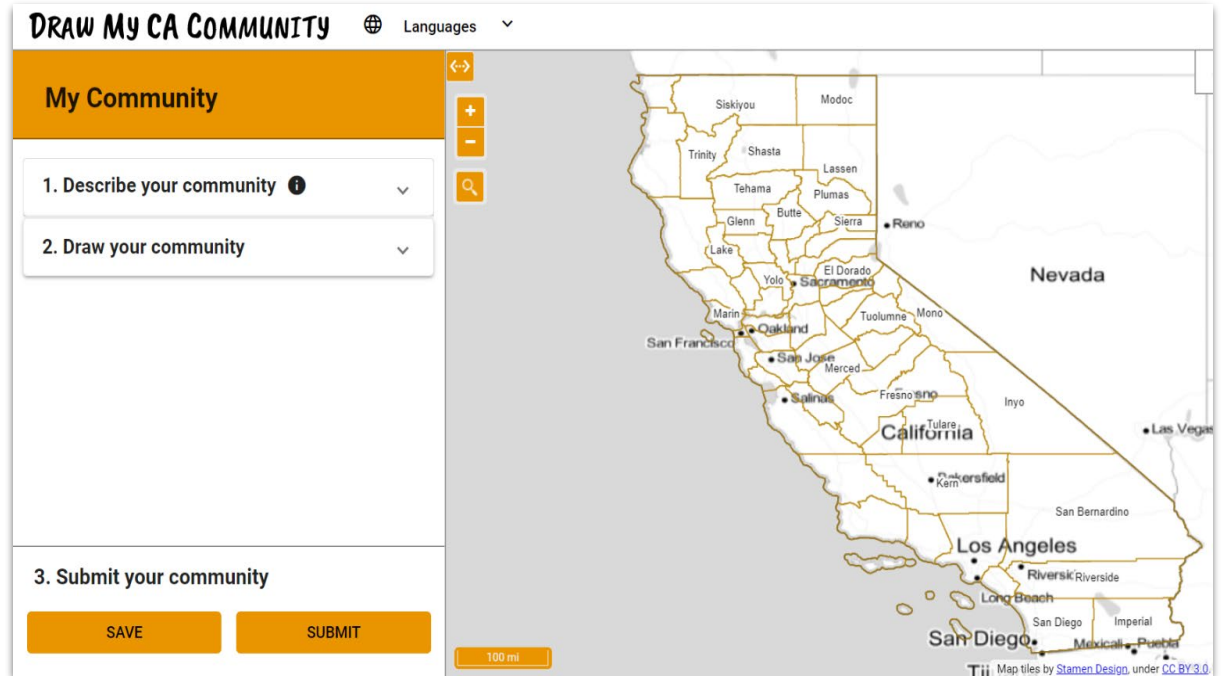Users can use Draw My CA Community through an account or as a guest

- Users with accounts can save their work as a draft to return to later
- Guest users can access DMCC without logging in - they do not need to provide an email address and can still submit their COI input to the Commission

Home screen

Users define their communities via the expandable sections on the side panel

Users locate their communities and create Community of Interest maps via the map area
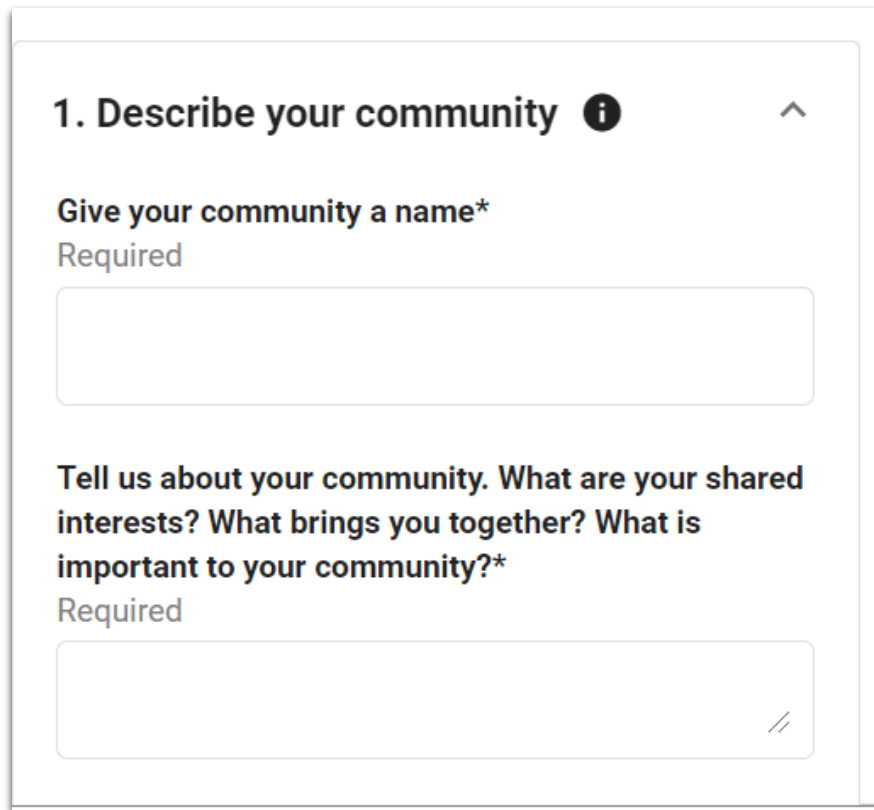
Written testimony

