



Citizens Redistricting Commission

Public Input Hearing
Saturday, April 16, 2011
Merced County Administration Building
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The 14 member Independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission will hold a public input meeting in Merced on April 16, from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Merced County Administration Building. The Commission was created by California voters to draw state Congressional, Assembly, Senate and Board of Equalization Districts.

Public participation in drawing these districts is critical to ensuring that communities have the strongest voice possible to express their preferences. When voters with similar interests are drawn into a district together, their voices multiply giving them a greater opportunity to express their views, elect candidates of their choice and hold their leaders accountable.

The Commission is taking testimony from local area residents before drawing its first round of draft maps which will be released in June. Final district maps must be certified by the Commission and presented to the Secretary of State by August 15, 2011.

Citizens wishing to provide testimony to the Commission can learn more about how to effectively present information by going to www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov. To assist you in providing your presentation, we have developed a "Toolkit" which you will find on the home page under "Learn More."

All public input hearings are accessible in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Any person who wishes to request auxiliary aids or services, including translation, to participate in the hearing of the Commission, in accordance with State or Federal law, should contact Janece Sargis at 1-866-356-5217, or e-mail votersfirstact@ca.gov, not later than five (5) business days before the noticed hearing date.