

Districting: Shafter Recreation and Park District

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Districting Recap and Feedback - Meeting 2 of 5



Presentation Overview

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- 1) Review of Conversion Process & Timeline
- 2) Review of Districting Criteria
- 3) Community of Interest Input Best Practices
- 4) Participation by the public

At-large versus By-district Elections

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- **At-Large Elections (current)**
 - In an at-large electoral system, all voters in the jurisdiction elect all representatives
- **By-District Elections**
 - In a district-based electoral system, representatives are elected from districts (divisions), by the voters that live in each district or zone.
 - Candidates must reside in the division they represent.
 - Districting is the process of drawing the boundaries that divide the SRPD's population into five districts or divisions.

Timeline: Dec. 2023 - Feb. 2024

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December 12, 2023, 6:00pm	Meeting 1: Regular Board Meeting	Overview and training on the process and criteria. Receive public and Board comment and input on mapping and Communities of Interest.
January 9, 2024, 6:00pm	Meeting 2: Regular Board Meeting	Receive public input and Board direction on map creation.
January 16, 2024, 6:00pm	Draft map(s) posted online for public comment	
January 30, 2024, 6:00pm	Meeting 3: Special Board Meeting	Present Draft map(s) and receive feedback and requested changes
February 13, 2024, 6:00pm	Meeting 4: Regular Board Meeting	Present updated Draft map(s) and receive feedback. Minor adjustments to the map(s) may be made live. Finalize the map(s)
February 27, 2024, 6:00pm	Meeting 5: Regular Board Meeting	Board votes on the final map.

Districting Criteria

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5 criteria are used for drawing districts

1. Equal Population
2. Compliance with Federal Voting Rights Act (FVRA)
3. Contiguity (geographic/Code)
4. Compactness (geographic/Code)
5. Respect for Communities of Interest (traditional/Code)

Criterion 1 - Equal Population

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Shafter Recreation and Park District

Total Population = 20,330

of Districts = 5

Ideal District Population = 4,066

Approx. Allowable District Deviation = +/- 203

Criterion 5 - Communities of Interest

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- A Community of Interest (COI) generally refers to a contiguous population that shares social or economic interests
 - Examples
 - Schools, culture, transportation, parks
 - Shared goals of improving parks, safety, historic resources
 - Employment or lack of thereof and economic opportunities
 - Neighborhoods may be Communities of Interest
 - Law does not limit the kinds of interests that may bind a community
- Communities of Interest are not Districts:
 - Frequently smaller; may be used as building blocks to construct districts
- No datasets available: defined by public input - YOU!

Why and How to participate

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Why?

- To make sure we know about Communities of Interest.
- To give communities a voice and make sure they have equal access to the political process.
- To help shape a districting plan that provides communities a meaningful opportunity to elect candidates who represent their interests on issues that are important to their lives.

How?

- Testify, submit written testimony, send supporting information to the district

Stay informed - Our Website:

