




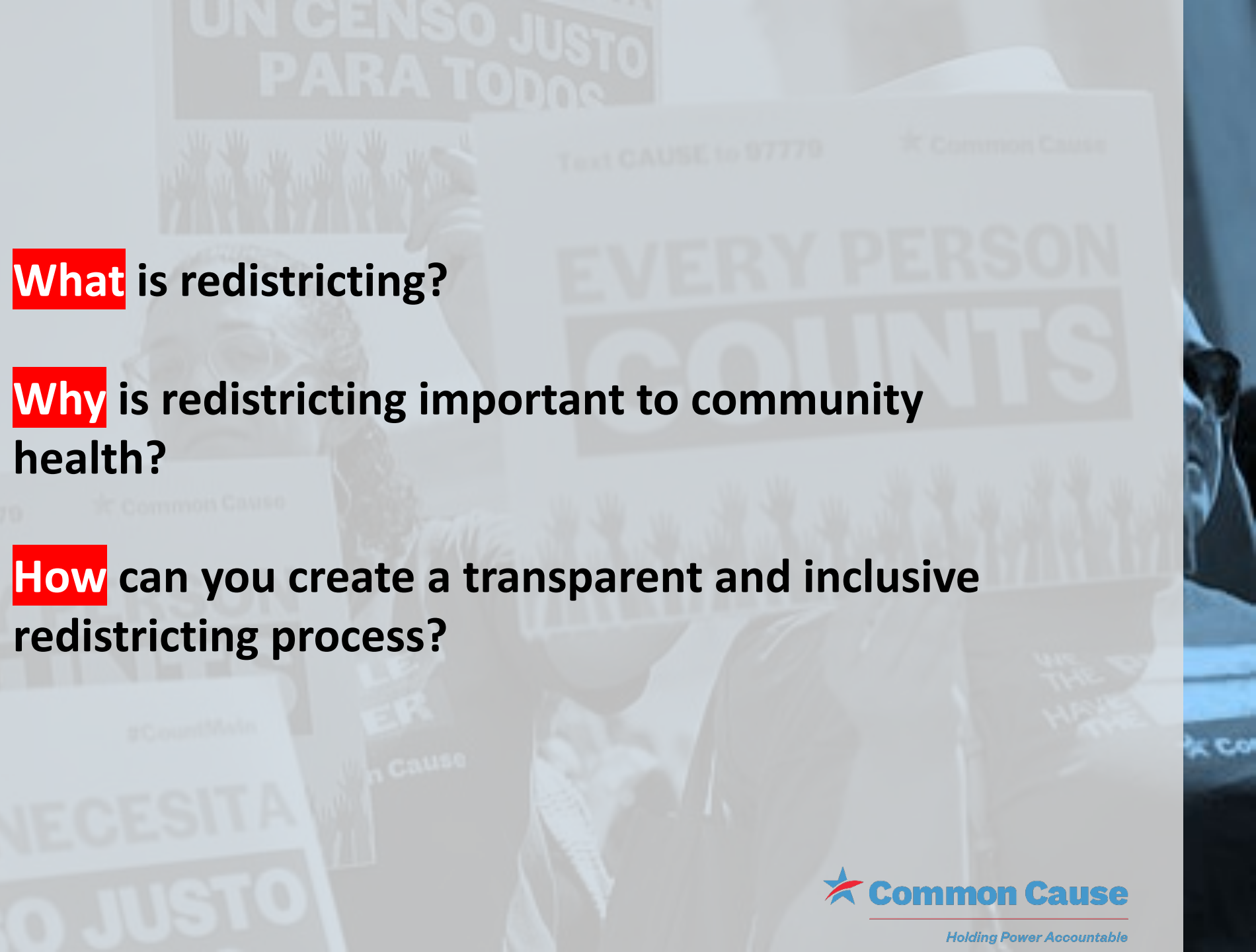
# Redistricting 101



**Common Cause**

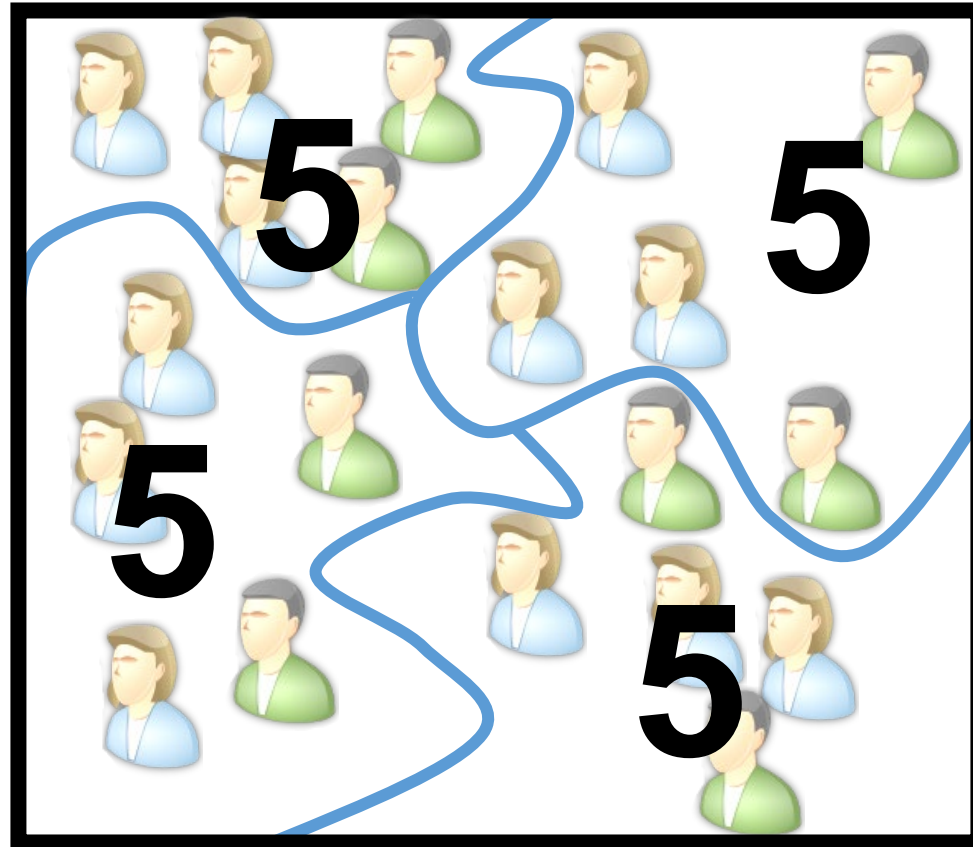
*Holding Power Accountable*



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1. **What** is redistricting?
  2. **Why** is redistricting important to community health?
  3. **How** can you create a transparent and inclusive redistricting process?

