

# Mapping Playbook - Selected Discussion Items

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**Goal:** A full set of mapping policies and strategies in place before actual mapping work begins

1. **Population Data:** All mapping will be based exclusively on Statewide Database's Official 2021 California Redistricting Database
2. **Ranked Statutory Criteria** (California Constitution, Article XXI, §2)
  - a. **Equal Population**
  - b. **VRA compliance:** . . . make a good-faith effort to meet Section 5 non-retrogression standards (even though not currently enforced)
  - c. **Contiguity** . . . will never use point contiguity
  - d. **Communities of Interest (COIs)**
    - i. Current state and local election districts generally reflect relevant COIs but are not otherwise included in statutory considerations; we will vary how much to consider existing districts on a case-by-base basis depending on factors such as population shifts, COI input, and VRA considerations
    - ii. Where different COI input viewpoints are in opposition, generally give greater weight to those that:
      - Aid in satisfying other statutory criteria, especially higher-ranked ones
      - Seem to represent a larger segment of a community
      - More closely fit the statutory COI definition
      - Are given by someone actually in that COI
    - iii. Sheer quantity of input on a given COI is difficult to weigh; COI submissions are not votes but rather aids to identify and define COIs; therefore, quantities (whether many or few) should be duly considered but are not decisive
    - iv. It may be helpful to supplement COI testimony with CRC research into demographic, economic, historic, land-use, and other data (though note that such data are very often unhelpfully dated and/or approximated), and perhaps in-person visits; COI testimony alone may not be sufficient to define a given COI
  - e. **Compactness**
  - f. **Nesting**
3. **Mapping Sequence:**
  - a. **VRA districts** (Congressional, Assembly, and Senate) - first draft maps?
  - b. **Assembly districts**, working generally north to south
  - c. **Senate districts**
  - d. **BOE districts**
  - e. **Congressional districts**
4. **Mapping Process** [Please refer to the separate Line Drawing Phases plan]
5. **General principles**