



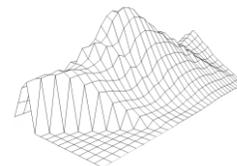
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# Post-2020 Census Redistricting: Orientation

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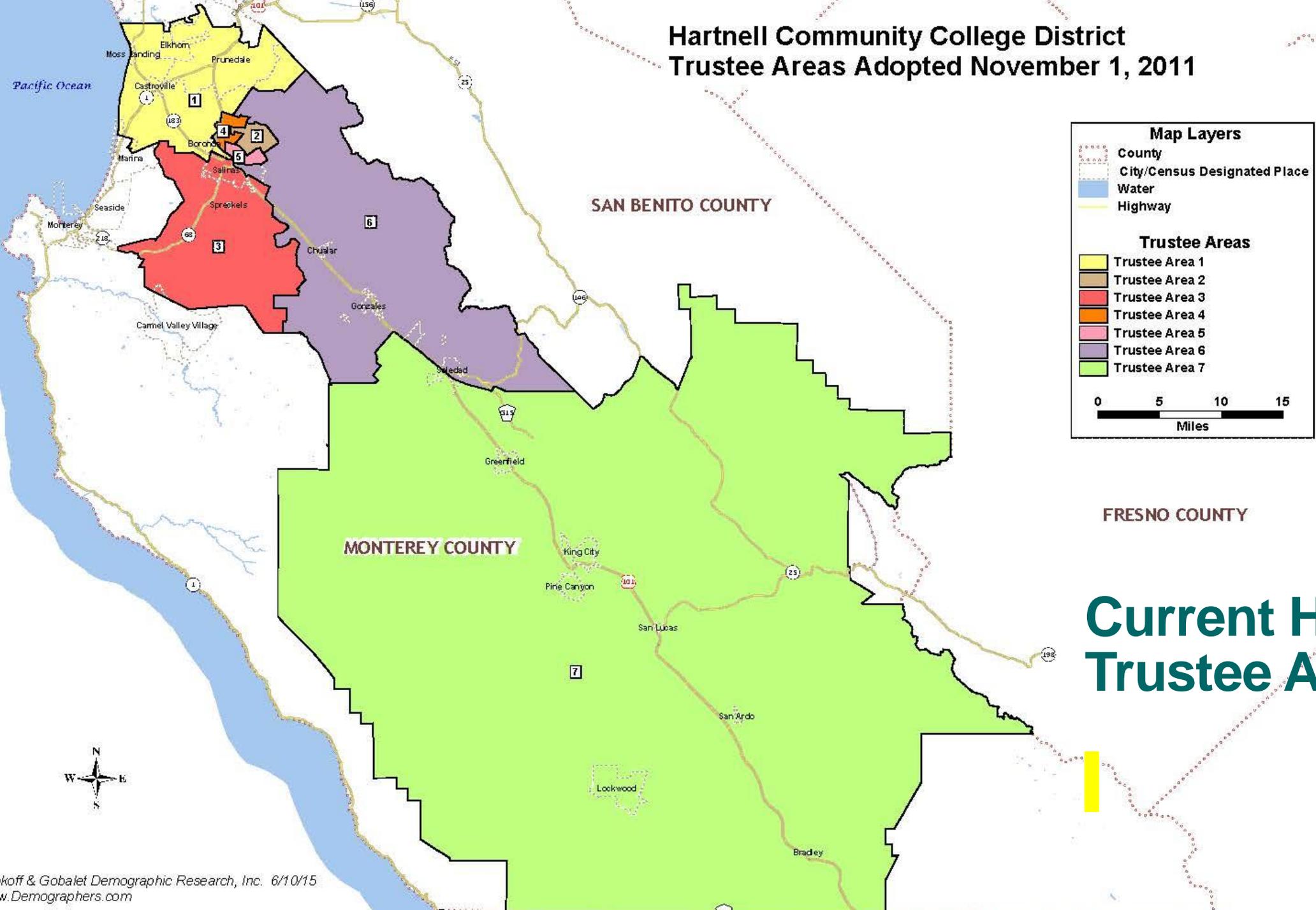
# Agenda