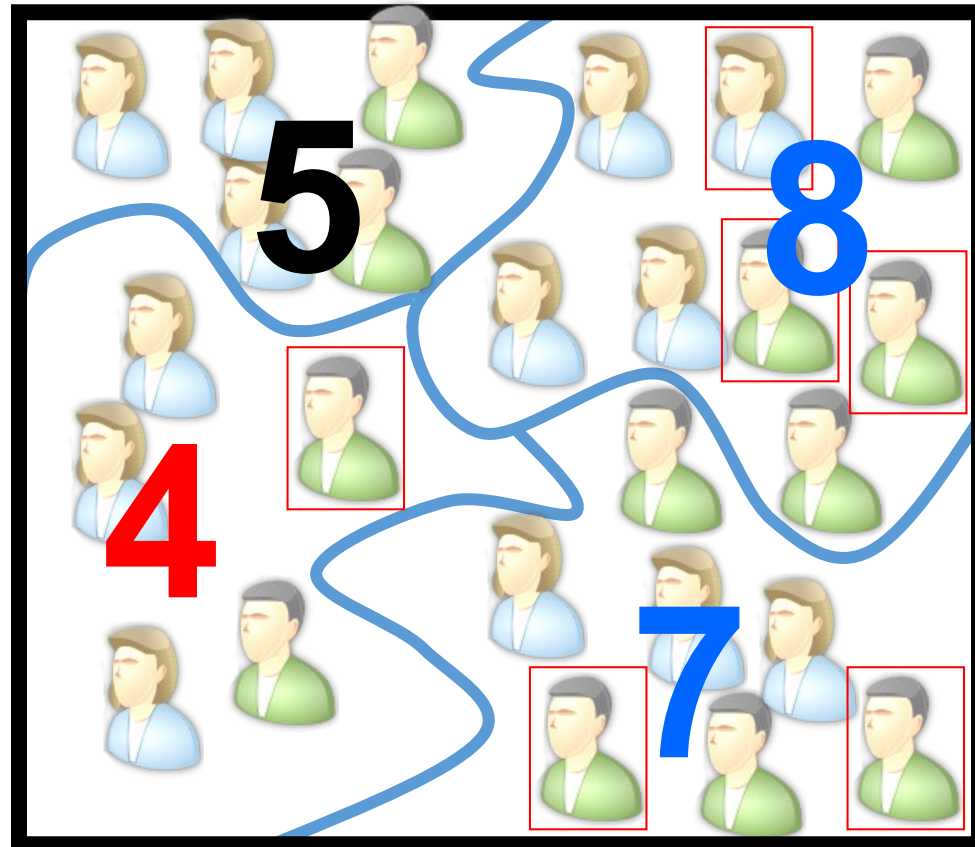
**Each district must have the same number of residents.**

**What is  
Redistricting?**



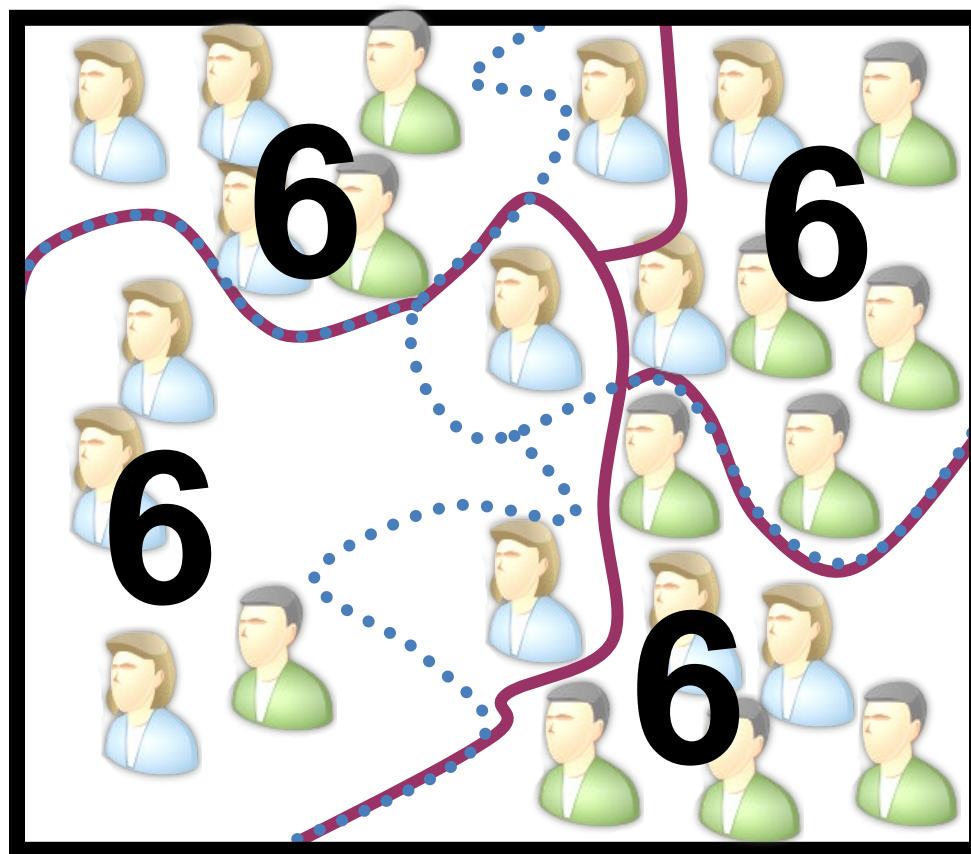
**Over time, districts become uneven in size.**

