REDISTRICTING: WHAT YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS TO KNOW

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WEBINAR OVERVIEW

Redistricting is a complex process that may be challenging to explain to your residents. This process will be further complicated by the fact that local governments are still working to navigate virtual and hybrid public meetings and engagement activities. This webinar will share new outreach rules and tips and strategies to effectively communicate and engage with your residents on redistricting topics.



TODAY'S AGENDA

Welcome

Introductions & Setting the Stage

Presentations

- Ryder Smith, Tripepi Smith
- Mark Jomsky, City of Pasadena

Panel Discussion

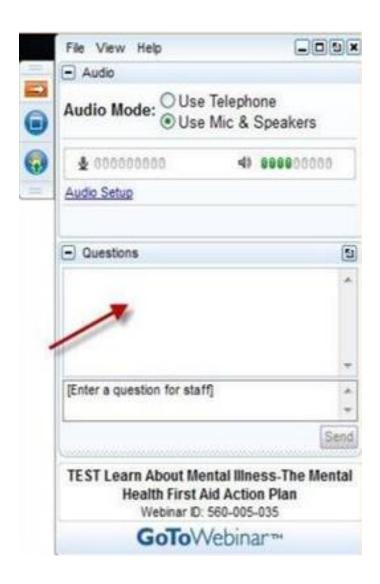
Questions

Wrap Up & Close



HOW TO ASK A QUESTION

- All webinar participants will be on MUTE during the entire call.
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- The moderator will read your questions during the question period at the end of the webinar.





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WHAT WE'RE HEARING IN THE FIELD – VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT

Hard to navigate hybrid engagement/reopening

Many jurisdictions are seeing more participation in a virtual environment

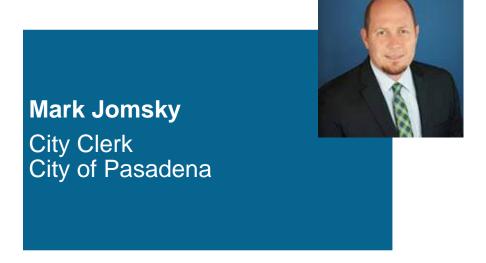
Exacerbating the digital divide

Challenging to make virtual engagement interactive



TODAY'S PRESENTORS

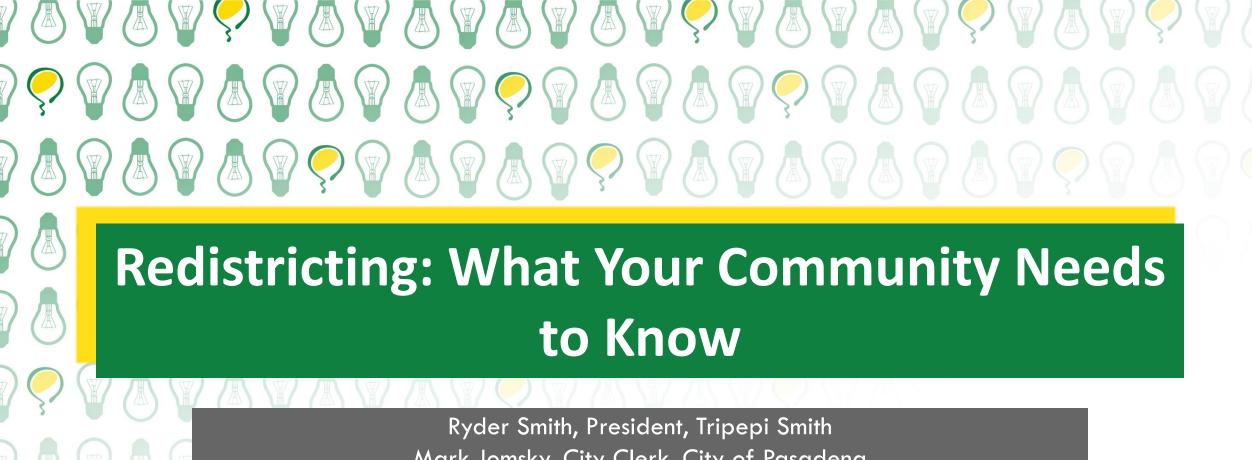




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Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, City of Pasadena