<https://www.shafterrecreation.com/districting>

Race and Districting

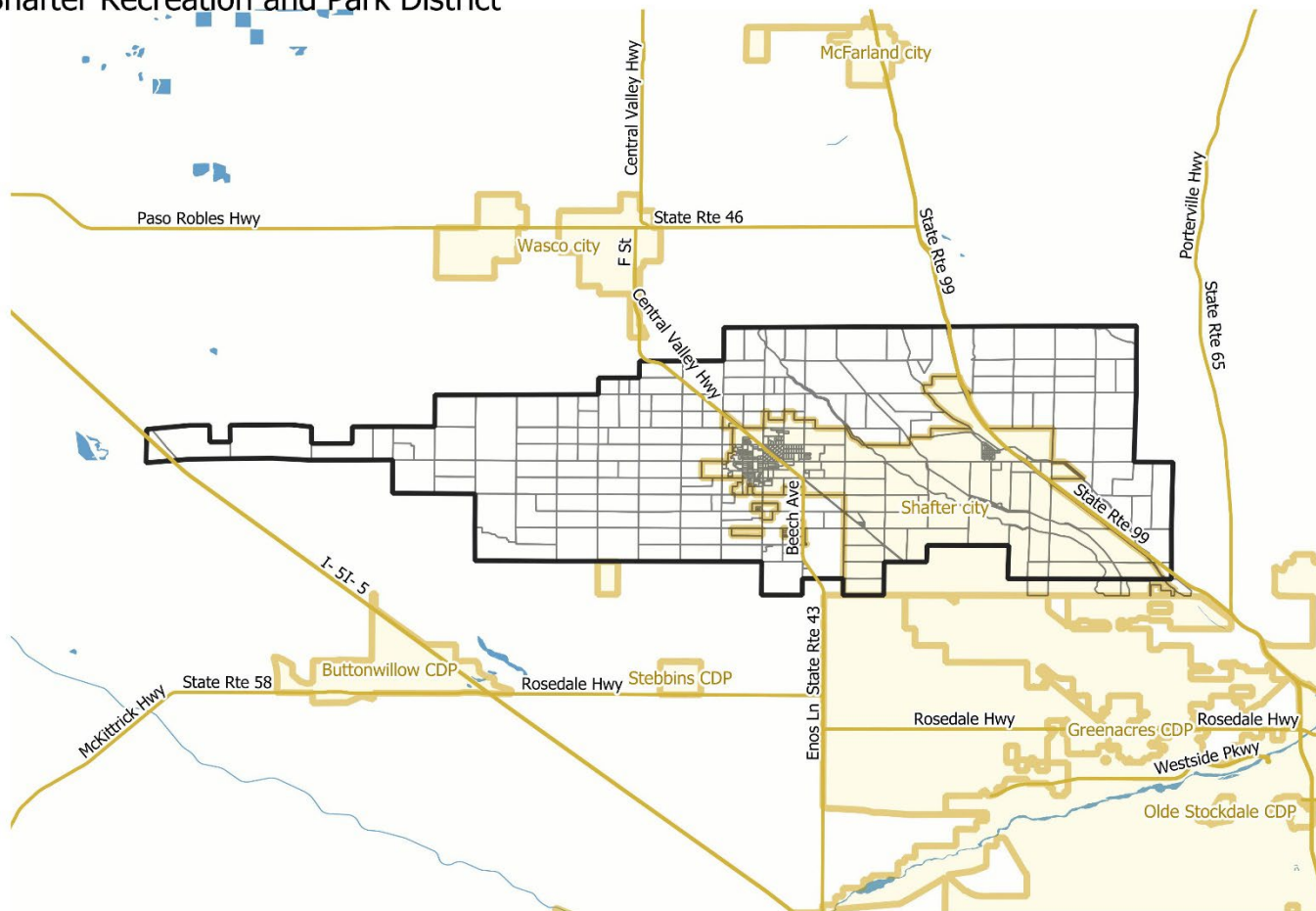
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- Supreme Court opinions have limited the role that race can play in districting
- Race cannot be the predominant criterion in line drawing
- Race should not subjugate “traditional districting principles” (Compactness, Contiguity, Communities of Interest)
- District appearance has been important in some cases.