**What is  
Redistricting?**



**Every ten years, the district lines have to be redrawn to make each district even in size again.**

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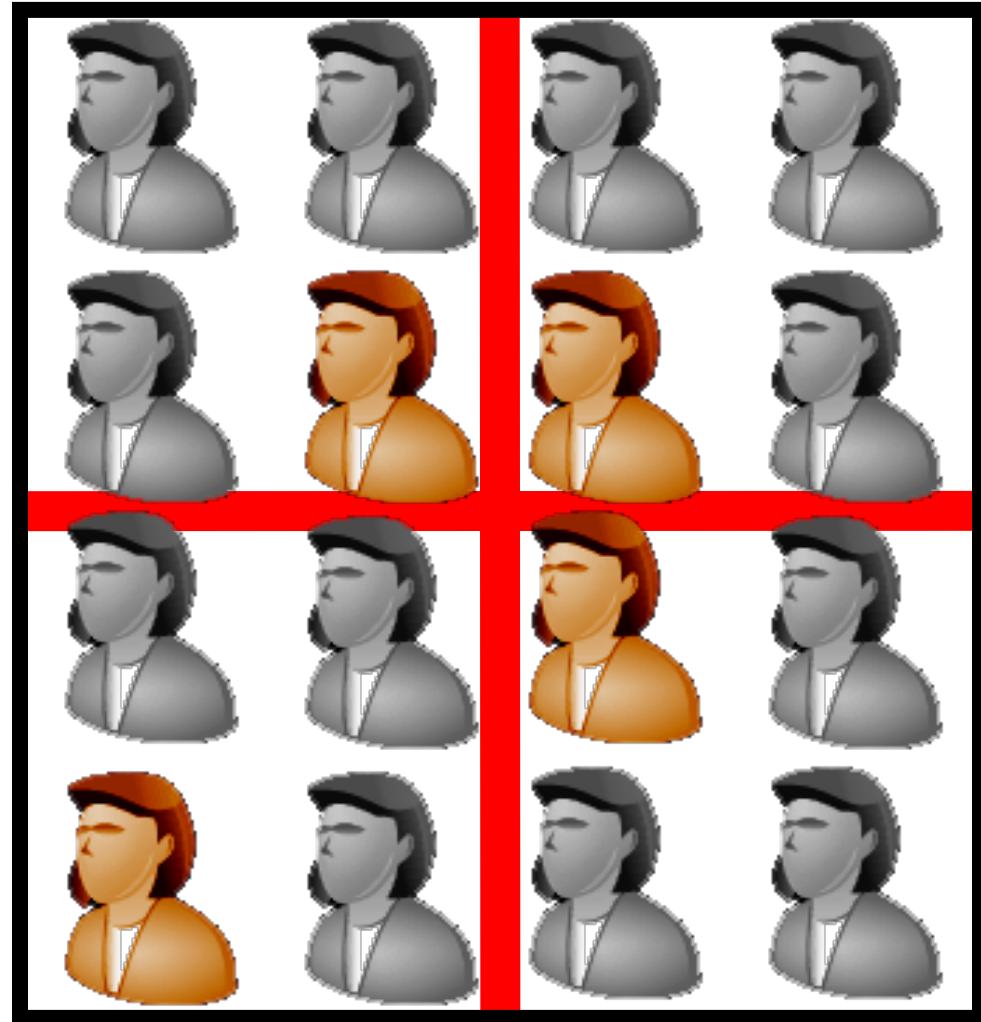




# Redistricting can take away minority voting rights.

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Matter?