The Redistricting Timeline

- Before adoption, agencies must generate outreach plans, collect data, conduct public forums and draft maps.
- Adoption Deadlines
 - Cities and counties with June 2022 Elections: 12/15/2021
 - Cities and Counties with November 2022 Elections: 4/17/2022
 - School Districts and Colleges: Prior to 3/1/2022
 - Special Districts: 5/11/2022



The Costs of Redistricting Services

- Agencies incur City staff costs to manage the process.
- The City Attorney serves as the legal counsel.
 - Seeks a special legal counsel if necessary
- Hiring a demographer is a required cost.
 - Range: \$30,000 \$150,000
 - Adjusts as independent redistricting commissions are introduced
- An outreach firm is the most optional of the consulting.
 - Range: \$30,000 \$150,000
 - Dependent on the amount of outreach desired



Different Pathways to Redistrict

Council/Board Only

- Elected Leaders
 Choose Districts
- Most Efficient
- Fastest pathway to adoption

Advisory Commission

- Elected Leaders
 Choose Districts
- Commission heard from public and provides guidance to elected board

Independent Redistricting Commission

- No Decision by Elected Leaders
- Most Demanding Commission Work
- Full Detachment from redistricting process and elected officials



Generating Community Engagement

- More planning and outreach than before
- Goal:
 - Engage and educate the community and candidates on the voting process and new requirements
- Phases of outreach on district formation:
 - Community education on district formation
 - Feedback and engagement for district creation
 - Candidate information on new district process
 - Resident voter education on new district lines and representation



Developing a Successful Outreach Campaign

- Broadening your reach
 - Rotate different days and times for public forums and hearings
 - Consider the various needs of your community
 - Target hard-to-reach communities
 - Provide translation services to be easily accessible
 - Creating language assets through Zoom broadcasts
 - Leverage community partnerships



Key Outreach Tools

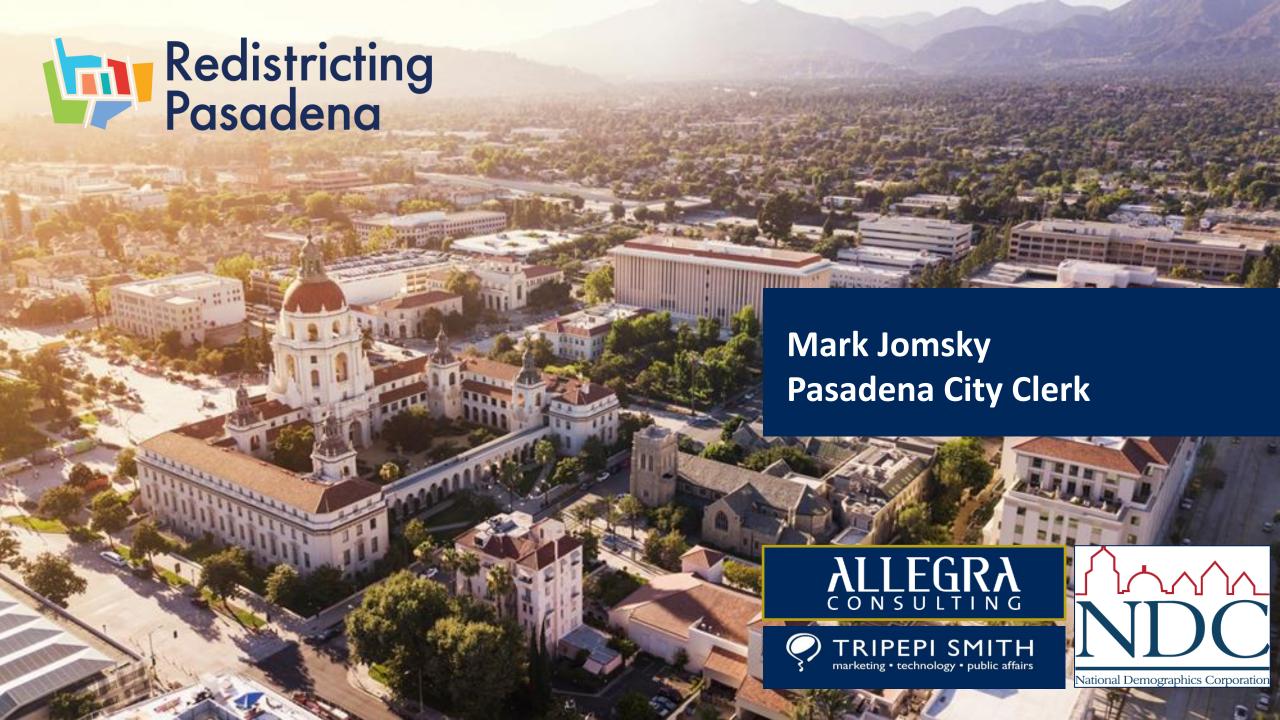
- Public hearings and forums
 - Zoom vs. other teleconferencing platforms
- Social media
 - Leverage every angle on social media platforms
 - Content x Distribution = IMPACT
- Websites 10-year requirement
 - Dedicated website vs. subpage on an existing agency site
 - Existing website: simple to use, existing branding, familiar URL
 - Dedicated website: less distracting, easier to promote, separate branding, clerks like it



