



Trustee Area Redistricting

Pre-Map Hearing #1



September 23, 2021

Background & Overview

Del Norte's Current Method of Election

- Hybrid At-Large (from Trustee Areas)

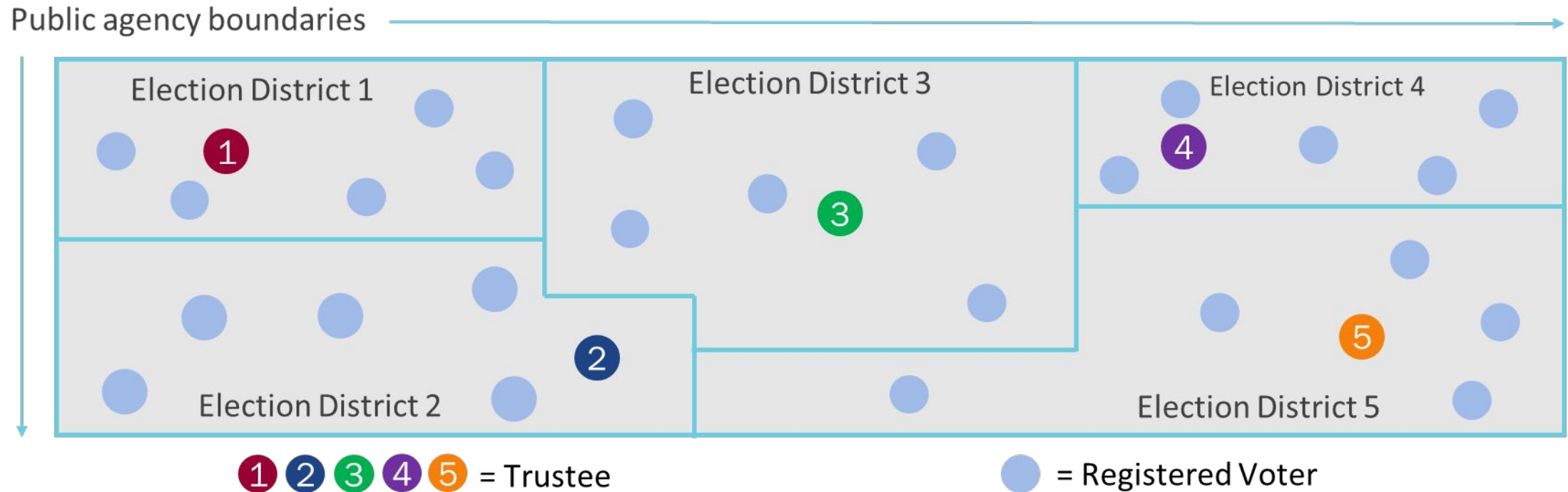
California Voting Rights Act

- Prohibits at-large elections that result in “racially polarized voting”

