



# Cajon Valley Union School District: Public Hearing 1

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# What is Redistricting?

Every 10 years, local governments use new data from the census to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed.

School districts must ensure that their district boundaries continue to be in population balance. If districts are out of balance, they must be adjusted or redrawn to bring them into balance.

The primary goal when developing election districts is to draw lines that respect neighborhoods, history and geographical elements.

The final map of districts will be used for Cajon Valley school district elections for the next 10 years starting in 2022.

## Why Are We Doing this Again so Soon?

Cajon Valley Union School District went through a process to move to trustee districts in 2017. District maps were drawn in 2017 using 2010 population counts. 2018 was the first election where trustees were elected by district

Even though the district map is so new, Cajon Valley Union School District must evaluate that map using the most recent 2020 census data to ensure that the districts are still in population balance.

# Redistricting Rules and Goals

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## Federal Laws

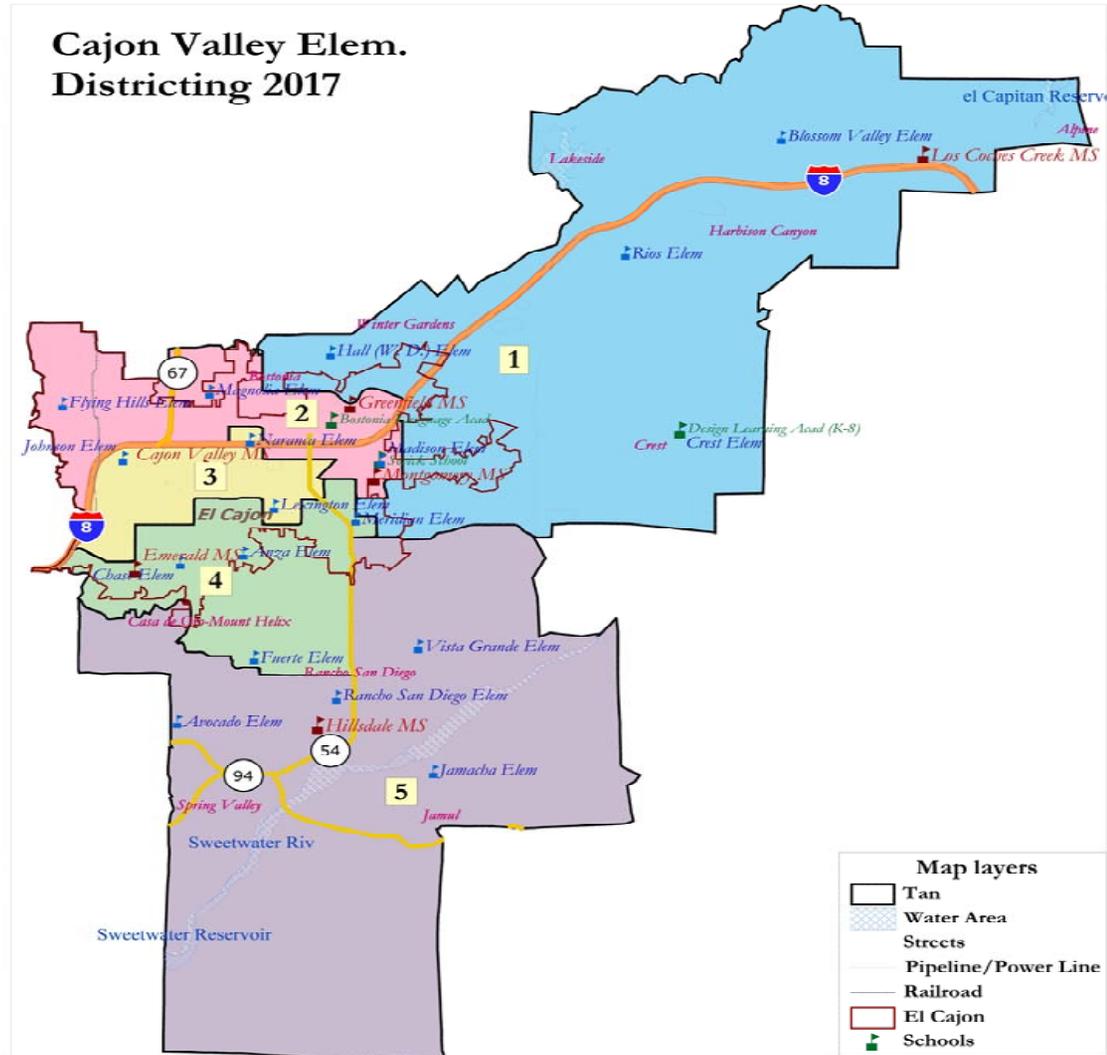
Equal Population  
Federal Voting Rights Act  
No Racial Gerrymandering