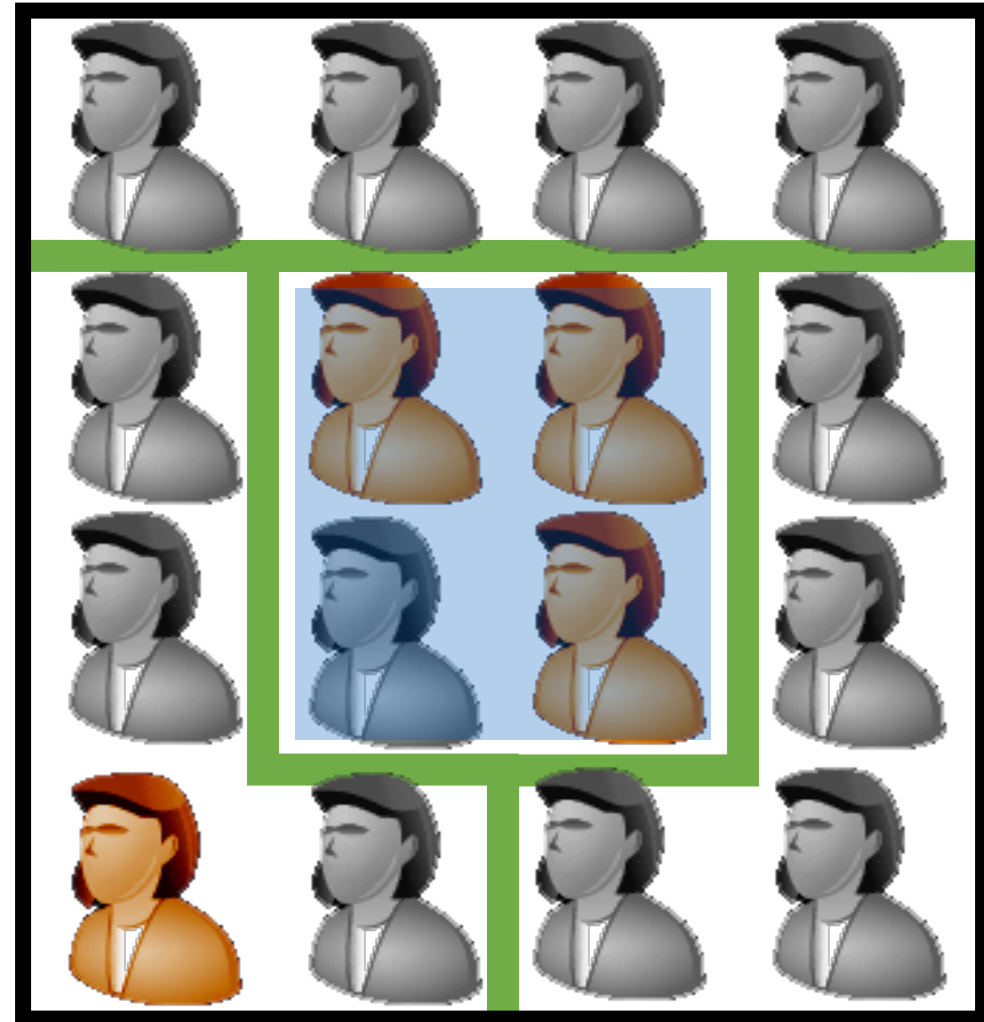
Minorities  
make up  
only  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  in all  
four  
districts