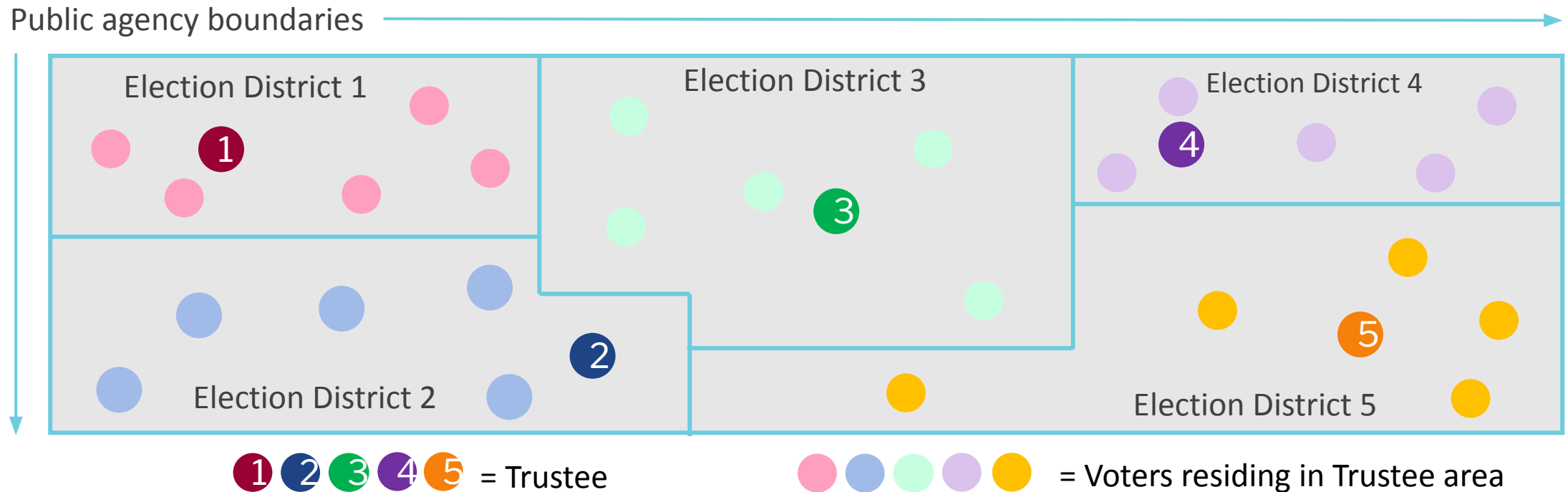
Process to Establish By-Trustee Area Elections

- Adopted Intent Resolutions
- Reviewed Hearing Procedures
- Discussed Outreach Considerations

Current Election Method: Hybrid At-Large (from Trustee Areas)



Proposed Election Method: District-Based (By-Trustee Area)



Tentative Process/Timeline

First Pre-Map Hearing

- September 9, 2021 (complete)