Case Study: City of Pasadena

- For many agencies, the 2021 redistricting process is being conducted under a compressed timeline.
- The 2020 Census data has yet to be released, so agencies must move forward with methods that work around this.







- Pasadena is located in the San Gabriel Valley in Southern California;
 population of 141,000
- City Council comprised of Mayor (at-large) and Seven Councilmembers (by-district)
- 12 Member Redistricting Advisory Task Force; appointed by City Council to recommend a redistricting plan
- City Council can modify plan or adopt as submitted; plan is adopted by ordinance
- A professional redistricting consultant/demographer team contracted to guide Task Force and City Council through process
- Outreach consultant team hired to focus on outreach, transparency, and public engagement to ensure compliance with FAIR MAPS Act



Estimated 2020 Population by District Demographic Data by District

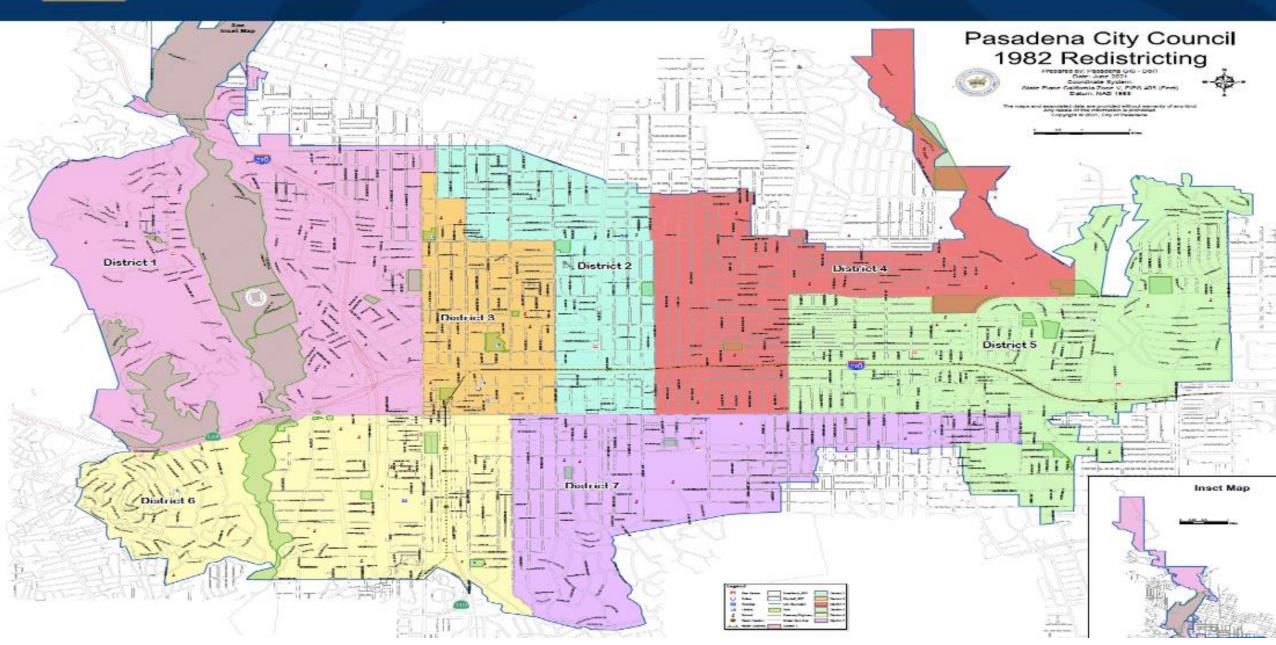
2010	District	Population*	Deviation	% Deviation	% Hispanic	% NH White	% NH Black	% Asian-Am
19,561	1	19,521	-745	-3.68%	50%	18%	24%	6%
19,546	2	19,387	-879	-4.34%	29%	48%	8%	14%
19,311	3	19,710	-556	-2.74%	49%	19%	17%	13%
19,700	4	19,702	-564	-2.78%	21%	52%	6%	20%
19,875	5	21,675	1,408	6.95%	57%	21%	10%	10%
19,555	6	21,830	1,563	7.71%	14%	61%	5%	18%
19,561	7	20,040	-227	-1.12%	16%	52%	4%	27%
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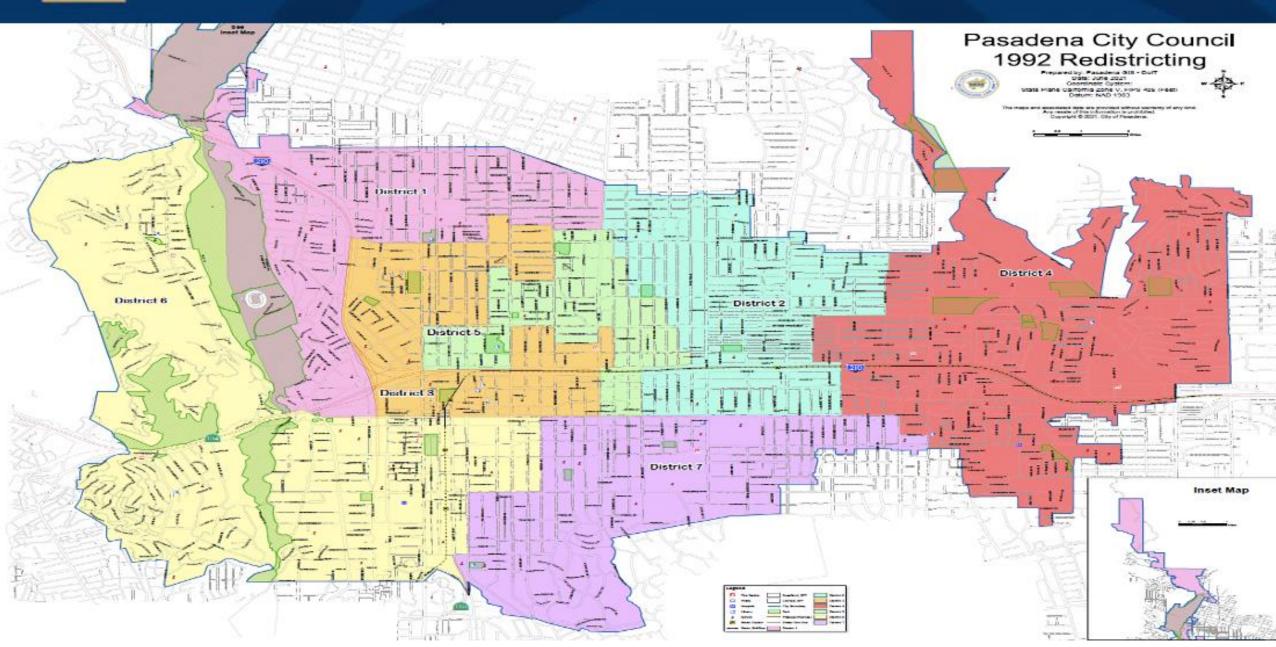
2021 Redistricting Process Impacted by COVID-19

