

Thousand Oaks Community Workshop

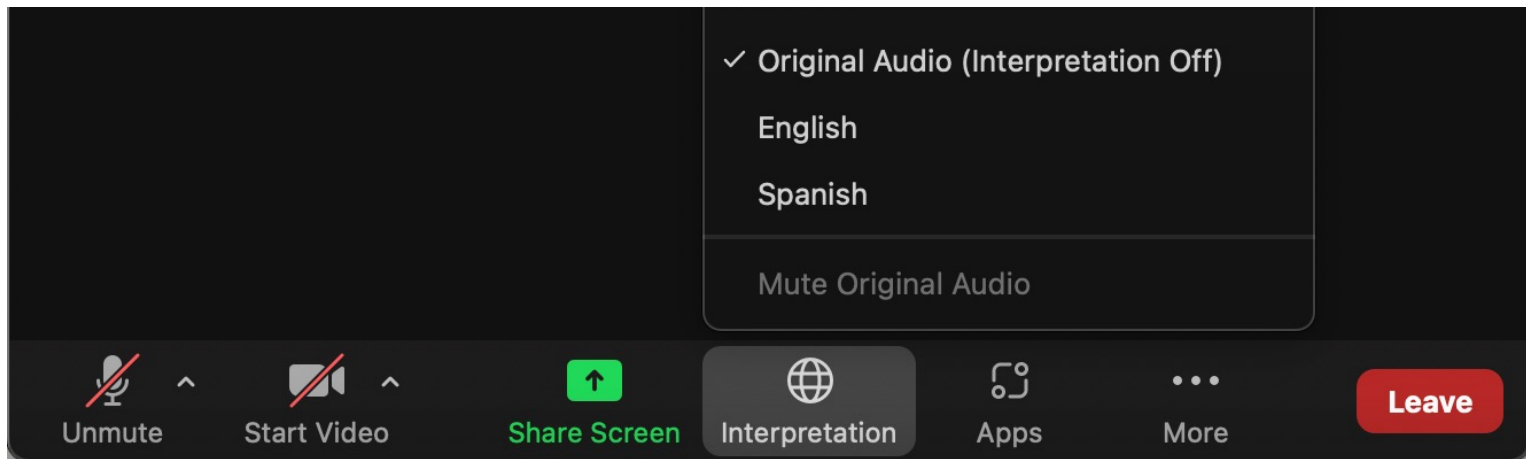
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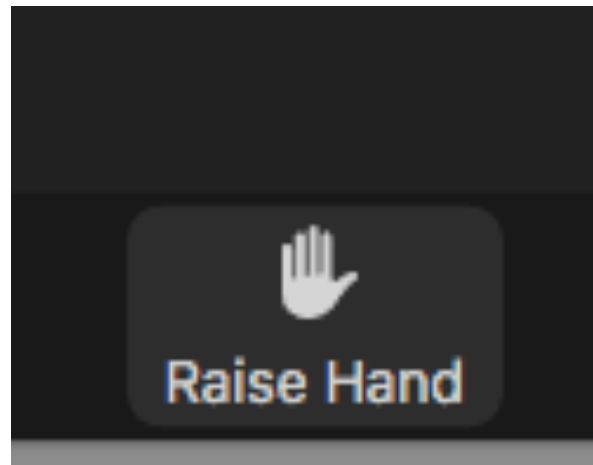
Language Rooms and Interpretation

- All participants must enter a language room
- Interpretation provided: Spanish



Zoom Features

- Raise your hand to speak



Introductions

Today's Goals

You Learn from the Experts

Experts Listen to *You*

Mapping Tools Overview

You Leave Empowered to Give Effective Feedback

Why You Should Care

- ❑ Democracy works better when people are engaged
- ❑ You are the experts on your community
- ❑ You are the experts on your neighborhood
- ❑ The districts determined in this process will be
around until 2031

