

# Roles in Redistricting Commissioners, Staff and the Public

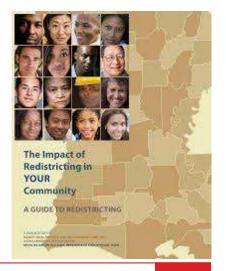
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## The Public: Why participate?

"Participating in redistricting will give your community a voice, which is critical to ensuring that it has equal access to the political process. . . . It can also help lead to the adoption of redistricting plans that provide minority communities a meaningful opportunity to elect candidates who represent their interests on issues that are important to their lives, from getting street lamps in their neighborhoods, to securing safe schools and new playgrounds."

MALDEF, NAACP-LDF, and Asian American Justice Center, <u>The Impact of Redistricting in YOUR Community:</u>

A Guide to Redistricting (2010)





### The Public: How to impact the process

- 1. Share your story
- 2. Define your neighborhood or community of interest
- 3. Explain why redistricting is relevant to your community
- 4. Draw a map of one district or of all five districts
- 5. Share your opinions of the draft maps
- 6. Talk to your neighbors and local organizations

Ultimately, all information must be translated into maps.





### The Staff's Role

- □ Educate, Empower and Implement
  - Provide background on the process
  - Provide education on and interpretations of the rules
  - Provide mapping tools for commissioners and residents
  - Add draft maps based on public input and commission direction – to "fill in the blanks" in the range of map options
  - Follow commission directions





### The Commissioner Role: Guest Speakers



Angelo Ancheta Former Chair 2011 California Citizens Redistricting Commission



Steve Lynn Former Chair 2001 Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission



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