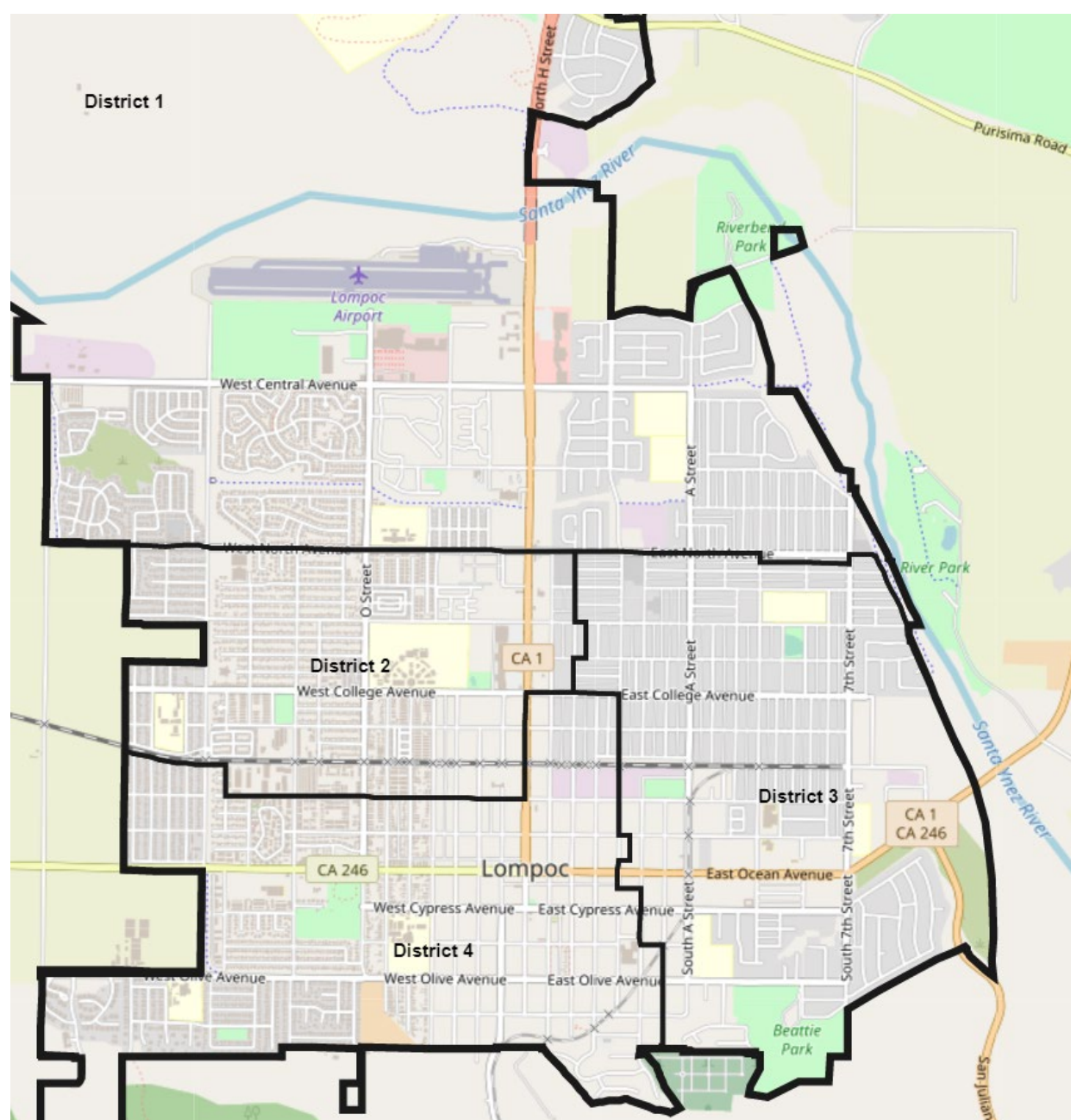


City of Lompoc

Introduction to Redistricting



Redistricting Process

Step	Description
Initial Pre-Draft Hearings: July 6 & 20	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the communities in the City. Identify “neighborhoods,” “communities of interest,” and “secondary areas.”
Initial deadline for draft maps: January 15	Deadline for the public to submit draft maps for inclusion in the next hearing packet and presentation
Release draft maps: January 26	Draft maps posted to project website
Two hearings on draft maps: February 2 & 16	Two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
Map adoption: March 1	Map adopted via ordinance. Final map must be posted at least 3/7 days prior to adoption.

Redistricting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws

- Equal Population
- Federal Voting Rights Act
- No Racial Gerrymandering



2. California Criteria for Cities

1. **Geographically contiguous**
2. **Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest”**
(Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
3. **Easily identifiable boundaries**
4. **Compact**
(Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

Prohibited:

“Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party.”

3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

- Minimize voters shifted to different election years
- Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office
- Future population growth
- Preserving the core of existing districts

Defining Neighborhoods

1st Question: what is your neighborhood?

2nd Question: what are its geographic boundaries?

Examples of physical features defining a neighborhood boundary:

- ❑ Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals and/or hills
- ❑ Areas around parks or schools
- ❑ Other neighborhood landmarks

In the absence of public testimony, planning records and other similar documents may provide definition.



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 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.

Demographic Summary of Existing Districts

(excl. 3,055 in prison)

Lompoc - Current Districts (excl. prison)

District		1	2	3	4	Total
2020	2020 Est. Total Pop	10,374	10,016	10,597	9,583	40,571
	Deviation from ideal	232	-127	454	-559	1,014
	% Deviation	2.28%	-1.25%	4.48%	-5.52%	10.00%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	7,054	4,780	5,908	5,669	23,412
	% Hisp	31%	54%	45%	38%	41%
	% NH White	51%	35%	48%	52%	47%
	% NH Black	6%	7%	3%	4%	5%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	10%	3%	1%	3%	5%

Estimates using official 2020 demographic data and NDC's estimated total population figures.

Each of the 4 districts must contain about 10,100 people (excl. prison).

Check out the [Lompoc Story Map](#) for more demographic data.

Public Mapping and Map Review Tools

- Different tools for different purposes
- Different tools for different levels of comfort and interest
 - ▣ Simple “learn about your community” [Story Map](#)
 - ▣ Simple “review draft maps” [interactive mapping tool](#)
 - ▣ Paper- and Excel-based simple “Draw a draft map” tools
 - ▣ Easy-to-use online tool to “Draw your neighborhood” and “Draw a draft map” (coming soon)

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

Public Hearing & Discussion

- What are the neighborhoods in the city, and what are their boundaries?
- What other notable areas are in the city, and what are their boundaries?
- Any questions about the mapping tools?
- Council Discussion, then Action:
 - ▣ Vote on areas that meet each AB 849 definition:
 - “neighborhoods”
 - “communities of interest . . . that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.”