



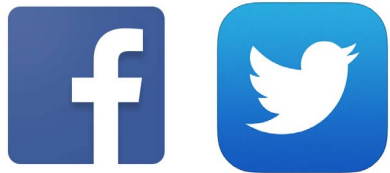
# Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC)

PUBLIC FORUM: DISTRICT 5  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 6PM

# Public Forum Agenda

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1. How to sign up for testimony
2. Background on the Independent Citizens Redistrict Commission (ICRC)
3. Current City Council district maps and demographic information
4. History of the 10-1 Austin City Council districts
5. Explanation of the delayed Census, and
6. Instructions for how to proceed through breakout sessions and how to use map print outs.



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ICRC websites:

<https://www.speakupaustin.org/city-of-austin-redistricting>

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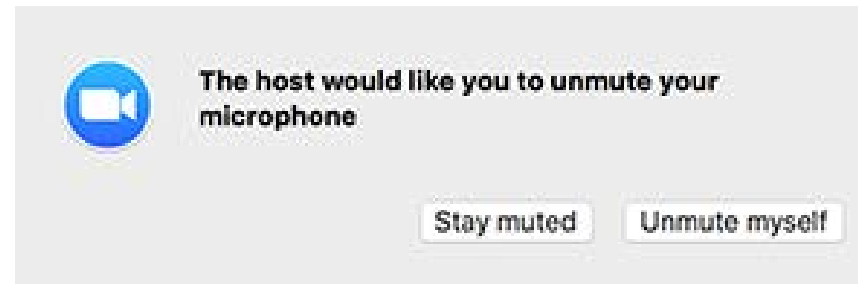
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# ICRC Commissioners

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District 1 – Errol Hardin

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District 2 – Sara Inés Calderón

District 3 – Brigham Morris

District 3 – Hoang Le

District 4 – Dr. Sterling Lands

District 5 – Prabhu Kannan

District 6 – Eugene Schneider

District 7 – Christina Puentes (Chair)

District 7 – Camellia Falcon

District 8 – Joshua Blank

District 9 – Shaina Kambo

District 10 – Luis Gonzalez (Vice-Chair)

District 10 – Erin Dempsey

# District 5 Commissioner Prabhu Kannan



**Meet Commissioner Kannan**

District 5

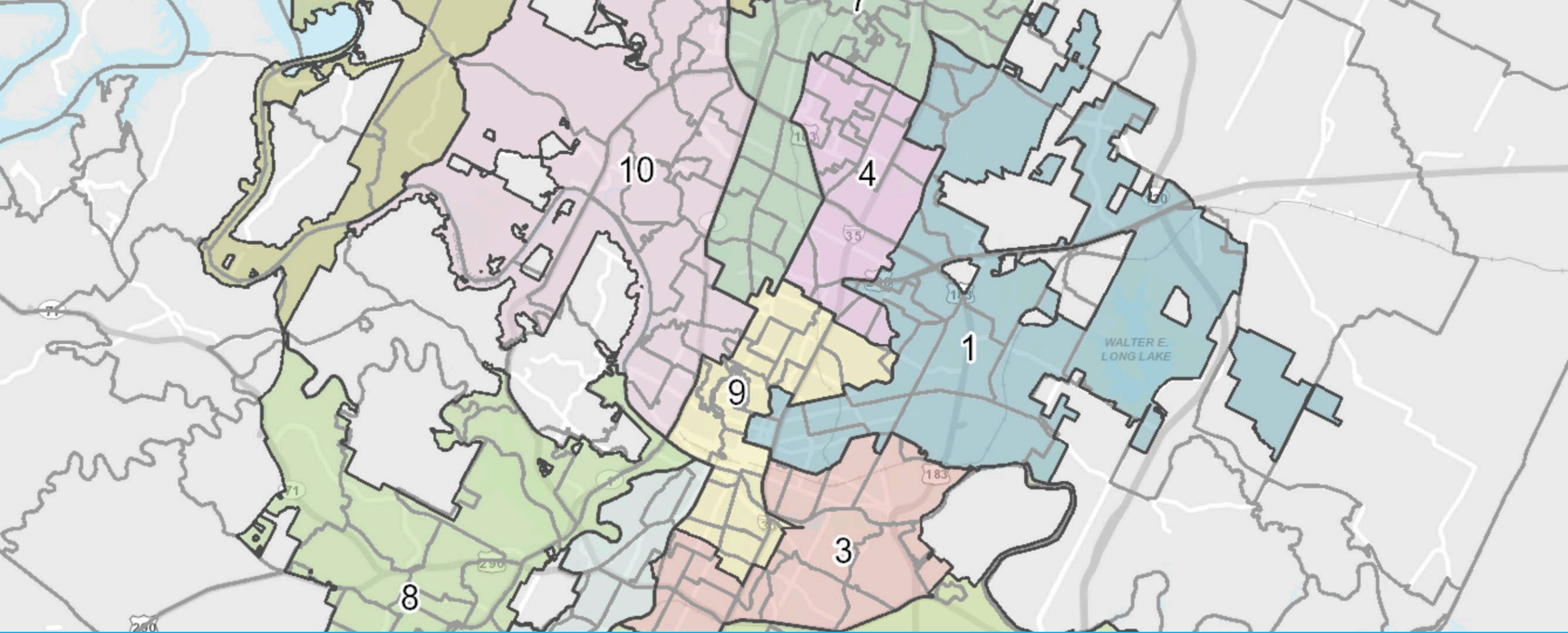
Commissioner Kannan's favorite things in District 5:

- Zach Theatre
- Long Center
- Zilker's Auditorium Shores
- Barton Creek Greenbelt
- Tacos at Trippys, Torchy's or Taco Deli
- Barton Springs Pool
- Tom's roasters or Jo's Coffee
- Greetings From Austin mural
- Events at South Congress and South First streets



Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Prabhu Kannan has over 20 years of experience leading teams and influencing meaningful change. He is passionate about giving back to the community and bringing together people, technology and thought to deliver solutions and services to help others. He is a motorcycle enthusiast, and a fan of the outdoors who loves camping, spending time with family and is always equipped with a camera to capture life's moments.



**“Let the people draw the maps.”**

--Austinites for Geographic Representation



# ICRC Background & Selection Process

## History

Austin residents voted to elect City Council by geographic district in 2012. Before that vote, six council members and the mayor were elected citywide. Today, the city has 10 districts with a council member elected from each district. The mayor is still elected citywide.

In 2013, a diverse group of Austin residents determined the boundaries for the 10 council districts. Since then, Austin's population has grown and changed an estimated 24% from 790,000+ people to 979,000+. This year a new group of citizens will redraw the district boundaries to reflect these changes.

## ICRC Selection Process

300+ applications received

89.31% of received applications met minimum requirements

Applicant Review Panel selected the 60 most qualified Commission applicants

City Auditor randomly selected 8 Commissioners from the qualified pool

The randomly selected 8 commissioners choose 6 additional applicants from the qualified pool

14 commissioners will work to draw the district boundaries

# The Role of the ICRC

The Commission will decide on the new boundaries through an open and transparent process with many opportunities for public input.

In order to draw the district boundaries, commissioners need input from residents throughout the process. The process involves:

- **Holding public meetings in each of the 10 city council districts**
- **Coming up with an initial draft of the boundaries**
- **Holding four more public meetings (one in each of the Travis County precincts)**
- **Proposing final boundaries**
- **Holding two more public meetings (one north and one south of Lady Bird Lake)**
- **Voting on final boundaries**
- **Adopting a final plan by no later than November 1, 2021**



# Why Redistricting Matters



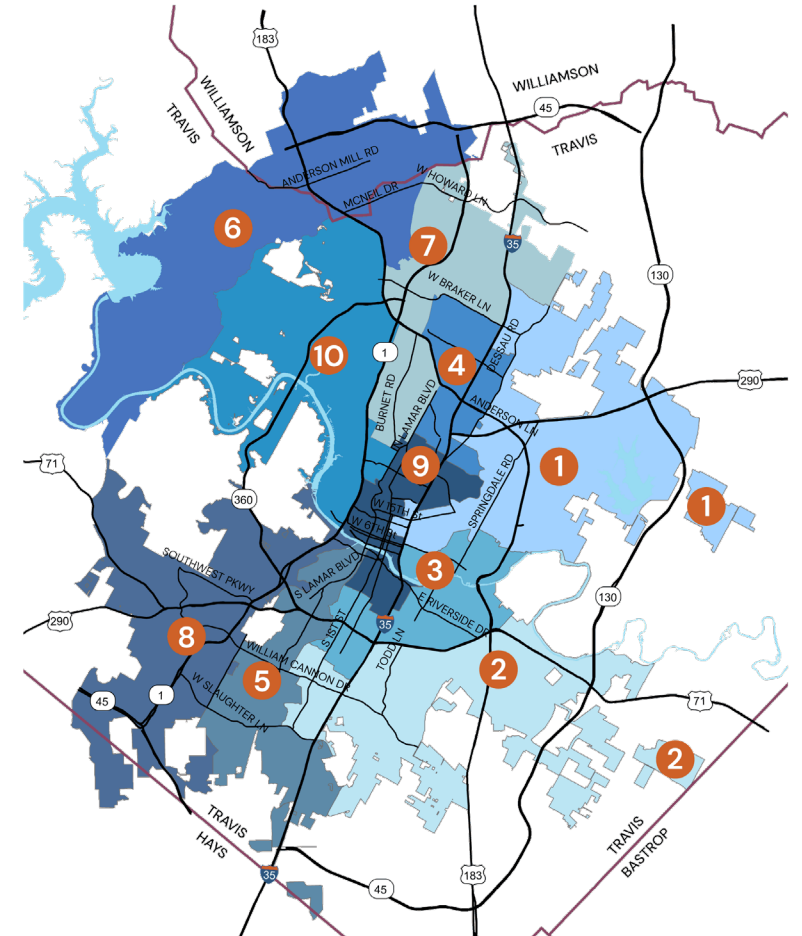
Redistricting will change how Austin residents are represented by City Council and shape how they think about their community.