Presentation Overview

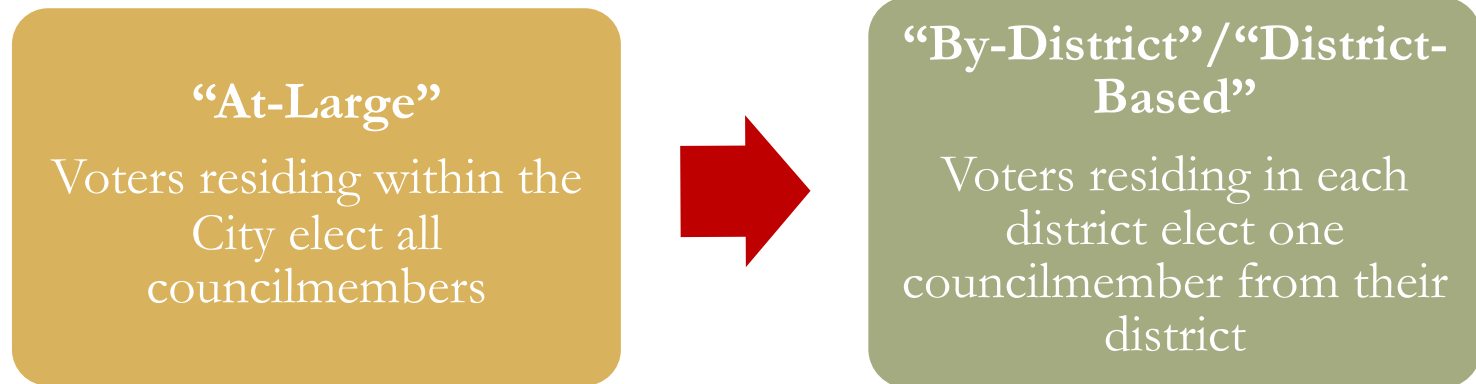
- I. Background: Transition to District-Based Elections
- II. Legal Requirements for Districts
- III. Demographic Profile of Thousand Oaks
- IV. Public Mapping Tools

Today's Goal: You leave empowered to participate effectively in the districting process

Background: New Election System

What are district-based elections?

- T.O. currently uses an **at-large** system to elect the City Council
- Beginning in 2024, the City will transition to a **district-based** election system



Background: CVRA

Why is the City changing its election system?

- On March 15, 2023, the City received a letter challenging the City's current **at-large** election system
- The California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) encourages **by-district** elections and makes it easier to bring lawsuits against cities with **at-large** elections
- To avoid potential litigation under the CVRA, T.O. is transitioning to **district-based** elections

Districting Process

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Legal Requirements for Districts



1. Federal Laws

- ✓ Equal population rule (total deviation < 10%)
- ✓ Federal Voting Rights Act
- ✓ No racial gerrymandering



2. Criteria for CA Cities

1. Geographically **contiguous districts**
2. Avoid dividing **neighborhoods & “communities of interest”**
3. Easily identifiable boundaries
4. **Compact districts** (don't bypass a nearby populated area to take in a distant area)

T.O. Demographic Profile

Category	Field	Total
2020 Census	Total Population	127,134
Total Population	Hispanic/Latino	20%
	NH White	63%
	NH Black	2%
	NH Asian/Pac.Isl.	14%
	NH Native Amer.	1%
Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP)	Total	91,642
	Hisp.	15%
	NH White	73%
	NH Black	2%
	Asian/Pac.Isl.	9%
	Native Amer.	1%
Voter Registration (Nov 2020)	Total	85,938
	Latino est.	11%
	Spanish-Surnamed	10%
	Asian-Surnamed	6%
	Filipino-Surnamed	1%
	NH White est.	82%
	NH Black	1%

Category	Field	Total
Age	Age 0-19	24%
	Age 20-60	50%
	Age 60 +	26%
Immigration	Immigrants	18%
	Naturalized	60%
Education (among those age 25+)	HS-grad	45%
	Bachelor degree	29%
	Graduate degree	20%
Child in Household	Child-under18	28%
Household Income	Income 0-25k	10%
	Income 25-50k	11%
	Income 50-75k	12%
	Income 75-200k	41%
	Income 200k +	25%
Housing Stats	Single-family	82%
	Multi-family	18%
	Rented	31%
	Owned	69%

Total population data from California's adjusted 2020 Census data. Citizen Voting Age Population, Age, Immigration, and other demographics from the 2017-2021 American Community Survey and Special Tabulation 5-year data. Registration data from California Statewide Database. "Latino" figures calculated by NDC using Census Bureau's Latino undercount by surname estimate.

Describe Your Neighborhood/Community



What brings us together?

