

City of Lincoln Redistricting Process 2022

Every ten years, local governments use new census data to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. [Assembly Bill 849 \(2019\)](#) requires cities and counties to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and/or workshops and doing public outreach, including to non- English-speaking communities.

What is redistricting?

Every ten years, districts must be redrawn so that each district is substantially equal in population. This process, called redistricting, is important in ensuring that each city councilmember represents about the same number of constituents. In the City of Lincoln, the City Council is responsible for drawing council districts. Redistricting is done using U.S. Census data, which was released around March 31, 2021. For the City of Lincoln, the redistricting process must be completed by April 12, 2022.

Why does redistricting matter to me?

Redistricting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for purposes of electing a councilmember.

The Independent Redistricting Commission, was made up of members of the public and provided input in selecting the district map for our City Council districts. You had an opportunity to share how you think district boundaries should be drawn to best represent your community by contacting the City Clerk at cityclerk@lincolnca.gov or 916-434-2490 to find out more about how the process works.

What do the existing council districts look like?

You can find a map of the City's current council districts [here](#).

What criteria was used when drawing district lines?

To the extent practicable, district lines were adopted using the following criteria: (1) geographically contiguous districts (each city council district should share a common border with the next), (2) the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division, (3) geographic integrity of a city shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division, (4) easily identifiable boundaries that follow natural or artificial barriers (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.), and (5) lines shall be drawn to encourage geographic compactness. In addition, boundaries shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

How will our City notify the public about redistricting?

The City reached out to local media to publicize the redistricting process. Also, we made a good faith effort to notify community groups of various kinds about the redistricting process. Our public hearings and workshops would have been provided in applicable languages if residents submitted a request in advance (no requests were received so hearings and workshops were in English). Our City notified the public about redistricting hearings and workshops, posted maps online before adoption, and created a dedicated web page for all relevant information about the redistricting process.

How can I get involved?

Our Independent Redistricting Commission held public hearings and workshops to receive public input on where district lines should be drawn. Those hearings and workshops were held on:

Date/Location/Time	Topic
August 30, 2021 Zoom (Virtual Meeting) 4:00pm	Public meeting to Select Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) Members
September 15, 2021 Zoom (Virtual Meeting) 3:00pm	IRC Public Hearing #1/ Workshop #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of IRC members • Legal Aspects of Redistricting • Discuss Redistricting Process • Public Hearing prior to any maps drawn
September 29, 2021	Draft District Map public & IRC submittals begin
October 6, 2021 Zoom (Virtual Meeting) 3:00pm	IRC Public Workshop #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of District Scenario Modeling Tool • Consider criteria for the formation of districts
October 21, 2021 12 Bridges Library/Zoom 3:00pm	IRC Public Workshop #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Scenario Modeling Tool Hands-on Training • Identify neighborhoods and communities of interest. • Brown Act Presentation
November 3, 2021 City Hall 1 st Floor/Zoom 3:00pm	IRC Public Workshop #4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination & Election of Chair/Vice Chair • District Scenario Map & Communities of Interest
November 16, 2021 City Hall 1 st Floor /Zoom 3:00pm	IRC Public Workshop #5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of Maps Submitted to Date • IRC Direction on Maps to add to Redistricting Portal for Feedback
December 8, 2021	IRC Map Options added to Redistricting Portal
January 18, 2022 Zoom (Virtual Meeting) 6:00pm	IRC Public Hearing #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Redistricting Legal Requirements • Review of Maps Submitted to Date • IRC Direction on Preferred Map Options 1, 1B, 1C, 2 & 8
February 15, 2022 Zoom (Virtual Meeting) 3:00pm	IRC Public Hearing #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB 361 Brown Act Discussion – no action taken • Review of IRC Preferred Map Options 1, 1B, 1C, 2 & 8 • IRC Direction to bring forward Preferred Map 1 and 1C to Public Hearing #4
March 3, 2022 City Hall 1 st Floor /Zoom 3:00pm	IRC Public Hearing #4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of final district map.
March 22, 2022 City Hall 3 rd Floor Council Chambers/ Zoom 6:00pm	City Council Meeting - Public Hearing #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Read of Ordinance to adopt Redistricting Map
April 12, 2022 City Hall 3 rd Floor Council Chambers/ Zoom 6:00pm	City Council Meeting - Public Hearing #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Read & Adoption of Ordinance to adopt Redistricting Map

Public were also encouraged to submit public comments, including suggested draft maps, by emailing: cityclerk@lincolnca.gov or 916-434-2493.

Where can I find out more?

The City maintains a webpage on the city's redistricting process [here](#) or you can visit the [Redistricting Portal](#) that reflects the entire redistricting process for 2022-2030.