Austin's population has grown and changed since the districts were originally drawn in 2013. The new district boundaries may change as well.

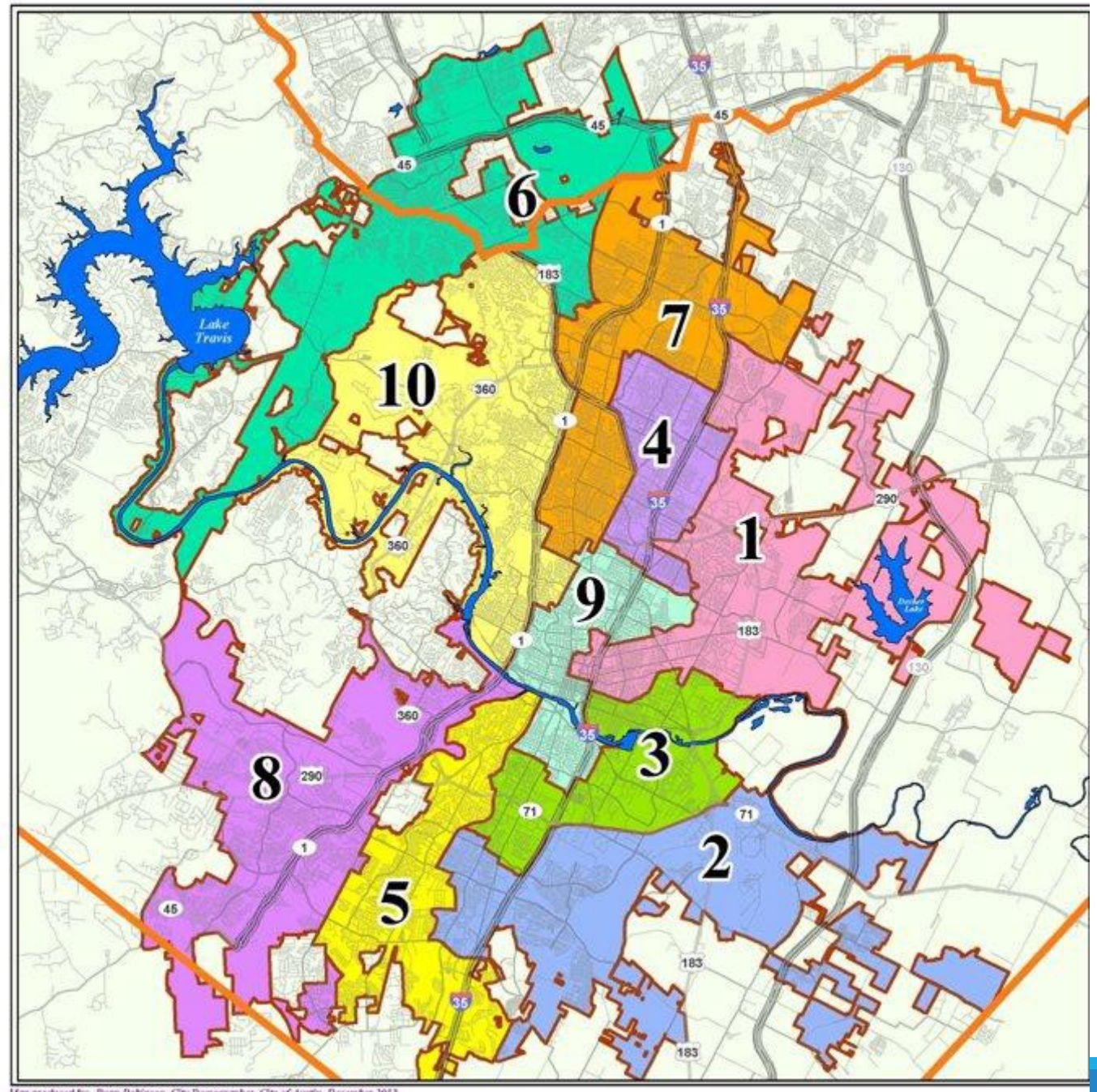


Residents who participate will have a chance to meet Austinites across the city and learn more about the city they call home. They will learn about Austin's history and make important decisions about Austin's future.