Second Pre-Map Hearing

- September 23, 2021 (today)

Tentative Release of 2020 Census Data

- September/October 2021

First Map Consideration Hearing

- January 13, 2022

Second Map Consideration Hearing

- January 27, 2022

Final Map Adoption Hearing and Approval

- February 10, 2022



Introduction to Districting

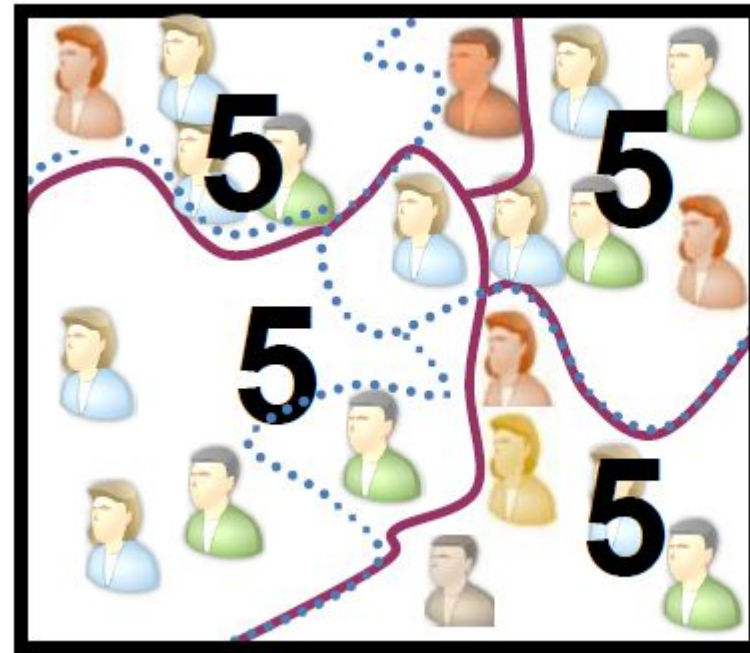
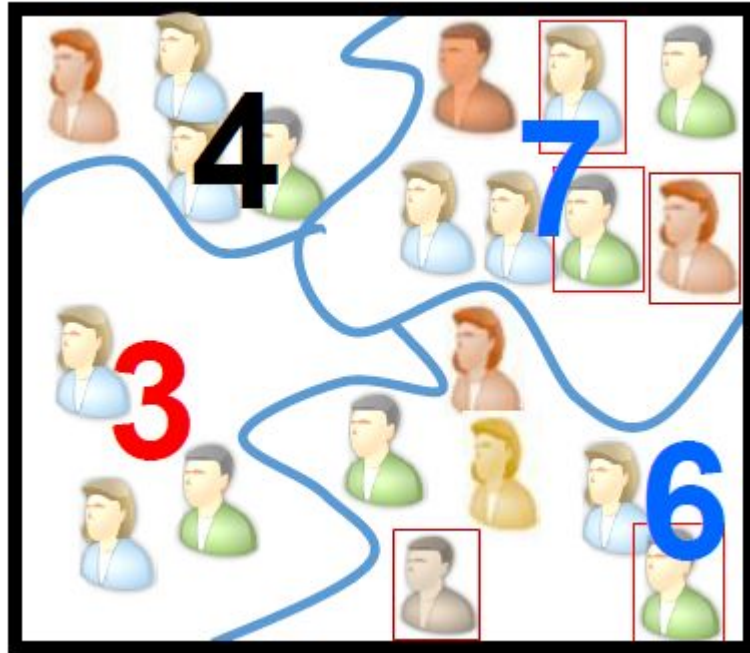
Federal Laws

