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Why Redistricting?

- The 14th Amendment to the Constitution includes the Equal Protection Clause, which is the primary basis of the one-person, one-vote principle.

- If there are population shifts between the districts, redistricting ensures that voters voices are better equalized.
Population Data

• 2010 Census Data is the foundation of the redistricting process
• Population provided at the census tract and block level
• Census deadline for delivery population data is April 1, 2011
• The data includes population totals and information about race, ethnicity and age within the census blocks
Redistricting Criteria

Each District must be:
• Equal in population
• Respect communities of interest
• Contiguous
• Compact
• Translate into a description and geography acceptable to the Registrar of Voters
Voting Rights Act

• Protects Rights of Minorities
  – Section 2: Prohibits the adoption of voting standards or practices that abridge the right to vote on the basis of race or language group.
  – Section 5: For specific states and counties the U.S. Attorney General must review any changes in elections policies including redistricting
    • This does not apply to the jurisdictions within Alameda County
Redistricting Process

- Meet with Trustees and District staff to assess issues associated with redistricting, *identify stakeholders and communities of interest*

- Analyze census population and demographic data to support development of initial range of alternatives

- *Map and describe alternatives*

- Hold public meetings
• **Assess stakeholder inputs; develop or modify alternatives** that are responsive to public comments

• Prepare final report with weights associated with each alternative’s fidelity to the required redistricting criteria (excellent-significant-acceptable)

• Present plans for review and selection by the Trustees

• Finalize information for Registrar for the redistricting plan adopted by Trustees and submit to Registrar – Answer any questions from Registrar
Schedule

- Kick Off – March 2011
- Release of Census Data – April 2011
- Provide four alternative district configurations and hold four public hearings – May 2011
- If needed, incorporate stakeholder input into two new alternatives – August 2011
- Submit final report to Trustees for approval – Fall 2011
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