Description	Planned Schedule	COVID-19 Schedule
Completion of Census 2020	July 31, 2020	October 15, 2020
Census to release official population data	March 31, 2021	Mid/Late August 2021
California to release official redistricting data	April/May 2021	Late September 2021
Legal deadline for map adoption	December 15, 2021	December 15, 2021
First election with new map City Council Districts 3, 5, and 7	June 7, 2022	June 7, 2022

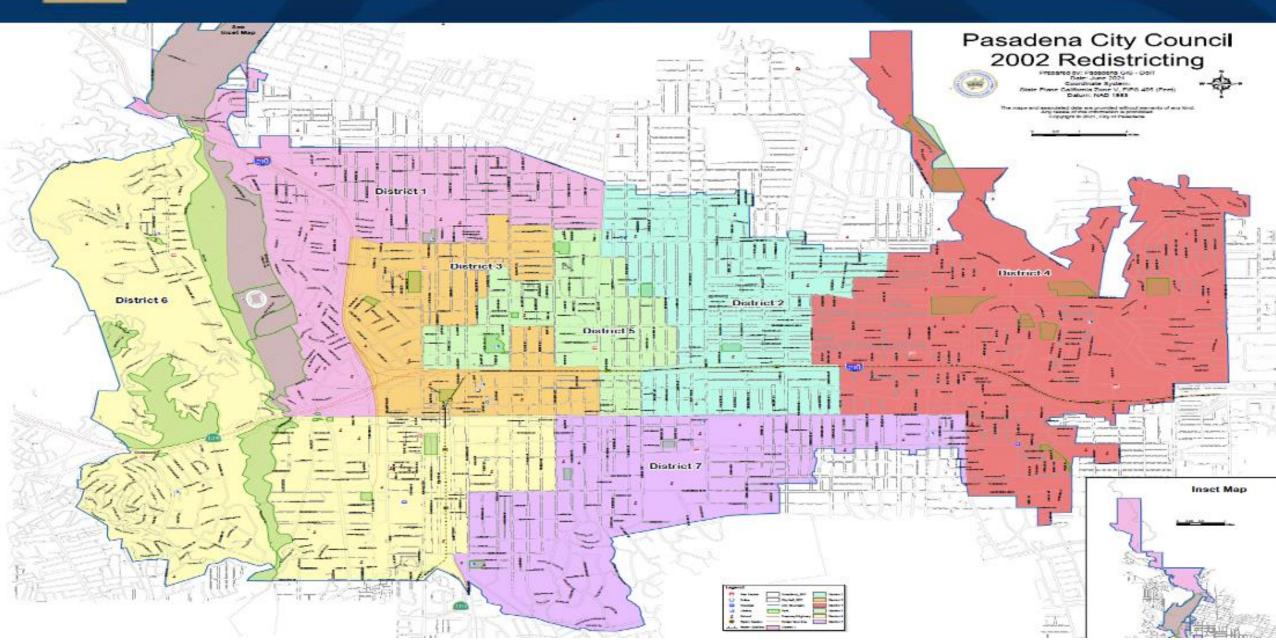
2021 Redistricting Schedule

Date	Description	
June – August	Community Workshops (Each Council District) Educate the public on redistricting & solicit input on communities of interest in the city	
August 19, 2021	Initial Public Hearing Required prior to release of draft maps	
Mid/Late August	Census Data Release (Expected) Census Bureau to release official 2020 population data	
Mid/Late September	State Data Release (Expected) California to release official 2020 redistricting data	
October	Task Force Meetings Public submits draft maps & Task Force selects map(s) to recommend to Council	
November - December	City Council Public Hearings Receive recommended plan, discuss, and possibly revise map(s)	
By December 15, 2021	Final Map Adoption by City Council Legal deadline for final map adoption by ordinance	