## Traditional Redistricting Principles

Communities of interest  
Compact  
Contiguous  
Visible (Natural & man-made) boundaries  
Respect voters' choices / continuity in office  
Planned future growth  
Minimize voters shifted to different election years  
Preserving the core of existing election areas

# Cajon Valley's Current Districts



# Cajon Valley Overview

| District     | Populataion    | Deviation from Ideal | % Deviation  |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 1            | 34,219         | -204                 | -0.59%       |
| 2            | 34,939         | 516                  | 1.50%        |
| 3            | 34,201         | -222                 | -0.64%       |
| 4            | 35,478         | 1055                 | 3.06%        |
| 5            | 33,277         | -1146                | -3.33%       |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>172,114</b> | <b>2201</b>          | <b>6.39%</b> |

A deviation range less than 10% has generally been considered balanced by the Courts

| CVAP         | 1             | 2             | 3             | 4             | 5             | Total          |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| % Hisp       | 15%           | 23%           | 31%           | 17%           | 18%           | 20%            |
| % NH White   | 78%           | 62%           | 52%           | 70%           | 71%           | 67%            |
| % NH Black   | 1%            | 7%            | 11%           | 6%            | 4%            | 6%             |
| % Asian/Pac  | 5%            | 7%            | 6%            | 7%            | 6%            | 6%             |
| % Native Am  | 2%            | 1%            | 1%            | 0%            | 1%            | 1%             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>25,017</b> | <b>23,195</b> | <b>17,736</b> | <b>22,674</b> | <b>24,920</b> | <b>113,541</b> |

# Options for the Board

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Because the current Cajon Valley districts have a population deviation range of less than 10%, they are considered balanced and do not need to be redrawn to comply with the federal equal population requirement.

As a results, the Board of Trustee's options include:

- Continue through the hearing process and re-adopt the current map at the end
- Request additional draft maps to consider through the hearing process

# Redistricting Project Timeline

| Timing             | Description   |
|--------------------|---|
| August 12, 2021    | Census data released (usually released by April 1, but delayed due to the pandemic)   |
| August 31, 2021    | Presentation at Board of Trustees meeting to kick off process   |
| September 27, 2021 | Final California adjusted Census Data released – the state had to make changes to their first release (9/20/21), and did a second release on September 27   |
| October 26, 2021   | Presentation at Board of Trustees and initial public hearing. Board and public consider potential map options; opportunity for the Board to request map modifications   |
| November 16, 2021  | Board selects final trustee area map  |
| February 28, 2022  | <b>Statutory deadline for completion. (Educ. Code § 5019.5.)</b><br>- Failure to meet the deadline shifts the burden for redrawing the lines to the County Committee on School District Organization/Board of Education |
| November 2022      | First three trustee areas hold elections in new areas   |
| November 2024      | Remaining two trustee areas hold election   |

## Key Questions/Input:

- What are important neighborhoods and communities of interest within the Cajon Valley Union School District that should be kept together to ensure “effective and fair representation?”
- How well do the current districts serve the needs of the of the School District?

# Communities of Interest

Under the California Elections Code, “community of interest” has a very specific definition in the context of districting and redistricting cities and counties:

A “community of interest” is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.

Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

(emphasis added)

- Opportunity for Participation:
  - ▣ Public Hearing – November 16, 2021
  - ▣ Letter/Written testimony
  
- Access the Cajon Valley School District website for more information