- Common interests or experiences
- Similar issues or concern
- Shared culture, language, history

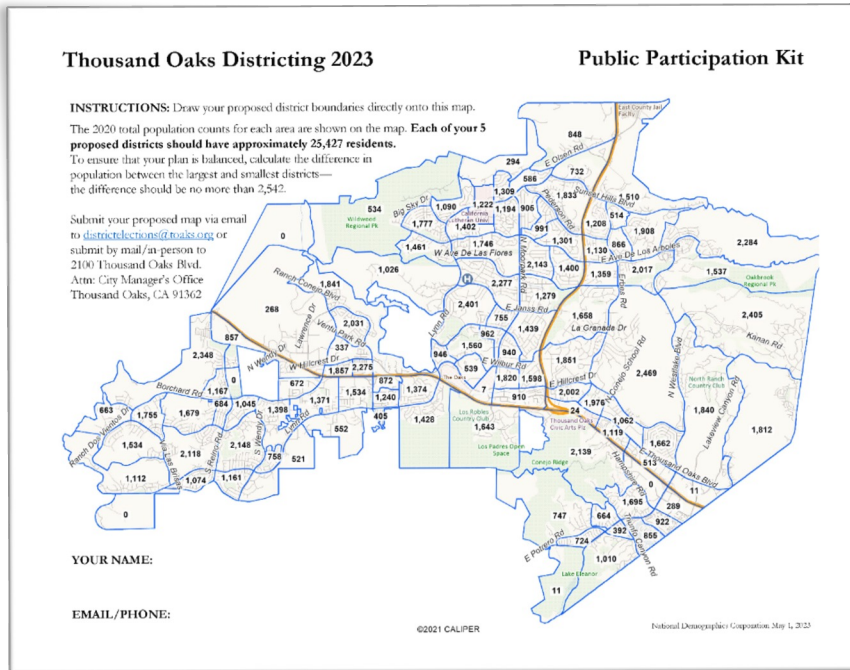
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Where are we?

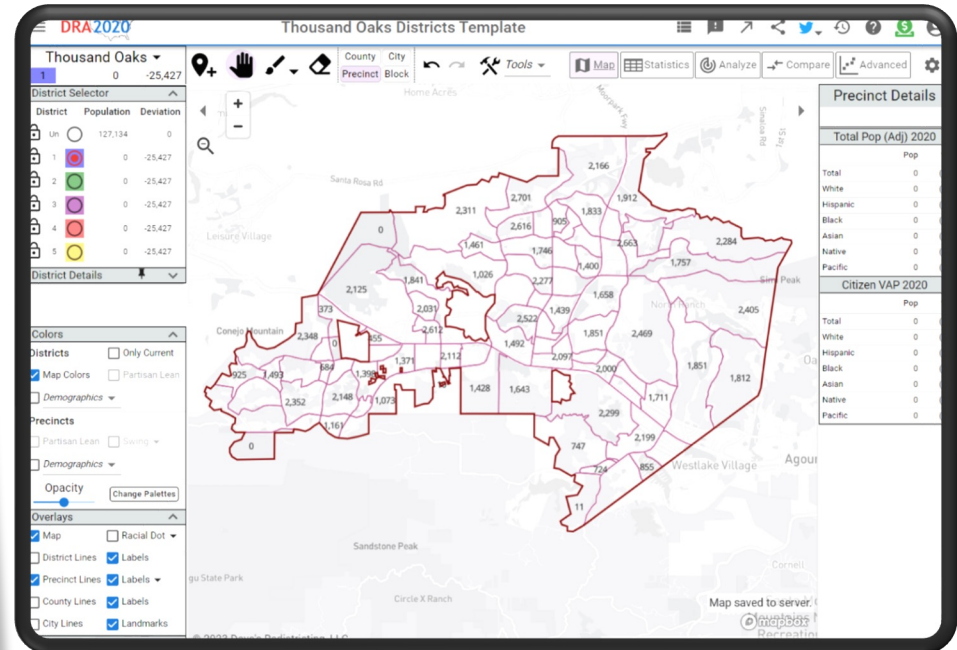
- Areas around parks, schools, or other landmarks
- Bounded by highways, major roads, waterways, hills, etc.

