Claremont Unified School District
Districting Hearing #1
August 5, 2021
2021 CUSD Districting

- The 2021 districting process
  - Why is CUSD considering the transition to by-district elections?
  - Project timelines
  - Key deadlines
  - Next steps and hearings
Election Systems

1. “At Large”

2. “From District” or “Residence” Districts

3. “By District”

The California Voting Rights Act was written to specifically encourage by-district elections.
California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)

- Under the Federal Voting Rights Act (passed in 1965), a jurisdiction must fail 4 factual tests before it is in violation of the law.

- The California VRA makes it significantly easier for plaintiffs to force jurisdictions into “by-district” election systems by eliminating two of the US Supreme Court Gingles tests:
  - Can the protected class constitute the majority of a district?
  - Does the protected class vote as a bloc?
  - Do the voters who are not in the protected class vote in a bloc to defeat the preferred candidates of the protected class?
  - Do the “totality of circumstances” indicate race is a factor in elections?

- Liability is now determined only by the presence of racially polarized voting
CVRA Impact

- Switched (or in the process of switching) as a result of CVRA:
  - At least 240 school districts
  - 34 Community College Districts
  - 154 cities
  - 1 County Board of Supervisors
  - 35 water and other special districts.

- Cases So Far:
  - Palmdale, Santa Clara and Santa Monica went to trial on the merits. Palmdale and Santa Clara lost. Santa Monica is awaiting a decision.
  - Modesto and Palmdale each spent about $1.8 million on their defense (in addition to the attorney fee awards in those cases).
  - Santa Monica has spent an estimated $7 million so far. Plaintiffs in Santa Monica requested $22 million in legal fees after the original trial.

- Key settlements:
  - Palmdale: $4.7 million
  - Modesto: $3 million
  - Highland: $1.3 million
  - Anaheim: $1.1 million
  - Whittier: $1 million
  - Santa Barbara: $600,000
  - Tulare Hospital: $500,000
  - Camarillo: $233,000
  - Compton Unified: $200,000
  - Madera Unified: about $170,000
  - Hanford Joint Union Schools: $118,000
  - Merced City: $42,000

- An estimated $16 million in total settlements and court awards so far.
## Districting Process

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<td>Initial deadline for draft maps</td>
<td>Deadline for the public to submit draft maps for inclusion in the next hearing packet and presentation</td>
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<td>Release draft maps</td>
<td>Draft maps posted to project website</td>
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<td>Two hearings on draft maps</td>
<td>Two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.</td>
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<td>Map adoption</td>
<td>Map adopted via ordinance/resolution. Final map must be posted at least 3/7 days prior to adoption.</td>
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# Redistricting Rules and Goals

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Claremont USD Attendance Area
Demographic Summary of CUSD Service Area

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<td>2020 Estimated Pop.</td>
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<td>42,425</td>
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<td>Total Pop</td>
<td>Hisp</td>
<td>9,079</td>
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<td>NH White</td>
<td>23,395</td>
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<td>2,315</td>
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<td>Asian-American</td>
<td>5,820</td>
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<td>Voter Registration (Nov 2020)</td>
<td>Latino est.</td>
<td>6,066</td>
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<td>Spanish-Surnamed</td>
<td>5,449</td>
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<td>2,108</td>
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<td>272</td>
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<td>16,347</td>
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<td>Citizen Voting Age Pop</td>
<td>Total</td>
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<td>7,847</td>
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<td>NH White</td>
<td>16,842</td>
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<td>Asian/Pac.Isl.</td>
<td>4,166</td>
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Latino CVAP
Income Statistics
Beyond Neighborhoods: Defining Communities of Interest

1st Question: what defines your community?

- Geographic Area, plus
- Shared issue or characteristic
  - Shared social or economic interest
  - Impacted by city/county policies
- Tell us “your community’s story”

2nd Question:

Would this community benefit from being “included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation”?

- Or would it benefit more from having multiple representatives?

Definitions of Communities of Interest may not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.
Possible Communities

- Downtown Claremont
- Areas around the Claremont Colleges
- Other areas
Public Hearing and Discussion

- What is your community of interest and what are its boundaries?
- Would you prefer your community of interest be in one trustee area or that it have multiple representatives on the Board?
2nd Hearing

Next Steps:

☐ Board Discussion, then Action:

☐ At 2nd Hearing (TBD), vote on areas that meet the AB 849 definition:

■ “communities of interest . . . that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.”
Timeline & Next Steps

- Due to delays in the release of the Census data, it is anticipated that full data sets from the Census Bureau will not be ready until late September or early October.

- Public input for potential district maps will begin after data release.
# Timeline & Next Steps

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<td>Mapping software released to the public.*</td>
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<td>September 2, 2021 (Proposed)</td>
<td>2nd Public Hearing to identify “communities of interest.” Mapping tools overview.</td>
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<td>Around October 1, 2021</td>
<td>Redistricting data available. Census data will be released in mid- to late-August. California will release prisoner-adjusted redistricting data around October 1.</td>
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<td>Early 2022</td>
<td>Maps due from public</td>
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<td>January 2022 (tentative)</td>
<td>Proposed 3rd hearing</td>
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<td>February 2022 (tentative)</td>
<td>Proposed 4th hearing</td>
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<td>February 2022 (tentative)</td>
<td>Publish revised map(s)</td>
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<td>March 2022 (tentative)</td>
<td>Final Hearing and Board to adopt District map.</td>
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<td>March/April 2022</td>
<td>LA County Committee on School District Organization considers approval of the proposal to change the District’s election method and trustee area map.</td>
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INPUT RE COMPOSITION OF MAPS FOR TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS

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I took those three items up and paid them on the checkout counter. They fit underneath the plexiglass

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