# ICRC Final Plan

## November 2013



# How Does the ICRC Draw Maps?

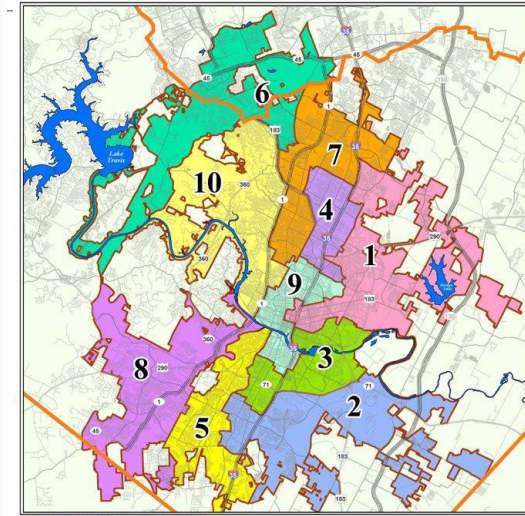
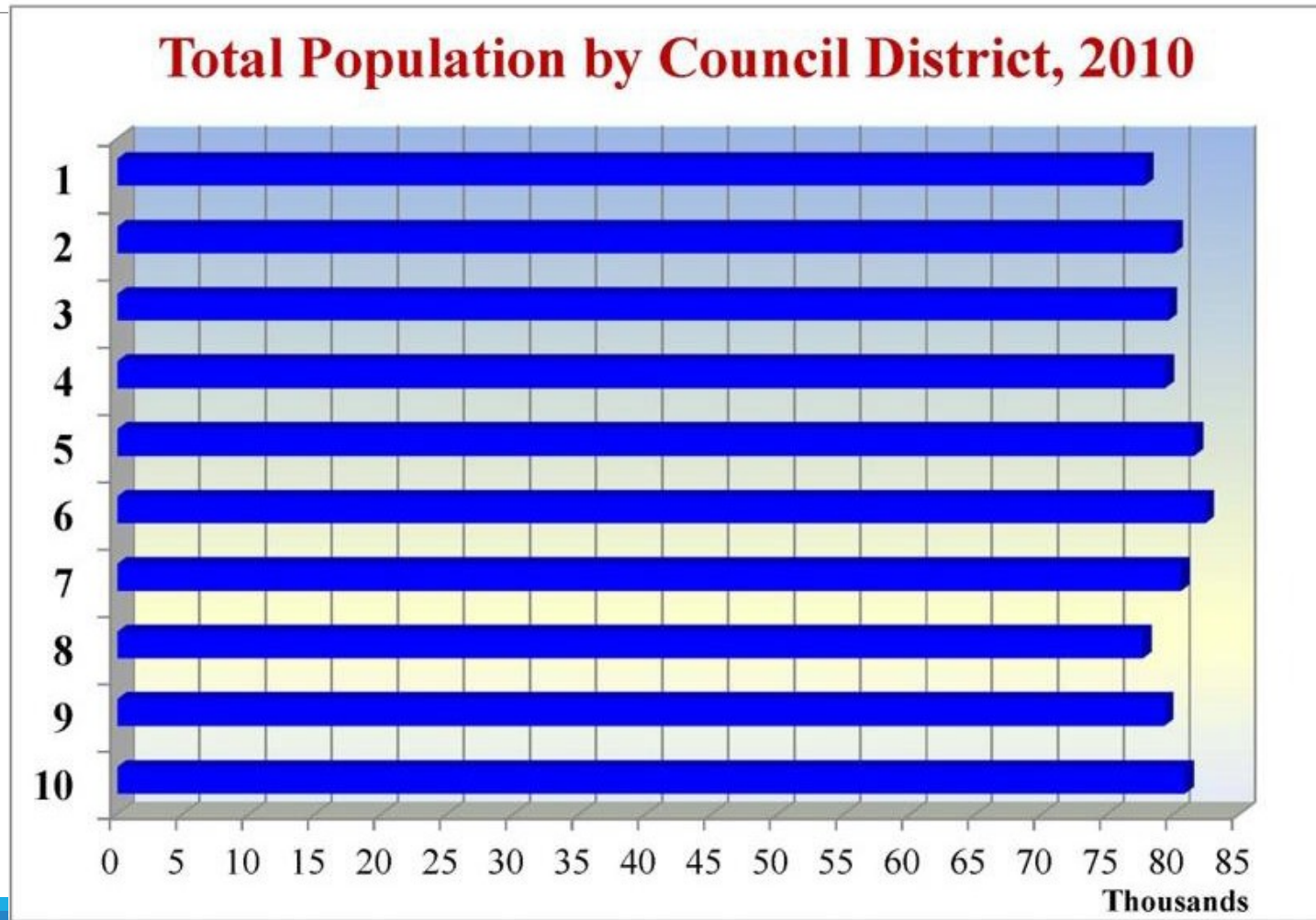
## From the City Charter, Section 3.E

