

CITY OF ESCONDIDO - INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Preliminary City Council Redistricting Plan Report

Overview

On January 27, 2022, the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) for the City of Escondido voted to accept the boundaries of a Preliminary Redistricting Plan for Escondido's City Council districts. The Preliminary Redistricting Plan is available for review at: [Redistricting Commission - City of Escondido](#)

Below is a brief description of the public and transparent process the IRC created to collect information that informed the Preliminary Plan:

During the month of January, the IRC held six public hearings in geographically diverse locations throughout the City of Escondido. The hearings were held in-person and via video conference at the following times and locations:

- Wednesday, January 5, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. at Mission Middle School, 939 E. Mission Ave., Escondido CA, 92025
- Saturday, January 8, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. at Reidy Creek Elementary School, 2869 North Broadway, Escondido CA, 92026
- Monday, January 10, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. at the East Valley Community Center, 2245 E Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92027
- Thursday, January 13, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. at San Pasqual High School, 3300 Bear Valley Parkway, Escondido, CA 92025
- Tuesday, January 18, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. at the Washington Park Recreation Building, 501 North Rose Street. Escondido, CA 92027
- Thursday, January 20, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. at the Park Avenue Community Center, 210 Park Avenue Escondido, CA 92025

The Public Hearings were conducted in a workshop style, beginning with a presentation by the expert consultant team to inform attendees about the process, methodologies, legal requirements and data used in the Escondido districting. Translation services were provided in Spanish, Mandarin, Vietnamese and Tagalog. Handouts and materials were made available in these languages as well as in English.

The number of attendees at the 'Public Input Hearings' ranged from about fifteen to approximately thirty-five persons in-person and via video conference. Attendees actively participated in each hearing and addressed the IRC in real-time to defining their COIs.

Public input was collected in various ways. As described above, attendees at hearings could provide public testimony to the IRC verbally in-person or via video conference, or they could fill out a form in writing and turn it in with the City Clerk at the hearing. The public could submit comments in the video conference chat feature. The public could also submit input via email communication or by mailing or dropping off written communication at the City Clerk's office at City Hall.

The commission received input in all of these ways. Some input included maps, other input described areas of concern by listing street boundaries. Communities of Interest and Neighborhoods that were submitted by the public were digitized by the consultant team and made available to the Commission.

The commission produced various map visualizations during the Public Input Hearings:

- January 10, 2022 [Map Visualization](#)
- January 13, 2022 [Map Visualization](#)
- January 18, 2022 [Map Visualization 1](#) | [Map Visualization 2](#)
- January 20, 2022 [Map Visualization 1A](#) | [Map Visualization 1B](#) | [Map Visualization 2](#)

The IRC commissioned a Voting Right Act Analysis concerning Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act. The demographer reported that an analysis of the Citizen Voting Age Population Data from the 2020 Census showed that District 1 should be constructed in way that has at least 53% Latinos of Citizen Voting Age, and that was also compact and contiguous.

Upon conclusion of the public input hearings, the IRC held two Commission Meetings in-person and via video conference at the following dates and location:

- Tuesday, January 24, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers, 201 N. Broadway, Escondido CA, 92025
- Thursday, January 28, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers, 201 N. Broadway, Escondido CA, 92025

The commission produced the following map visualizations at these meetings:

- January 24, 2022 - [Map Visualization 2A](#) | [Map Visualization 2B](#) | [Map Visualization 2C](#)
- January 27, 2022 - [Preliminary Redistricting Plan](#) | [Demographics](#)

The Preliminary Plan was approved by the IRC unanimously on January 27, 2022.

Preliminary Redistricting Plan Construction

The Preliminary Plan was constructed in compliance with the Criteria outlined in the Consent Decree. The Plan:

1. Complies with the U.S. constitution, including reasonably equal population
2. Complies with the Federal Voting Rights Act
3. Is contiguous and geographically compact
4. Respects the geographic integrity of Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest
5. Does not consider the residences of incumbents or candidates; or discriminate against or favor political parties, incumbents or political candidates.

The City of Escondido has one non-contiguous area that was included in district 2 which is geographically closest to it.

Compliance with Criteria

All district boundaries were drafted to maintain reasonably equal population and to be contiguous and compact. The City of Escondido's total population, reflecting adjustments to incorporate annexations that

took place after the census boundaries were collected, is 151,516 persons. The ideal population for each district is 37,879 persons.

The population of District 01 is 38,833. The population of District 01 deviates 2.53% below the ideal population. The percent Latino Citizen Voting Age Population of District 01 is 53.12%

The population of District 02 is 37,661. The population of District 02 deviates -0.58% below the ideal population.

The population of District 03 is 37,884, which is 1,164. The population of District 03 deviates 0.01% above the ideal population.

The population of District 04 is 37,138. The population of District 04 deviates -1.96% above the ideal population.

Terms and Standards

COI = Community of Interest

CVAP = Citizen Voting Age Population

IDC = Independent Districting Commission

Ideal Population = The total population counted in census 2010 for the City of

Escondido divided by the number of districts

VRA = Federal Voting Rights Act