**Redistricting can allow the community to elect the candidates of their choice.**

Minorities  
make up  $\frac{3}{4}$   
of this district

If a majority  
can be  
drawn, the  
Voting  
Rights Act  
requires it



**Why Does  
Redistricting  
Matter?**

Guess Where  
This Photo Is  
From



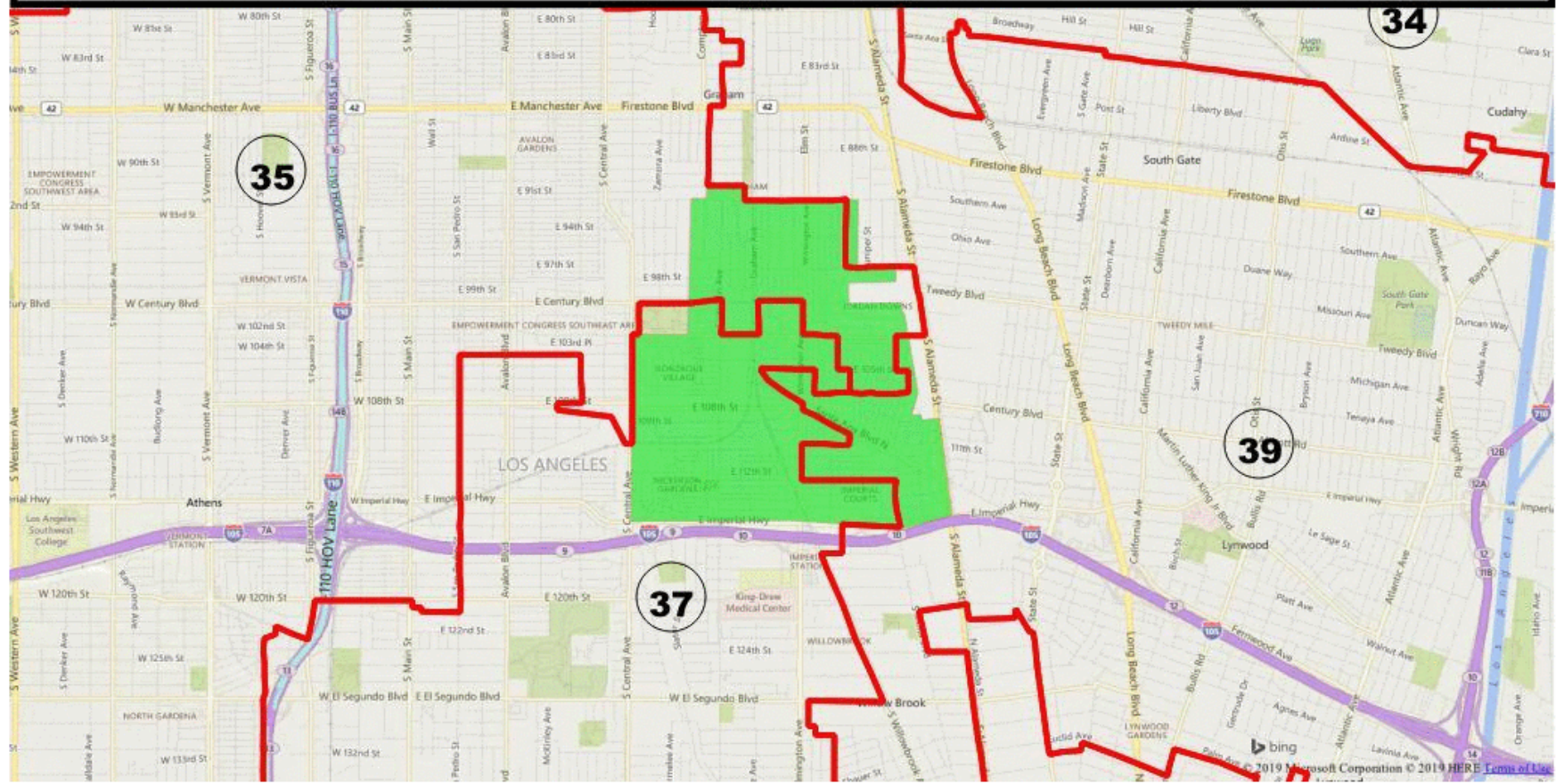


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need, Watts  
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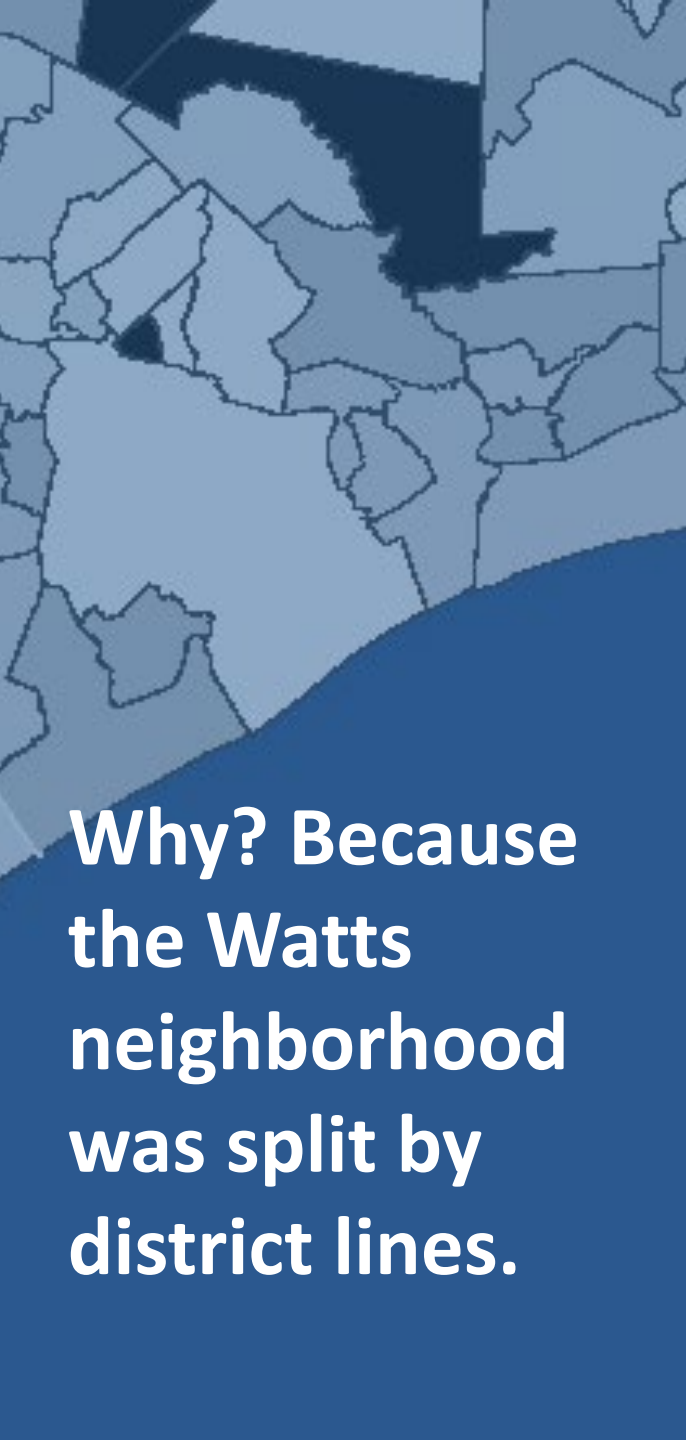
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## Division of Watts in 2001: CA Congressional Districts