Users will be asked to respond to prompts to help the CRC understand who their community is

- Give your community a name
- Tell us about your community
- Are there nearby areas your community should or should not be in a district with? Why/why not?
- Additional comments

The first 2 prompts are required, the last 2 are optional

1. Describe your community ⓘ ⌃
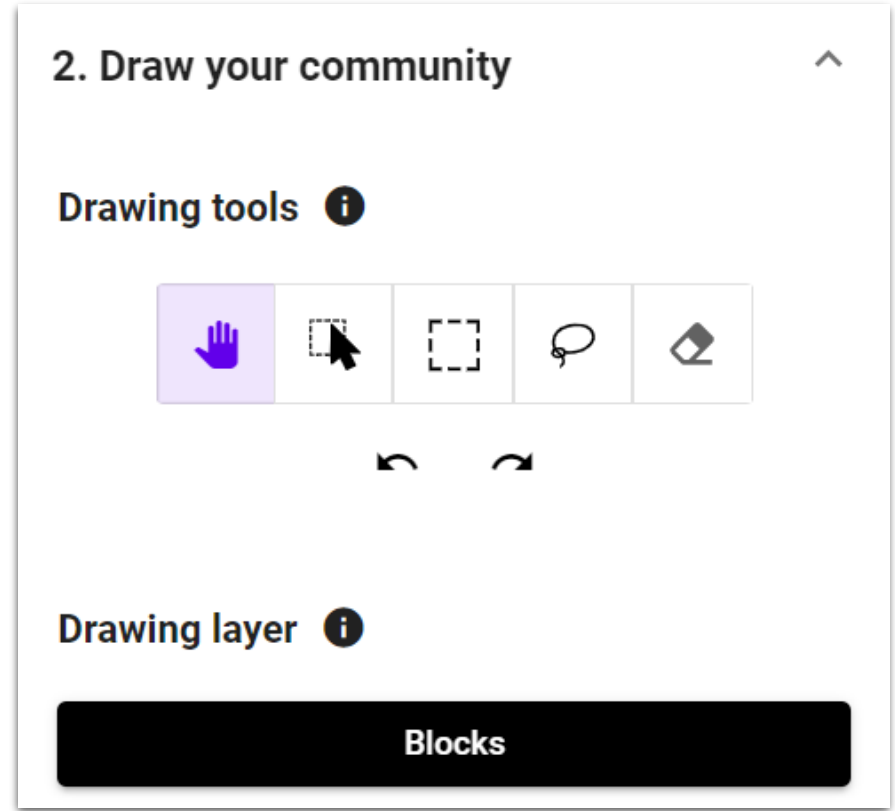
Give your community a name*

Required

Tell us about your community. What are your shared interests? What brings you together? What is important to your community?*

Required

Community map

Users will draw the location of their communities on a map using Census Geography.

The geography layers provided in DMCC are:

- Census Block
- Census Tract
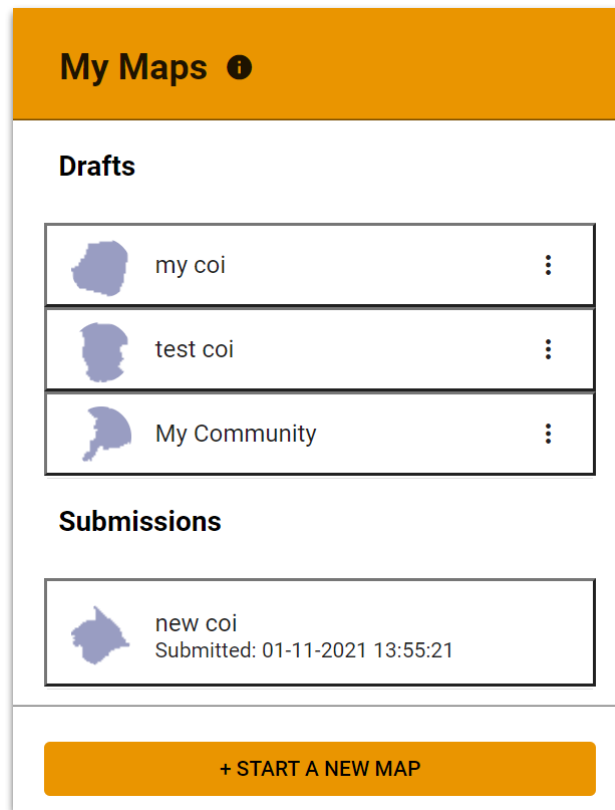- Tribal Areas
- Places and CDPs
- County

Example Community Map drawn on Census Block layer

Saving drafts

Logged in users can save their work as a draft to return to later.