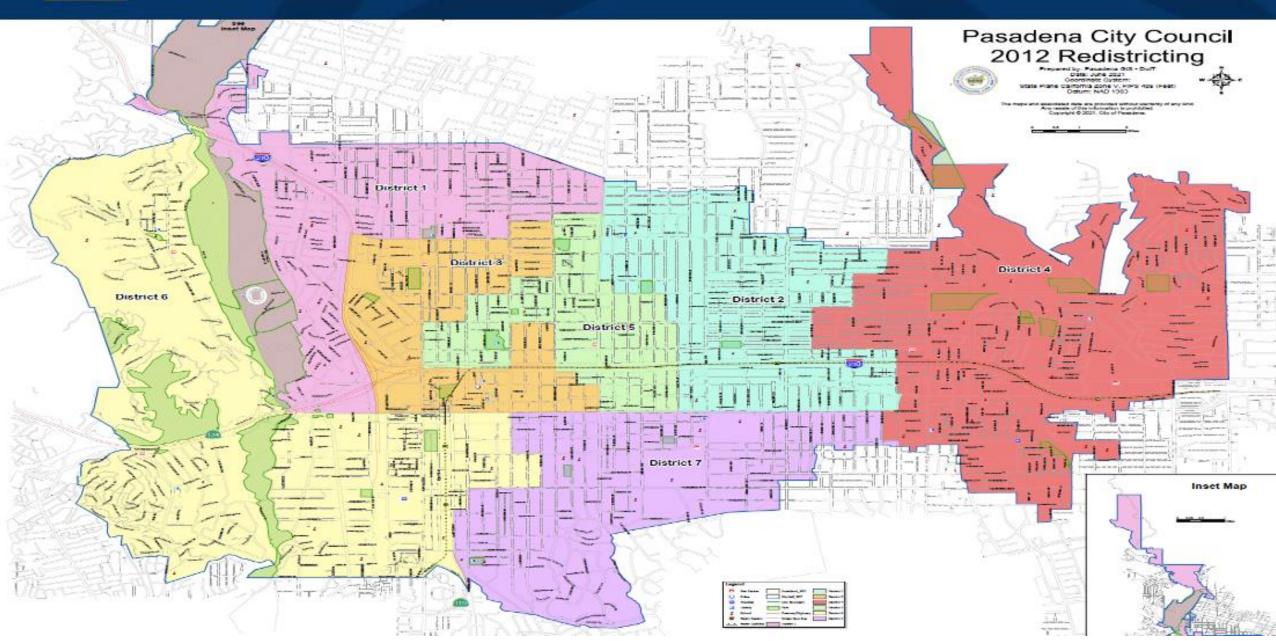












Legal Requirements for Redistricting

1. Federal Law

- ✓ Ensure equal population
- ✓ Comply with federal Voting Rights Act
- ✓ Prevent racial gerrymandering

2. California Law

- 1. Ensure geographic contiguity
- 2. Minimize division of neighborhoods& "communities of interest"
- 3. Create easily identifiable boundaries
- 4. Maintain compactness
- ✓ Do not "favor or discriminate against a political party"

3. Other Goals

- Minimize changes to election cycles
- Respect voters' choices
- Preserve core of existing districts
- Anticipate future growth

Defining "Communities of Interest"

Under California Elections Code, "community of interest" has a very specific definition in the context of redistricting:

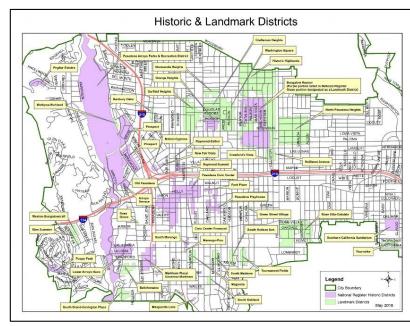
A "community of interest" is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.

