Redistricting 101
1. **What** is redistricting?

2. **Why** is redistricting important to community health?

3. **How** can you create a transparent and inclusive redistricting process?
What is redistricting?

Each district must have the same number of residents.
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Over time, districts become uneven in size.
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Every ten years, the district lines have to be redrawn to make each district even in size again.
Redistricting can take away minority voting rights.

Minorities make up only $\frac{1}{4}$ in all four districts.
Redistricting can allow the community to elect the candidates of their choice.

Why Does Redistricting Matter?

Minorities make up \( \frac{3}{4} \) of this district.

If a majority can be drawn, the Voting Rights Act requires it.
Guess Where This Photo Is From
In a time of need, Watts was ignored.
In 2001, Watts was split by incumbents into 3 districts at the Congressional level.

Why? Because the Watts neighborhood was split by district lines.
In 2001, Watts was split by incumbents into 3 districts at the state Senate level.

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“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
After 2011, after leaders united to testify about Watts before the CA Citizens Commission, Watts was made whole.

Redistricting with community input makes a difference.
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

Implementing Local Redistricting

- Redistricting 101
- Public Engagement 9:20
- Mapping Software & Expertise 10:10
- Voting Rights Act & Other Criteria 10:50
- Nuts and Bolts 11:30
- Resources
  - Budgets
  - Consultants
  - Commissions