- Equal Population
- Federal Voting Rights Act
- No Racial Gerrymandering

Traditional Districting Principles

- Be composed of contiguous territory
- Be geographically compact
- Preserve “identifiable communities of interest”
- Be bounded by natural and/or man-made boundaries
- Minimize voters shifted to different election years
- Preserve the core of existing election areas

Over time, districts become uneven in population...



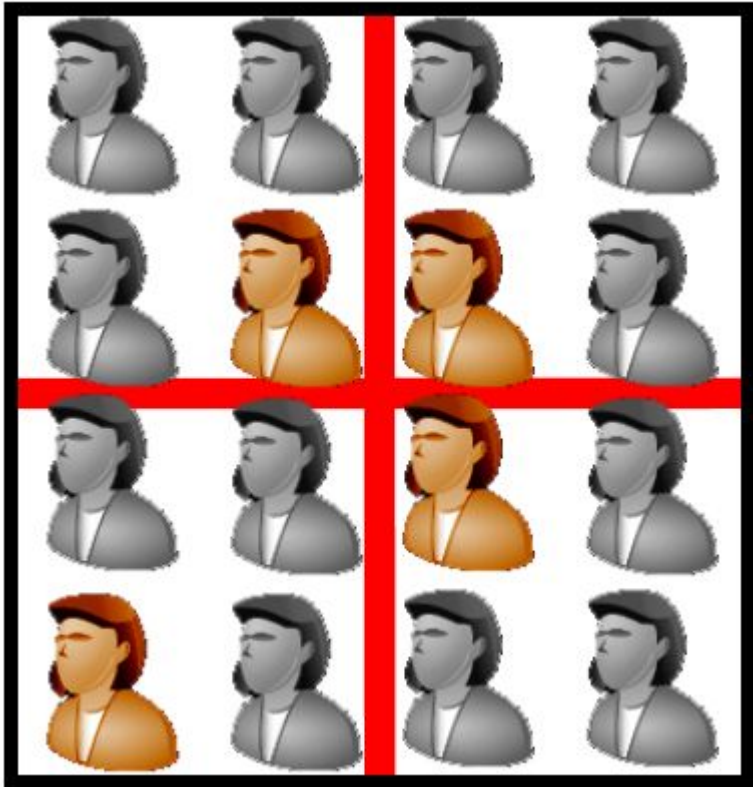
Total Census count = 20

Number of districts = 4

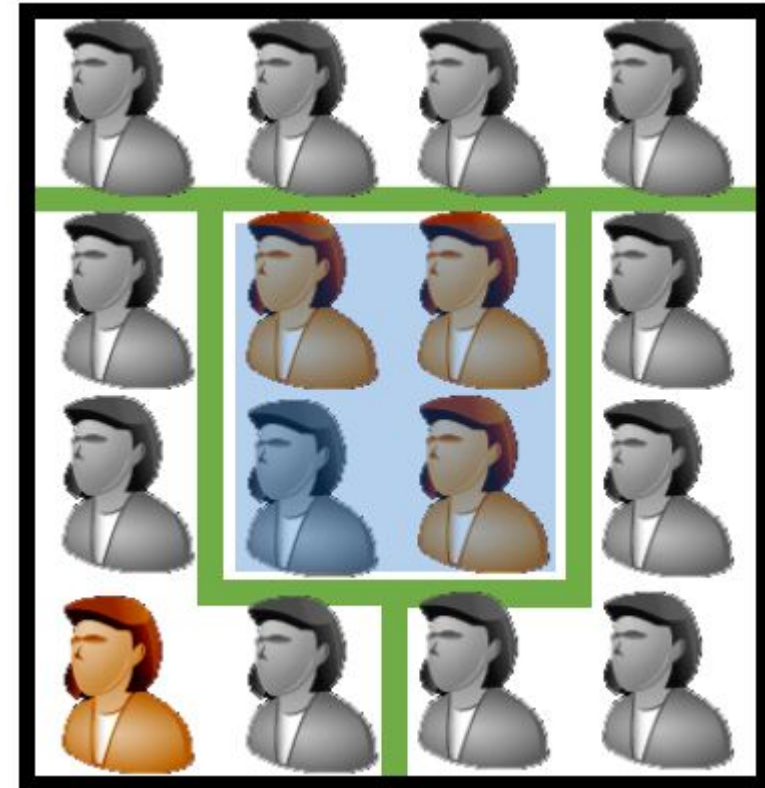
$$20 \div 4 = 5$$

Ideal number of people in district = 5

Every ten years, the district lines must be redrawn to make each district even in the number of people again



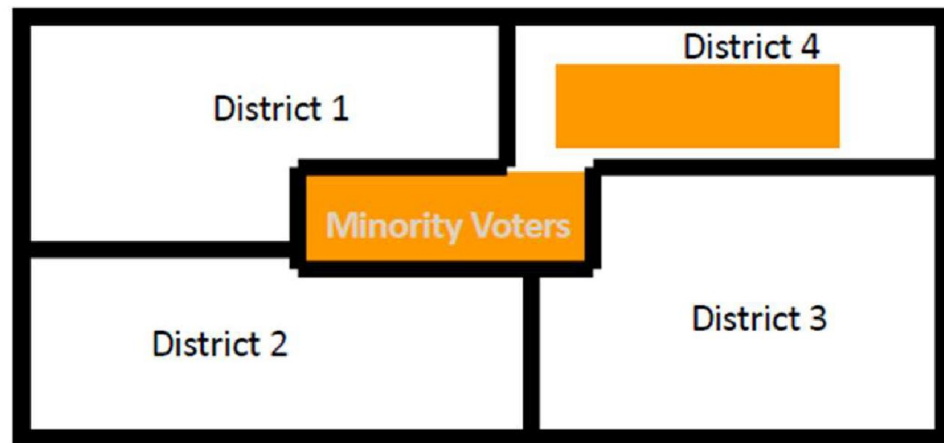
Minorities make up only $\frac{1}{4}$ in all 4 districts