Additionally, logged in users can view any COIs they have already submitted to the CRC.
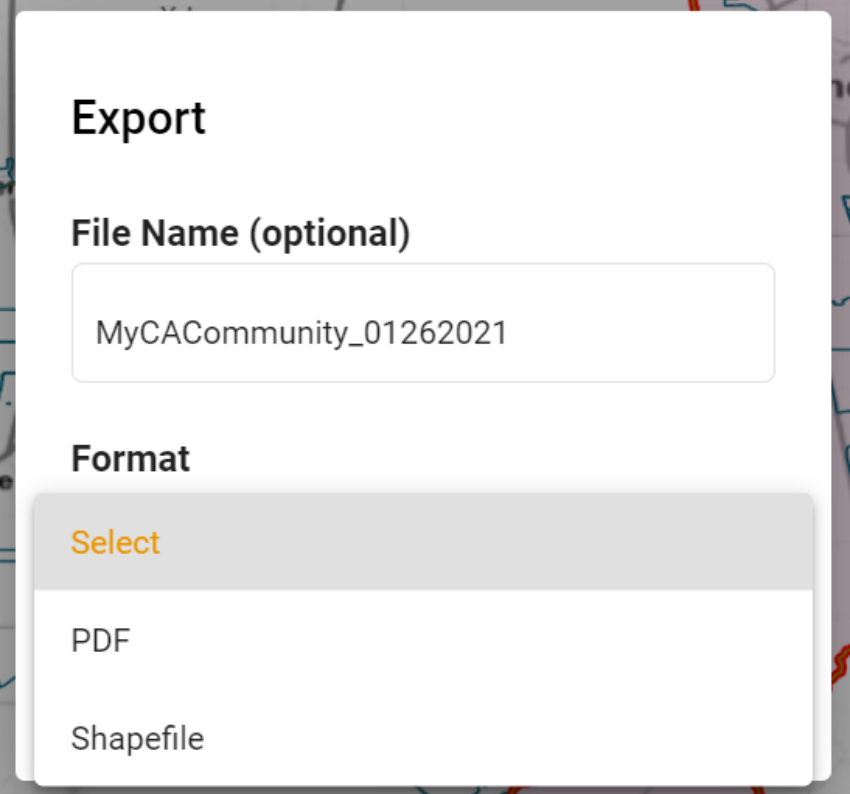
Exporting

Users can export the files associated with their community input *at any time*.

Files will be downloaded directly to the device they are using.

These files can be shared with community members or submitted to local redistricting efforts.

Export

File Name (optional)

MyCACommunity_01262021

Format

Select

PDF

Shapefile

Submitting Community Input

When users submit their Communities of Interest, they will have an option to provide their name and contact information should the CRC have questions about their testimony.

Logged in users will be receive and email with a PDF of their community map and written input and a shapefile of their COI
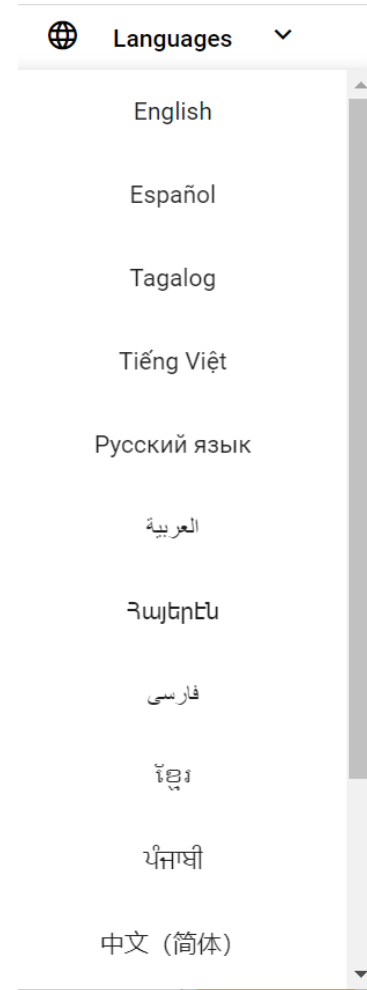
Guest users will have the option to download the files associated with their submissions.

Language Access

Draw My CA Community will be available in at least 14 languages
(English, Spanish, Chinese (simplified and traditional), Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Farsi, Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, and Khmer)

Users will receive the PDFs of their community input in the language they were using the tool in at the time of submission or export.

🌐 **Languages** ⌄

English

Español

Tagalog

Tiếng Việt

Русский язык

العربية

Հայերէն

فارسی

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ਪੰਜਾਬੀ

中文 (简体)

Thank you and Happy Redistricting!