- **What is redistricting?**
- **Legal requirements (as demographers understand them)**
- **Trade-offs when applying criteria**
- **Identifying communities of interest**
- **Timeline**

# What is Redistricting?

- **Every 10 years, all school districts that elect boards by Trustee Area must redistrict (adjust Trustee Area boundaries to have equal total populations)**
- **Federal and state laws apply**
- **Each board must adopt new Trustee Area boundaries before March 1, 2022 (by law)**
- **New Trustee Areas will be in force until after Census 2030**
- **Current Trustees complete their terms of office even if they no longer live in the Trustee Area they were elected to represent**

# Hartnell Community College District Trustee Areas Adopted November 1, 2011



**Map Layers**

- County
- City/Census Designated Place
- Water
- Highway

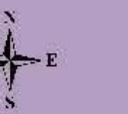
**Trustee Areas**

- Trustee Area 1
- Trustee Area 2
- Trustee Area 3
- Trustee Area 4
- Trustee Area 5
- Trustee Area 6
- Trustee Area 7

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## Current Hartnell Trustee Areas

Hartnell Community College District  
 Trustee Areas (Salinas detail)  
 Adopted November 1, 2011



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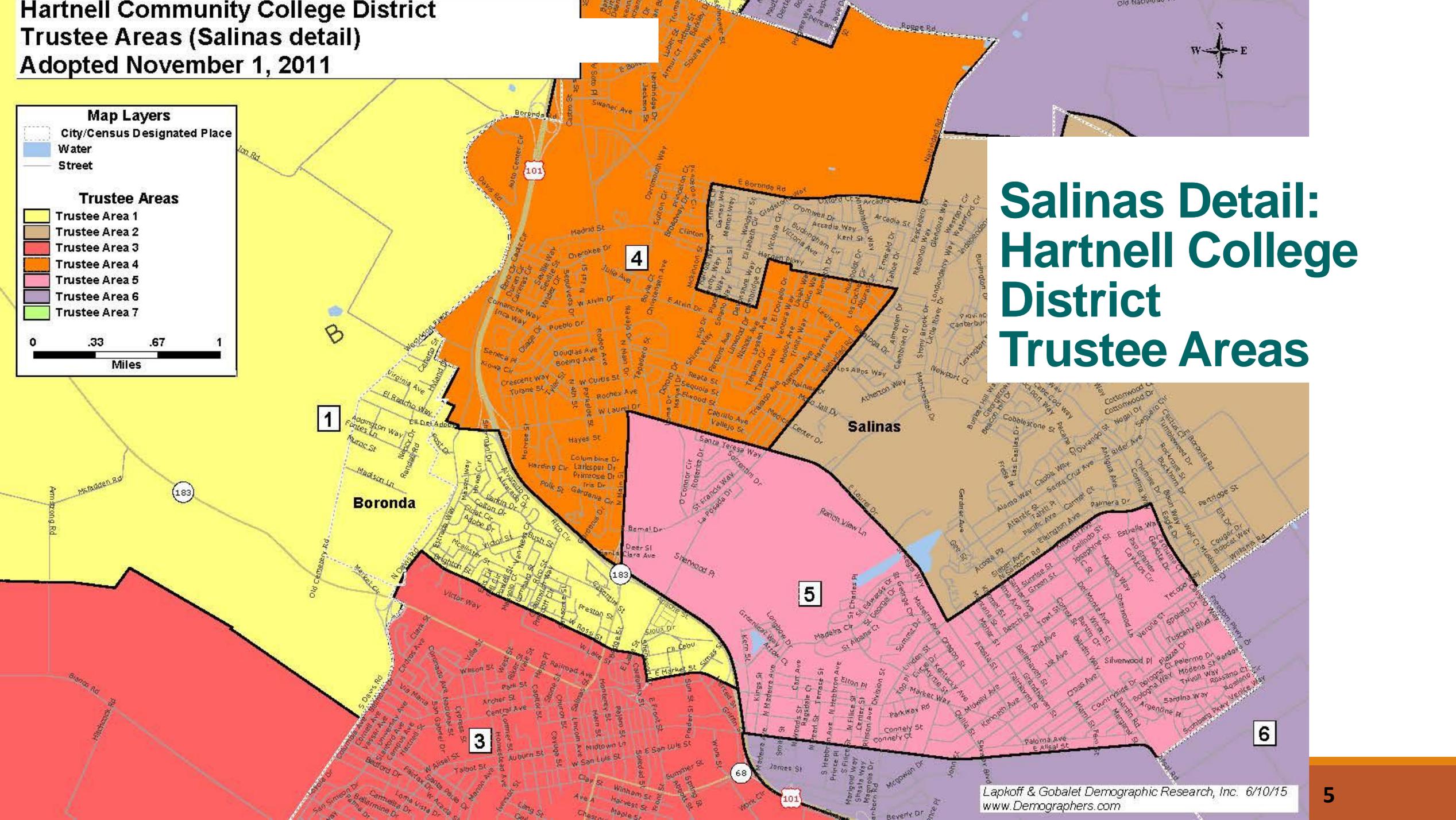
- City/Census Designated Place
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- Street