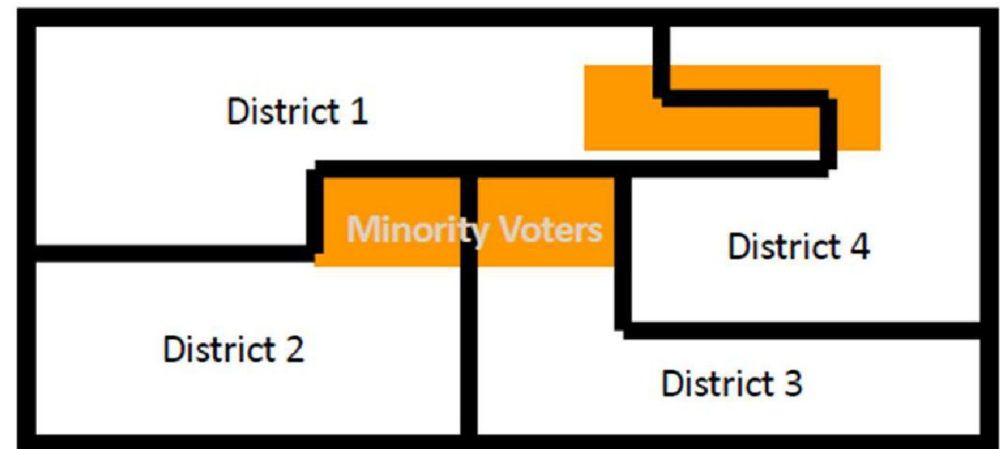
Minorities make up $\frac{3}{4}$ of this district

If a majority can be drawn, the Voting Rights Act requires it

Packing



Cracking



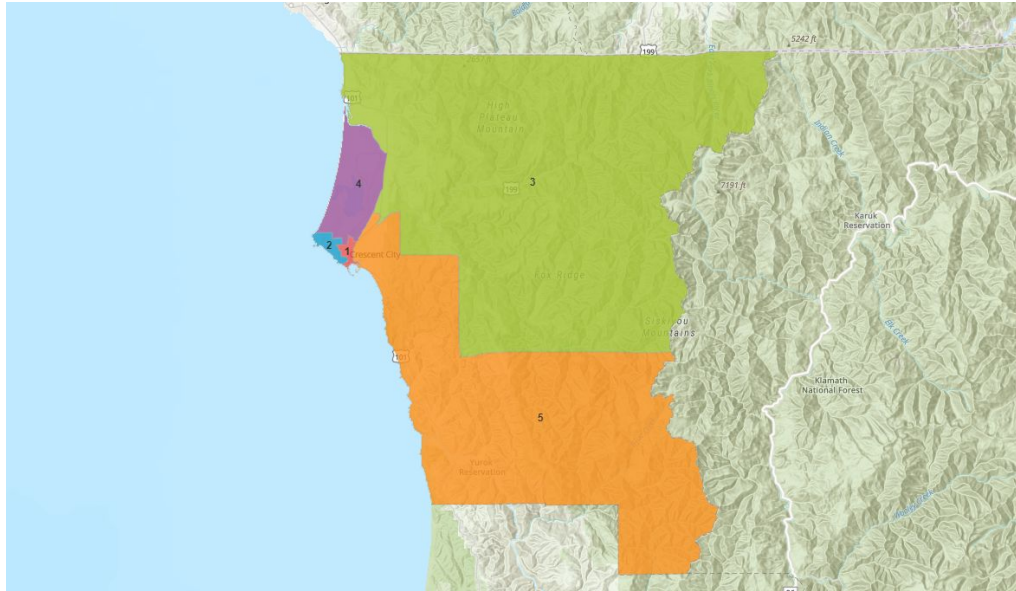
Defining Communities of Interest

- **What defines your community?**
 - Geographic Area
 - Shared issues or characteristics
 - Shared social or economic interests
- **Would this community benefit from being included within a single trustee area for purposes of its effective and fair representation?**
 - Or would it benefit more from having multiple representatives?
- **What data is available that reflects this?**
 - Number of people in community, % POC, income levels

Note: Definitions of Communities of Interest may not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

Simple Map Review Tool

- Online Interactive Review Map
 - ESRI's "[ArcGIS Online](#)" – similar to Google Maps in ease of use
 - Used to review, analyze and compare maps, not to create them



Public Hearing & Discussion

- What information would be helpful to consider during this Districting process?
- What information should be considered when determining communities of interest?
- Other thoughts, ideas, concerns?

Thank you!