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1. Each district shall have reasonably equal population with other districts, except where deviation is required to comply with the federal Voting Rights Act or is allowable by law.
2. Districts shall comply with the federal Voting Rights Act and any other requirement of federal or state law.
3. Districts shall be geographically contiguous.
4. The geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or local communities of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes their division to the extent possible without violating the requirements of any of the preceding subsections.
5. District boundaries shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness such that nearby areas of population are not bypassed for more distant populations as is practical.
6. District boundaries shall be drawn using the boundaries of existing election precincts, as is practical.
7. District boundaries shall be drawn using geographically identifiable boundaries, as is practical.

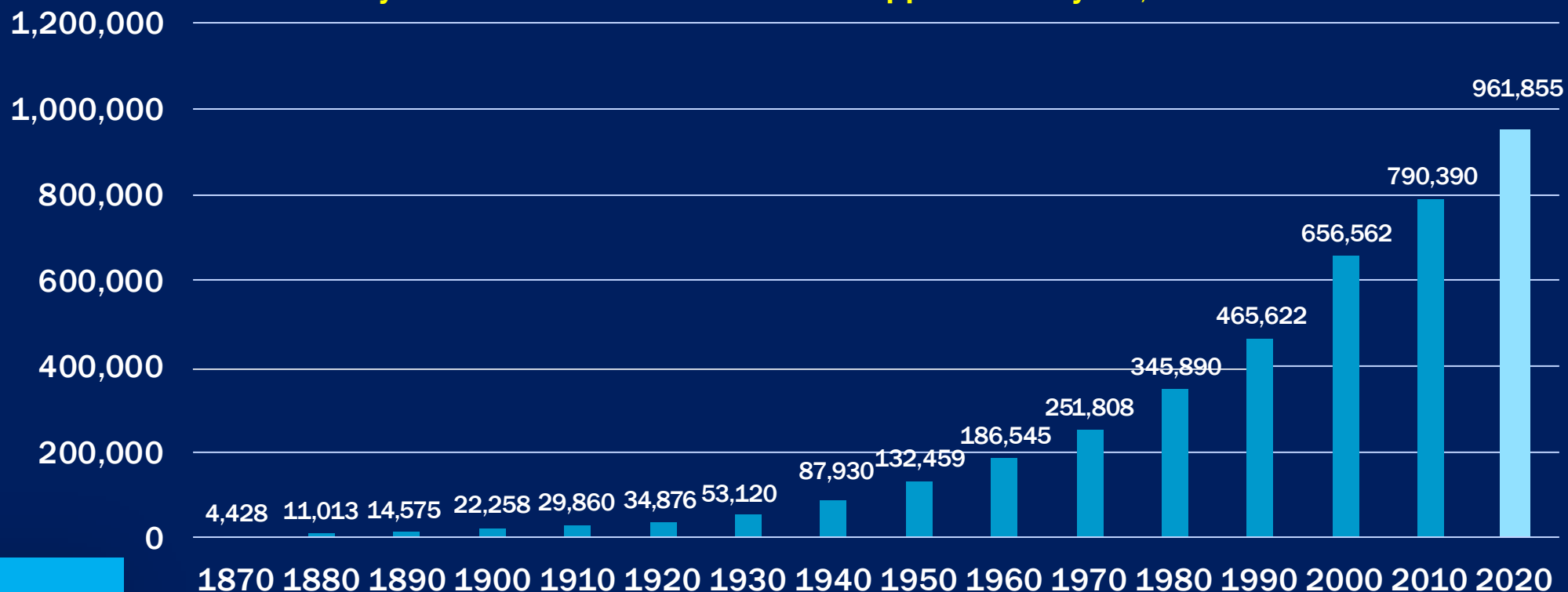


# Total Population by District, 2010



# Austin Population Growth, 1870 to 2020

The ideal city council district size would be approximately 96,185.