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# Salinas Detail: Hartnell College District Trustee Areas



# Legal guidelines that demographers follow:

- ✓ **Federal law:**
  - Population equality
  - Voting Rights Act
- ✓ **State Education Code**
- ✓ **Optional: New state laws**
  - Criteria to use
  - Public outreach



# Federal Legal guidelines

1. **Population equality**
2. **Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act: gives protected groups the opportunity to elect candidates of choice**

*U.S. Supreme Court decisions (Shaw v. Reno (1993) and others) say that under most circumstances, race cannot be the “predominant” factor in (re)districting.*



# Legal guidelines that demographers follow: When is redistricting necessary?

Redistricting **IS** required if Trustee Areas no longer have equal populations

Redistricting is **NOT** required If Trustee Area populations are (almost) equal using 2020 Census data

# State Law, optional for school districts

**California's FAIR MAPS Act (AB 849, 2019)** applies to cities and counties only but suggests *best practices* for school districts. Law lists criteria, in order of priority, that should/should not be used during plan drawing.

- 1. Federal Law**
- 2. Geographically contiguous**
- 3. Geographic integrity of communities of interest (especially do not split communities of protected groups)**
- 4. Geographic integrity of cities and unincorporated communities**
- 5. Easily identifiable and understood boundaries**
- 6. Geographic compactness**
- 7. NO political party considerations**

# Optional State Law (continued)

**FAIR MAPS Act (AB 849, 2019)** *also requires* that cities and counties have public outreach and participation:

- 1. Hold at least 4 public hearings, with specific protocols**
  - a) Set starting time for meetings/hearings on redistricting
  
- 2. Take steps to encourage residents of the jurisdiction to participate in the redistricting process**
  - Redistricting website
  - Translation services
  - Other outreach

**We must comply with the laws, but there are tradeoffs:**

- 1. All redistricting criteria can rarely (if ever) be optimized simultaneously.**
- 2. We recognize tradeoffs when comparing scenarios.**



# Communities of Interest (COIs) - Examples

**COIs are contiguous areas where people share common social and economic interests and should be in a single Trustee Area or be considered when drawing Trustee Area boundaries:**

- ❑ COI can be individual school districts**
- ❑ Recognized neighborhoods**
- ❑ Cities and unincorporated communities**
- ❑ Areas with similar living standards, including similar income and educational levels**

# Timeline

## July – August 2021 (before population counts are released):

Redistricting Advisory Commission is formed.

## August 16 2021 – Census data released; Mid-September – Adjusted data released

## Mid- October 2021

Demographers provide an orientation meeting for Commissioners to review process and criteria and show the imbalance among trustee areas. Also, Commission takes public comments on Communities of Interest.

## November 2021 – January 2022 (approximately):

Draft plans are presented to the Commission. Continue revising maps until a consensus is reached and/or no new plans are needed.

## February 2022:

Commission's recommendation presented to the Board of Trustees.

## Before March 1, 2022:

Board of Trustees adopts a new districting plan.

## Next Steps:

- 1. Redistricting Commission: select commissioners; schedule commission meetings**
- 2. Board of Trustees to decide on the role of the commission – advisory or independent or hybrid**
- 3. Website: set up page about the redistricting process on Hartnell's website, describing process and providing schedule of meetings (LGDR will suggest some of the content)**

# Questions about redistricting?

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