Map: Shafter Recreation and Park District

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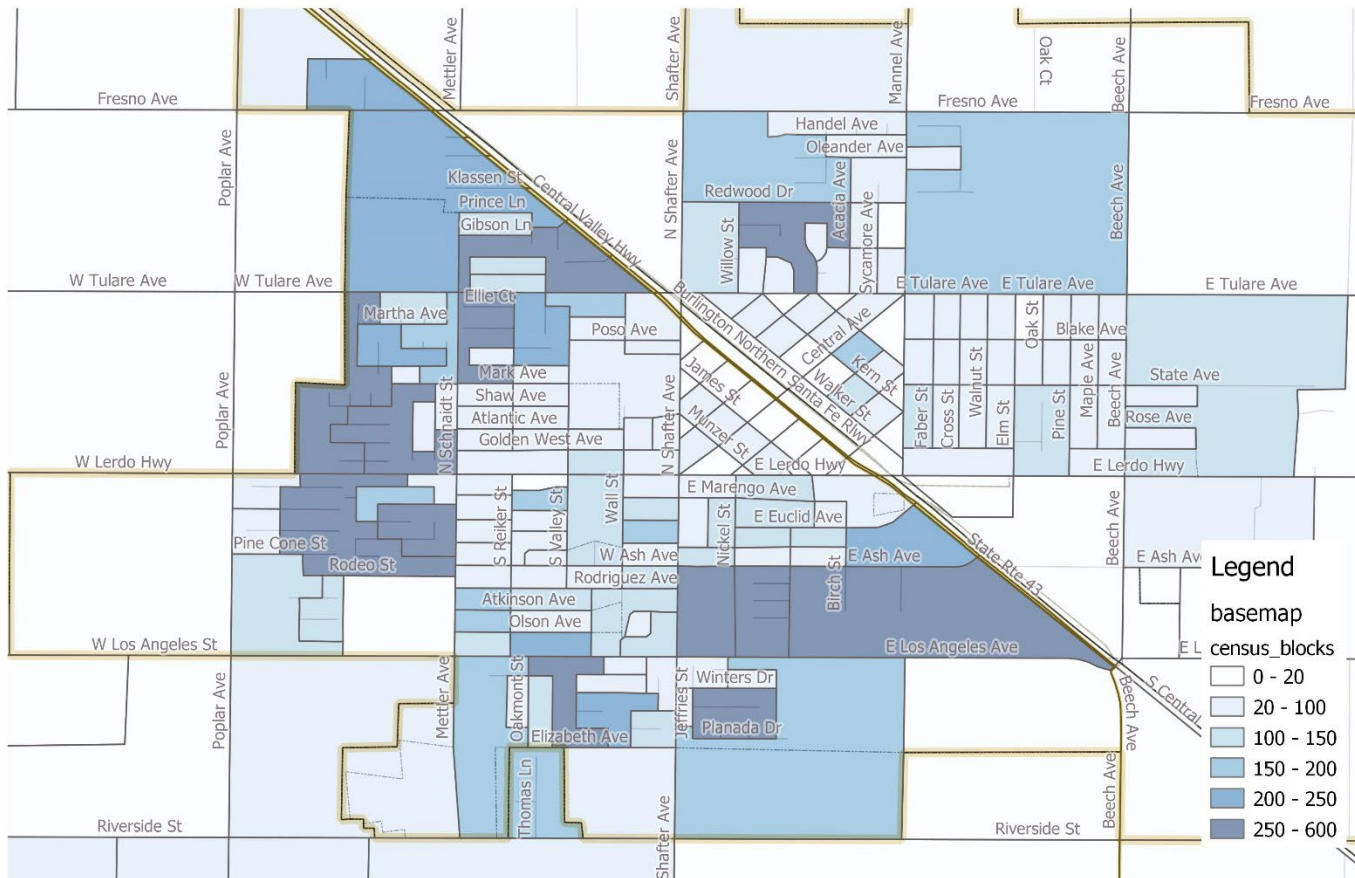
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Map: Shafter Recreation and Park District - Detail w/Total Population

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Shafter Recreation and Park District - Shafter Detail
with Total Population by Census Block (2020 Census)



Do you have more questions?

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We are available to answer them!

Here is how to contact us:

- You can attend the Board hearings
 - All meetings will start at 6pm at the Walker Center, 505 Sunset Ave., Shafter, CA 93263
- Or email your questions to: district@shafterrec.com
- Or call us: 1-661-746-3303
- Or send mail to: SHAFTER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT; 700 E. Tulare Ave. Shafter, CA.