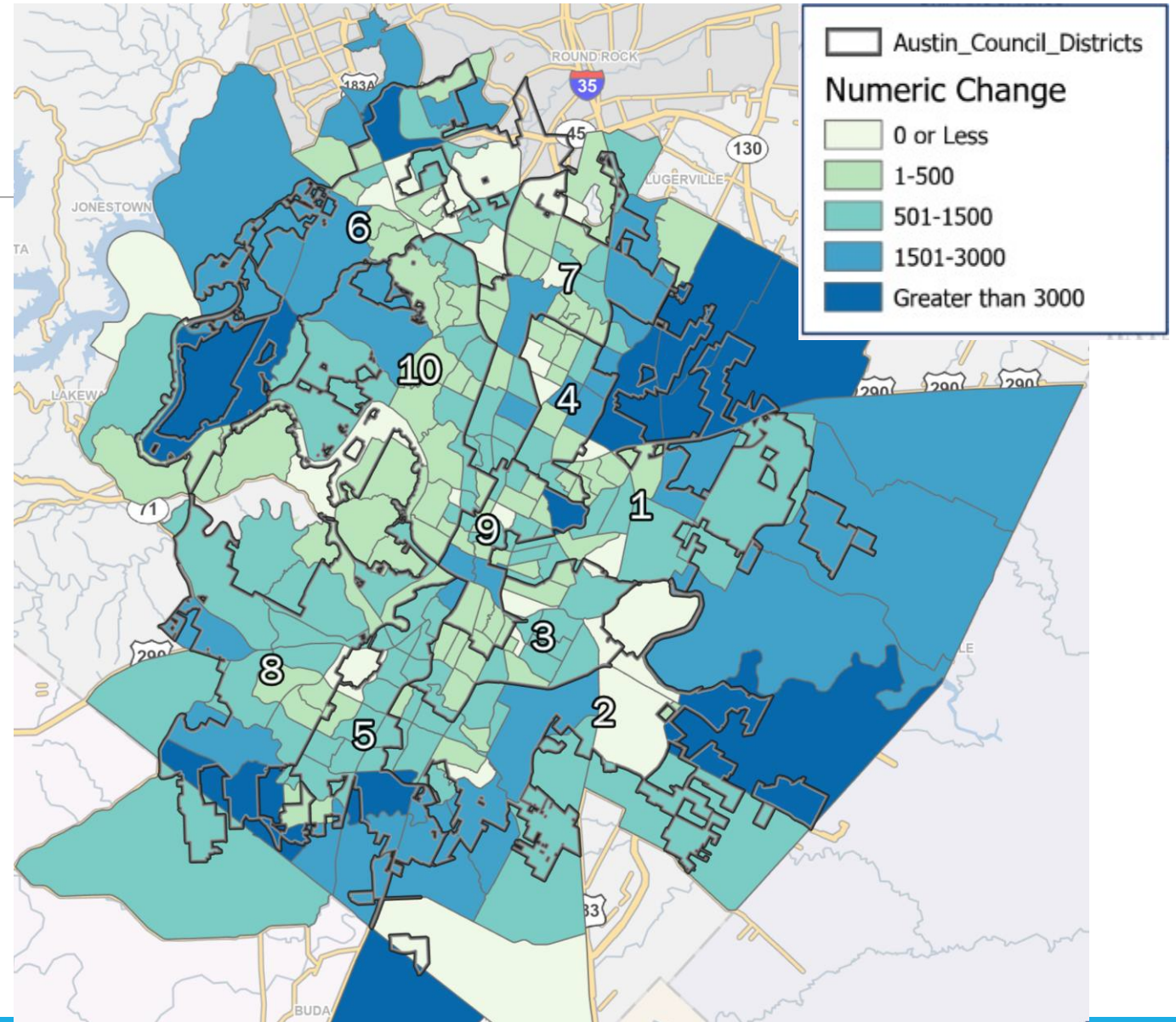


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million

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses 1870 – 2010; U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Vintage 2020.



