

Articles/Links for Sharing:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/social-issues/trump-unlikely-to-get-census-data-in-time-to-exclude-undocumented-from-representation/2020/11/19/1d94129a-2a9e-11eb-9b14-ad872157ebc9_story.html

2020 National State Geographic Information Council **GEOSummit**

<https://nsgic.memberclicks.net/2020-elections-geosummit>

This is the link to the 2010 Common Cause CRC Archives

<https://www.commoncause.org/california/ca-redistricting-tool-kit-2010/>

An update from NPR on the oral arguments (New York v Trump) made Nov 30, 2020.

https://www.npr.org/2020/11/30/940116088/supreme-court-weighs-trump-plan-to-cut-undocumented-immigrants-from-census?utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=npr&utm_term=nprnews&utm_medium=social

Common Cause: Gerrymander Gazette, Nov 30, 2020.

<https://www.commoncause.org/democracy-wire/gerrymander-gazette-discrimination-on-the-docket-today/>

Public Comment:

From: Matt Kauble [REDACTED]

Subject: Problems with racial voter data & other COI to consider

Message Body:

As a campaign data consultant, I regularly work with voter data from vendors who purchase their data from the various county registrar-recorder's office for voter targeting. This includes using ethnic and racial data for both persuasion and turnout purposes in mail, email, social media, phone and door-to-door canvassing.

I have found with the voter data that the following corrections need to be made in every election (as voters are added or removed from the voting rolls for various reasons) to correct the data available through the various data vendors...

- Among those labeled as Latinx, there are Filipino and Portuguese voters marked as Latinx, but who are ethnically Asian or Caucasian.
- Among African American voters, there are East Indian voters who were born in Africa and then immigrated to the United States and see themselves as East Indian and not African-American.
- Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese voters are frequently misidentified as one of the other 2 Asian ethnicities or even at times as Thai or Japanese.
- Caucasian and African American Voters with certain last names (i.e. Lee & Park), are oftentimes misidentified as Chinese or Korean
- Asian, East Indian, and many African American voters born inside the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia or New Zealand who don't prefer or ask for election materials in a language other than English are frequently not identified with any race which is the default for most Caucasian voters.

When you look at communities of interest you need to keep all of this in mind when you look at the data.

You may also want to look at overlapping school districts, community college districts, water districts, council of governments, league of cities, and other regional government associations even more so than ethnic or racial data, unless there is a good and compelling Voting Rights Act based rationale for ignoring local agency associations, where most kitchen table issues are resolved and/or are impacted by the state and/or national legislature.

It might also be good for your commission to reach out to the statewide city, county, and school board associations like the League of California Cities, California Association of Council of Governments, California Association of Counties, and California School Boards Association to have a separate discussion with them how redistricting impacts their ability to govern and lobby legislators on behalf of their constituents.

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From: Max Dunsker [REDACTED]
Subject: Looking to Provide GIS Assistance

Message Body:
Hello,

My name is Max Dunsker, I am a research assistant with StudyLA, a non-partisan research center which focuses on how to use research to improve public policy. I am looking for an opportunity to lend my knowledge of GIS software and Census data to help with the California Redistricting Commission's duties following the 2020 Decennial Census. Please let me know if there is any way that I can lend a hand, or if there is someone I could speak to about doing so!

All the best,
Max

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Language Access for COI Tool

Adria Orr <[REDACTED]>

Fri, Nov 13, 3:03
PM

to voterfirstact, Julia

Hello,

Please see the attached letter regarding non-English language translations for the COI tool, which I am submitting on behalf of AAPI FORCE, Advancement Project California, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles, Asian Law Alliance, Black Census and Redistricting Hub, California Native Vote Project, Empowered Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC), League of Women Voters of California, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, and Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA).

Best,

Adria

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Senior Program Coordinator, Voting Rights and Census

From: Christopher Ford, MD [REDACTED]
Subject: General Questions to the Commission

Message Body:

My name is Chris Ford and I am the Chair of the Wisconsin People's Maps Commission. Currently, we are in the process of gathering info regarding how we will approach our redistricting process. As this is the first time Wisconsin has had a private citizen's attempt at creating a map for the state, we are looking to other similar citizen models as examples. I wanted to reach out to the commission in California to determine if we could meet formally (either with the chair or representative of the commission) to ask additional questions about your process. Specifically, our commission had questions about identifying communities of interest and the criterion used to identify the communities. Also, as chair I'm interested about the subcommittees your commission has. Is there any way that you could provide responsibilities of each of your commission subcommittees? I'm interested in potentially creating similar subcommittee's in our Wisconsin Commission in hopes to improve our efficiency. Look forward to hearing back ! Chris Ford, MD

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From: Jerry Scharf [REDACTED]
Subject: tool to support redistricting

Message Body:

I recently read about a software tool to help with the redistricting process. No tool is perfect, but this one does seem to allow a significant number of factors to be assigned as meaningful and then see what maps it comes up with. Given that it can in a few days come up with different maps based on key criteria, it would be a great starting point for human deliberations.

<https://www.fairmandering.org/index.html>

Jerry Scharf,
Palo Alto

From: Frankie Gattorna [REDACTED]
Subject: district congressional map

Message Body:

Why is it that you can not get a clear picture of the districts or there numbers? It seems ridiculous to me that with technology in this day and age , they could manage to have a clear view of the congressional districts in California. It is disgusting to me that a person can not view the map. It is just more poor leadership.

From: Ben Rudin [REDACTED]
Subject: Compactness

Message Body:

Start with districts of equal population as compact as possible, with an allowance for keeping cities and counties together, and change them only insofar as required for the Voting Rights Act and any of the other criteria above it.

From: Matt Kauble [REDACTED]
Subject: Communicating with the public

Message Body:

If your goal is to maximize participation from the public, then your commission will need to communicate via video & audio means. That also means cable commercials and radio commercials in a variety of broadcast languages with explanations of meeting locations & times, as well as the website and other means of communication.

You may also want to involve statewide governmental organizations such as the California League of Cities and various school board, county, tribal government, and other such organizations in order to reach out to the various groups. The one governmental group you won't need to reach out to are the State & Federal Legislative Caucuses and Political Parties as they are already invested in this process in order to maximize the number of seats or preserve their seat through redistricting.

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