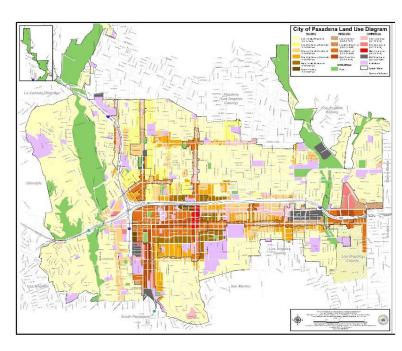
Definitions of "communities of interest" do **not** include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.



Potential Communities of Interest







Commercial Districts

Historic Districts

General Plan Areas

An interactive collection of maps is available online at cityofpasadena.net/redistricting

Redistricting Community Workshops

Date	Time	City Council District	Workshop Location Virtual and In-Person
06/26 – Sat.	10AM – 12PM	District #2	Zoom/H&H Jivalagian Ctr. 2242 E. Foothill Blvd.
06/30 – Wed.	6PM – 8PM	District #1	Zoom/Rose Bowl Locker Room 1001 Rose Bowl Dr. Parking Lot F
07/08 – Thurs.	6PM – 8PM	District #3	Zoom/Robinson Park Recreation Center Multipurpose Room 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.
07/15 – Thurs.	7PM – 9PM	District #4	Zoom/Pasadena City College, Foothill Campus Auditorium Jack Scott Community Room 3035 E. Foothill Blvd.
07/17 – Sat.	10AM – 12PM	District # 7	Zoom/Caltech Beckman Auditorium 332 S. Michigan Ave.
07/20 – Tues.	6PM – 8PM	District #6	Zoom/Pasadena Convention Center, Ballroom A-C 300 E. Green St. Parking Validated @ Paseo Colorado
08/5 – Thurs.	6PM – 8PM	District # 5	Zoom/Villa Parke Community Center, Auditorium 363 E. Villa St.

Samples of City Outreach Efforts







Email/Paper Flyers



Social Media Posts

Dedicated Webpage Containing All Relevant Redistricting Information cityofpasadena.net/redistricting

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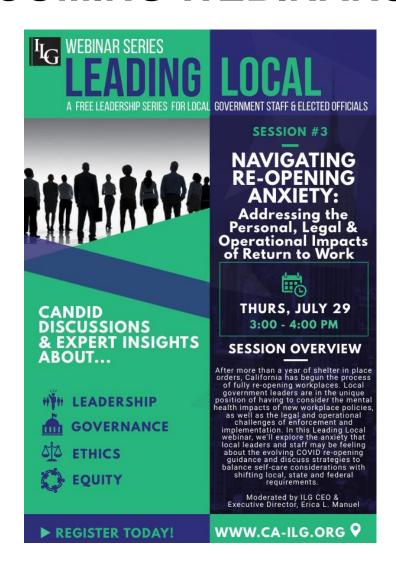
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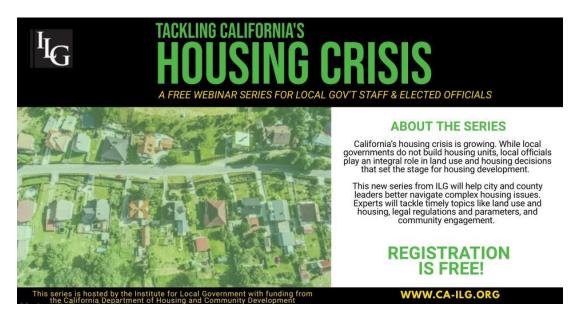
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