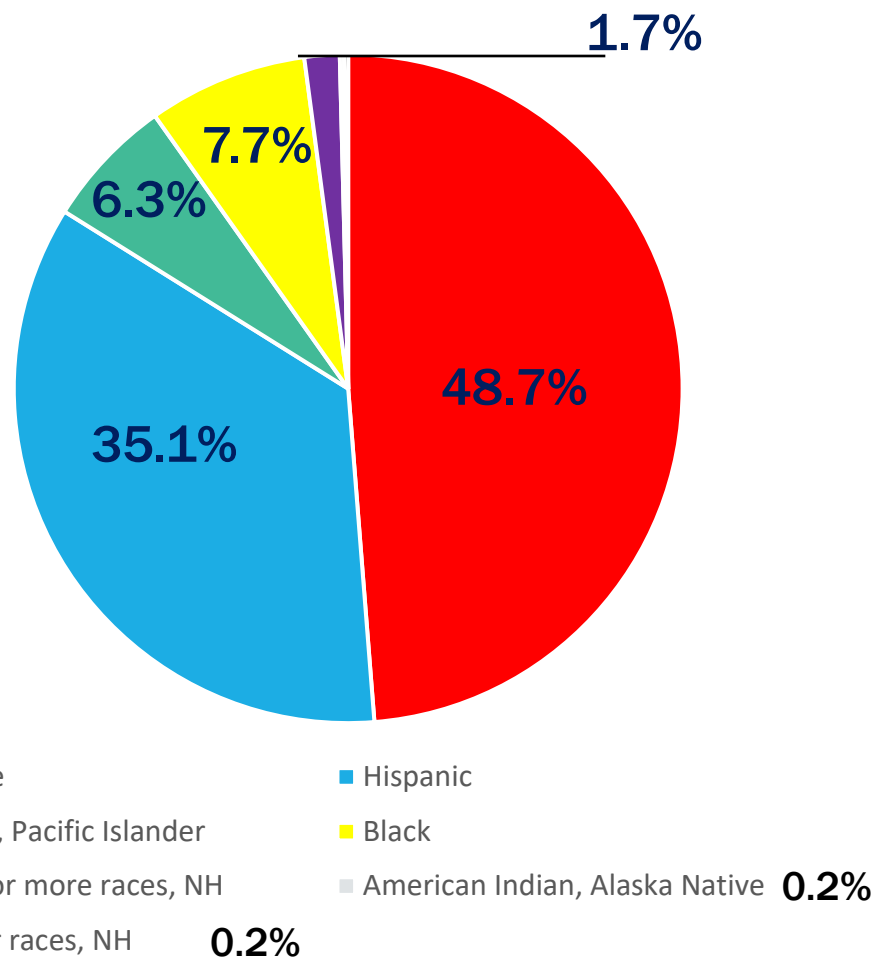
# Numeric Population Change, 2010 to 2019



