

City of Brea Districting Process

Every ten years, local governments use new census data to draw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. [Assembly Bill 849 \(2019\)](#) requires cities and counties to engage communities in the districting process by holding public hearings and/or workshops and doing public outreach, including to non-English-speaking communities.

What is districting?

Boundaries must be drawn to create a district so each district is substantially equal in population. This process is important in ensuring that each city councilmember represents about the same number of constituents. In Brea, the City Council is responsible for drawing council districts. Districting is done using U.S. Census data, will be released around September 2021. For the City of Brea, the districting process must be completed by April 17, 2022.

Why does districting matter to me?

Districting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together for the purpose of electing a councilmember.

The City Council will seek public input in selecting the next district map for our City Council. You will have an opportunity to share with the City Council how you think district boundaries should be drawn to best represent your community.

You can contact the City Clerk at 714-990-7756 to find out more about how the process works.

What criteria will our City Council use when drawing district lines?

To the extent practicable, district lines will be adopted using the following criteria: (1) geographically contiguous districts (each city council district should share a common border with the next), (2) the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division, (3) geographic integrity of a city shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division, (4) easily identifiable boundaries that follow natural or artificial barriers (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.), and (5) lines shall be drawn to encourage geographic compactness. In addition, boundaries shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

How will our City Council notify the public about redistricting?

The City Council will publicize the districting process. Also, City of Brea staff will make a good faith effort to notify community groups of various kinds about the redistricting process. Public hearings will be provided in applicable languages if residents submit a request in advance. The City Council will notify the public about districting hearings, post maps online before adoption, and create a dedicated web page for all relevant information about the districting process.

How can I get involved?

The City Council will hold public hearings to receive public input on where district lines should be drawn. The schedule of hearings will be posted on the City's website at ci.brea.ca.us/1577/Districting

Public comments, including suggested draft maps, can be submitted by emailing: cityclerksgroup@cityofbrea.net

Where can I find out more?

The City maintains a webpage on the city's districting process here: ci.brea.ca.us/1577/Districting