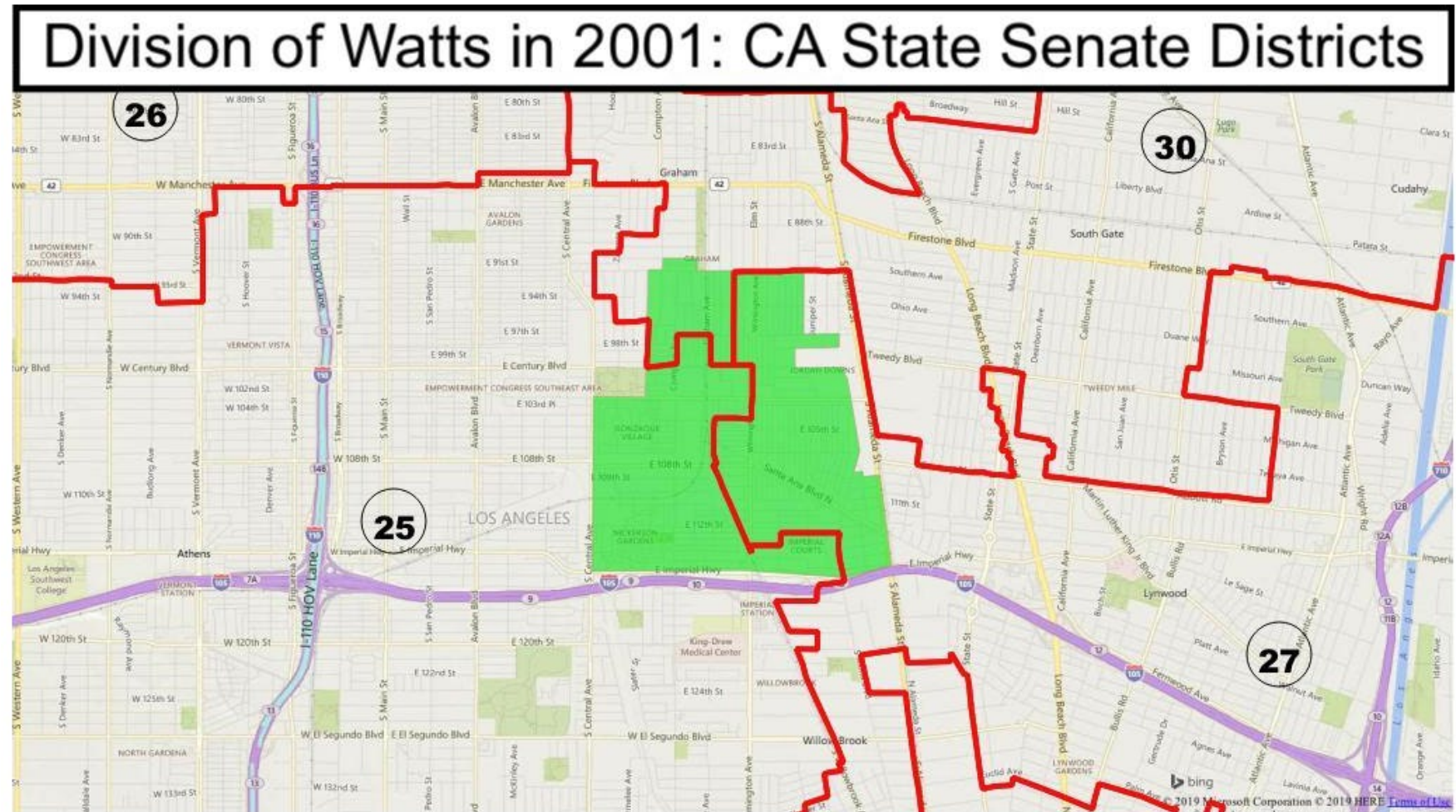
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 **COMMON CAUSE**  
In 2001, Watts was split  
by incumbents into 3  
districts at the state  
Senate level.







**Communities'  
voices and  
needs were  
abandoned.**

*“At the time of the 2003 flood, I remember our office trying to be very responsive, but there was a lot of ping-ponging of constituents between elected representatives. Residents weren't sure who actually was their member of Congress.*

*Watts is cut into three different Congressional and state Senate districts. Residents who live on the same street may live in different districts. There was a lot of unnecessary frustration for constituents during a difficult time.*

***This would have never happened if all of Watts belonged to one district.”***

*- Romulo Rivera, former Congressional staffer*





# CA Sparked a Redistricting Revolution



**California cities and counties have also moved to independent commissions:**

- **Berkeley**
- **Chula Vista**
- **Escondido**
- **Oakland**
- **Long Beach**
- **Los Angeles County**
- **Roseville**
- **Sacramento**
- **San Diego City**
- **San Diego County**
- **Santa Barbara County**





Adopting equitable  
district maps

Creating a  
Transparent and  
Inclusive Process

Centering  
Community Input





## How can you create a transparent and inclusive process?

- New state laws on local redistricting offer a roadmap for more transparency and public engagement.
- Best practices developed by cities and redistricting experts mean you don't have to reinvent the wheel.
- New, publicly available mapping tools and technology make it easier to facilitate public engagement.





How can you create  
a transparent and  
inclusive process?

- Start now! Begin learning, planning
- Line up your resources
- Outreach and educate decision-makers and community leaders
- Redistricting Data may come July / August 2021



# A Roadmap for Today's Training