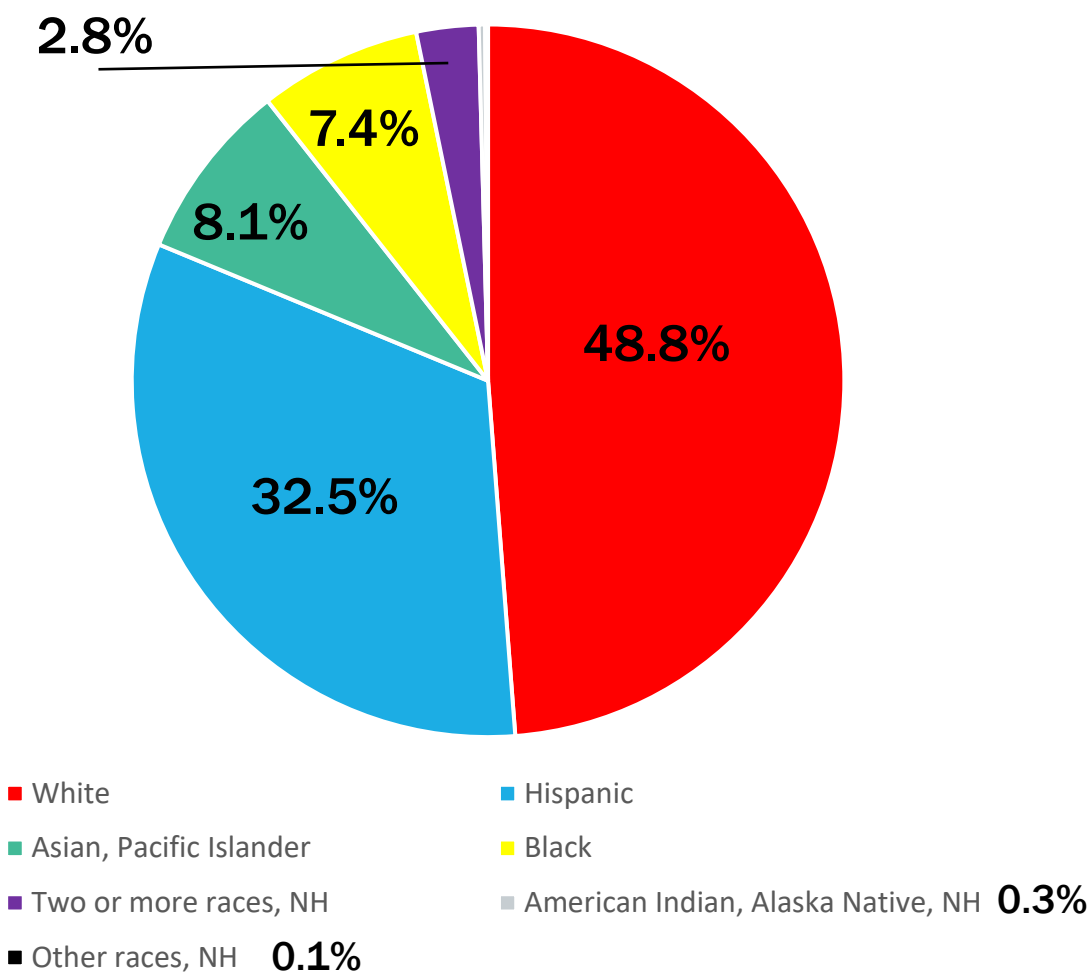


# Austin Race/Ethnicity Composition

2010 Demographics



2019 Demographics






# Why Was the 2020 Census Data Delayed?

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- Operational delays caused by COVID-19 in addition to wildfires, hurricanes, allegations of political interference, fluctuating deadlines and lawsuits delayed the Census Bureau's original plan to deliver the redistricting data to the states starting on Feb. 18, 2021 and ending on March 31, 2021.
- Data including demographic changes was recently released on Thursday, August 12, 2021.
- The City will take some time to create data usable for the commission's mapping purposes.



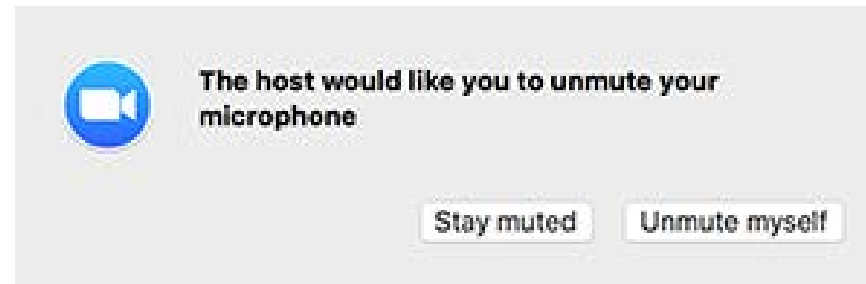
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# Map Activity Instructions Pt. 1

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*NEW! You can also find the ICRC on SpeakUp Austin and complete a survey about the city-wide maps.*

1. In your web browser, search for the Austin ICRC.
2. Click on the city website, which should be the first search result.
3. Click on the icon that says “View Meeting Documents” on the left.
4. Locate today’s date, then click on the backup document titled “ICRC Worksheet D5.”
5. You can print this document or save as a PDF to your computer.

# Map Activity Instructions Pt. 2

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3. If you print the document, you can make handwritten notes and mark the map, or you may simply email your written comments to [icrc.commissioners@austintexas.gov](mailto:icrc.commissioners@austintexas.gov).
- Map markings should help the commission's intention of keeping your community together. You can draw points to represent important places and draw circles to indicate which areas you wish to remain intact in your district.
4. Once you are finished, you may scan and email the printed map, or send to

Attn: ICRC

P.O. Box 1088

Austin, Texas 78767

# Questions to Consider When Providing Feedback on Maps

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What do I need to know about your district?

How do you live your life in your community?

What routes do you take to work?

What churches, mosques, temples do you attend?

What grocery store do you frequent?

What schools do your children attend (pre-K, elementary, high school, private, community college, university)?

How accessible is Capitol Metro bus line?

What are some of the shared community spaces—shopping centers, homeowners' associations, parks, pools, etc.?

Where do you go to the doctor?

Where is the nearest police and fire station in your community?

What are your community's shared interests—health conditions, land use, environmental conditions, and/or other issues?

What are the racial and ethnic compositions, cultural identities, and households that predominantly speak a language other than English in your community?

Explain the socio-economic status in your community, including but not limited to income, home-ownership and education levels.

What are the shared political boundary lines from other jurisdictions in your community?

# Public Testimony

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- All individuals wishing to make comments must have signed in prior to the meeting.
- Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes, unless additional time is granted by the Chair.
- Those in attendance are asked to refrain from disrupting the meeting by making noise of any kind (clapping, verbal feedback, etc.); anyone who disrupts the proceedings will be asked to leave.
- The Commission is interested in gathering data on citizens' view of neighborhoods, maps, and the redistricting plan.
- Everyone is asked to abide by these guidelines so that the public forum process can proceed smoothly and all who wish to speak have the opportunity to do so.



# Upcoming Public Forums

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## CITY-WIDE FORUMS

### **Virtual Public Forum #1**

Saturday, August 21: 10am-12pm

Via Zoom

### **Virtual Public Forum #2**

Friday, August 27: 11am-1pm

Via Zoom



# Thank You for Attending the ICRC's Public Forum!



Have something to say to *all the commissioners?*

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