Draw Your Own District Map

Simple Paper Kit



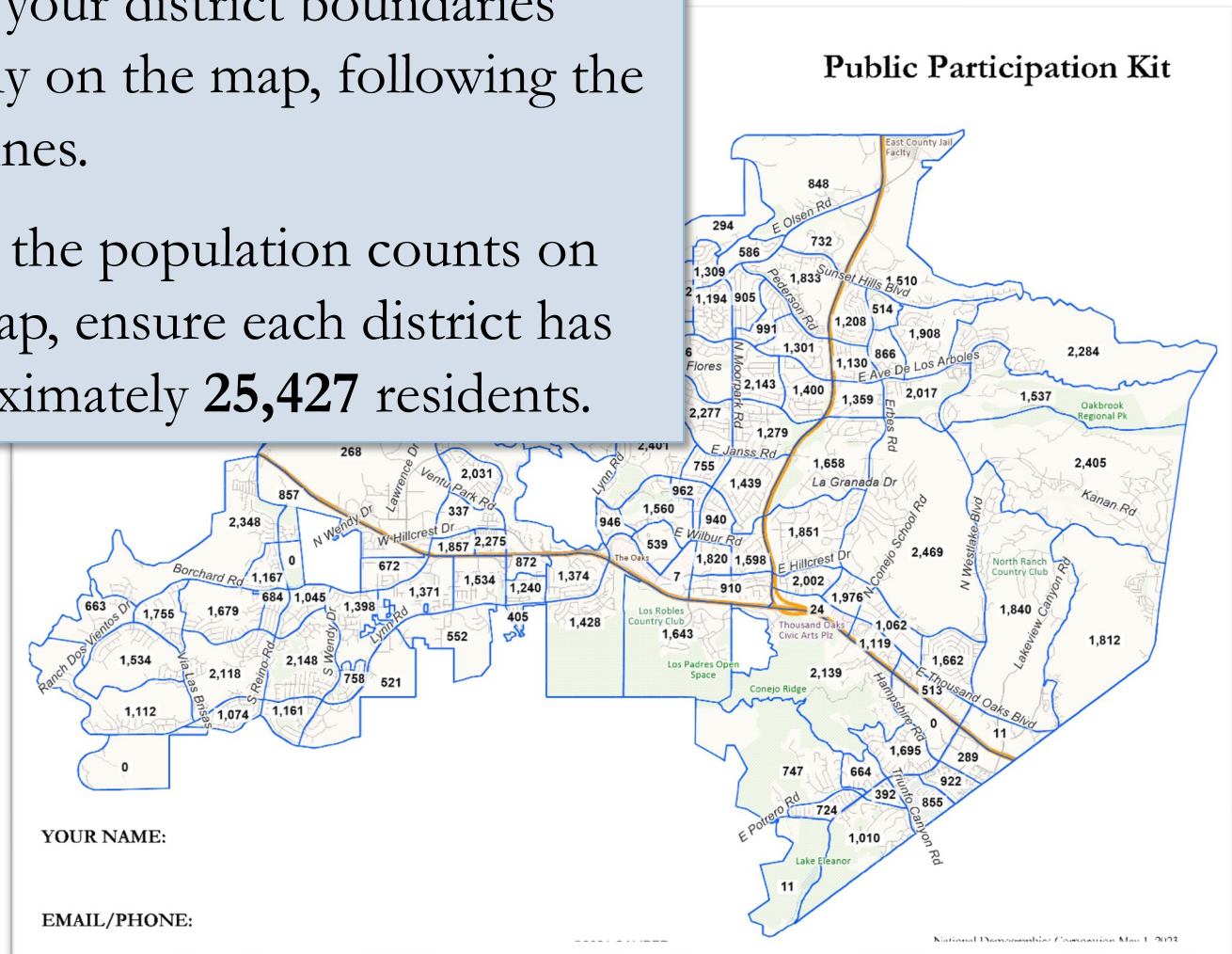
Online Tool



Whether you use the online tool, the paper kit, or just draw on a napkin, we welcome your maps!

How to Use the Paper Mapping Kit

1. Draw your district boundaries directly on the map, following the blue lines.
2. Using the population counts on the map, ensure each district has approximately **25,427** residents.



Q&A With Your Hosts

Your Turn – Communities of Interest

- ❑ Who is part of your community?
- ❑ What are some meaningful places your community recognizes or gathers at?
- ❑ What are some common concerns you share with a group?
- ❑ What are some common cultural characteristics that unite a community?
- ❑ What are common work-related traits that bring a community together?
- ❑ What is significant about the physical environment?
- ❑ What areas benefit from staying together in a district?

Your thoughts will become part of the record.

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Share Your Thoughts



Communities of Interest Survey

Name *(Required)*

First

Last

Email *(Required)*

Are you a resident of the City of Thousand Oaks? *(Required)*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other

Other

Where is your community located?

You can define it by neighborhood, streets, address, proximity to a key landmark (such as a school or community center), or other boundaries.

Fill out the survey: MapTOaks.org/Survey

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Background

On March 15, 2023, the City of Thousand Oaks received a letter challenging the City's current election system and asserting that the City's at-large election system violates the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA).

The City is not unique in this situation. Agencies throughout the State have received similar demand letters prompting a shift from at-large to district-based elections. While it is unclear if the City's current system runs afoul of existing law, the cost of litigation to defend the at-large system, coupled with the track record of other public agencies that have fought similar challenges, poses a significant financial and legal risk to the City.

In light of the letter and to protect the City from financial and legal risks, Thousand Oaks has taken steps to consider transitioning its election process to district-based elections.

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