

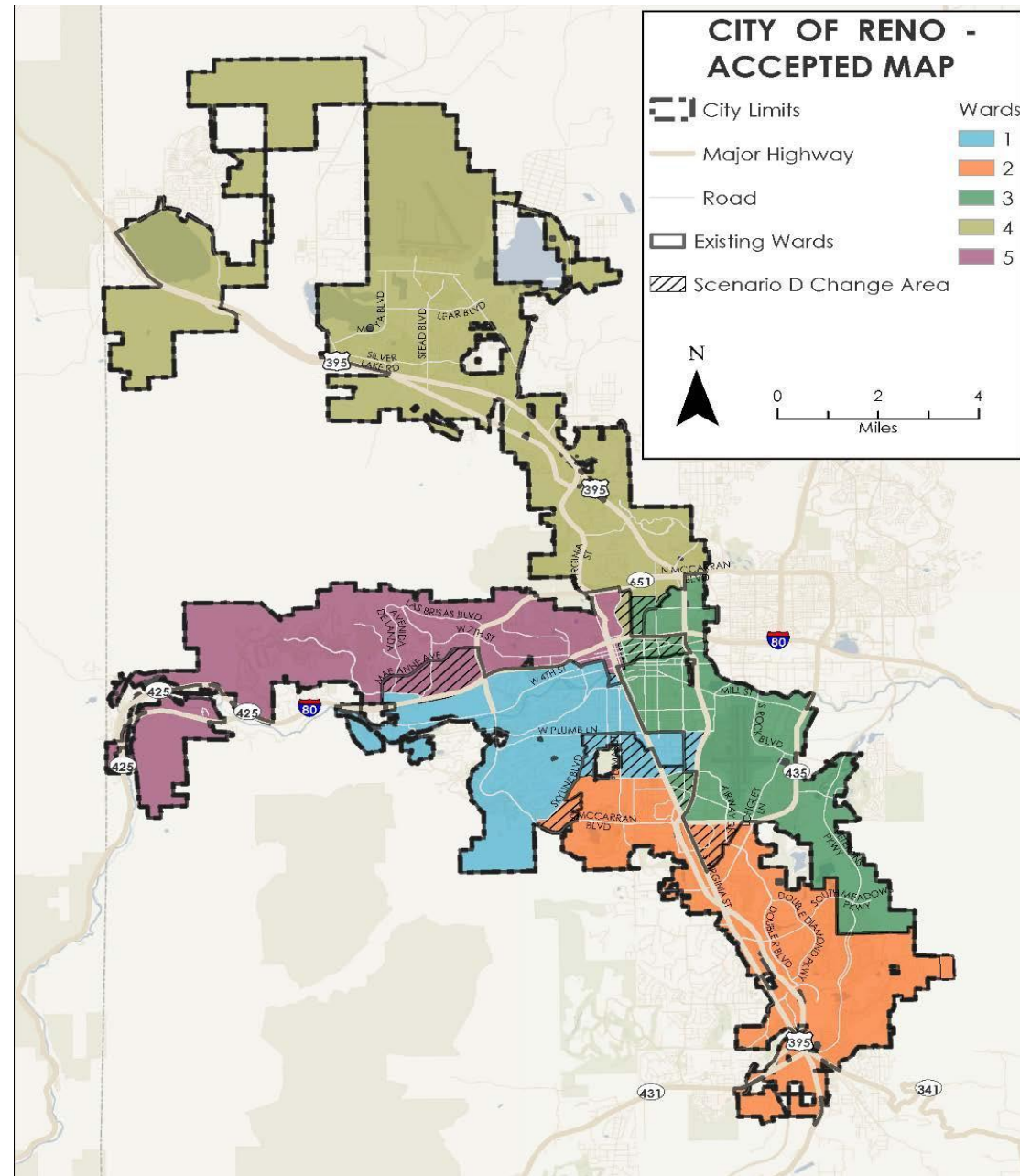
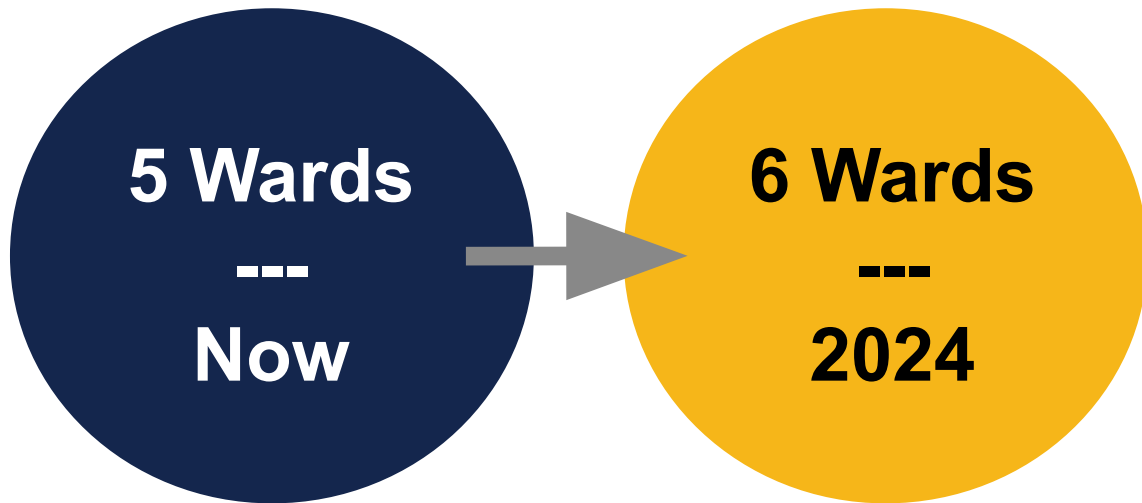
2023 Redistricting Process

Community Meeting #1: June 1, 2023



Redistricting:

Process of redrawing the boundaries of the wards that make up the City of Reno



CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to the City of Reno; revising provisions relating to appointive officers and employees; creating a sixth ward for the City; requiring that a candidate for Council Member be voted upon in a special or general election only by the registered voters of the ward that the candidate seeks to represent; revising provisions relating to interactions between the City Council and employees; eliminating the office of the Council Member who represents the City at large; requiring the City Council to adopt an ordinance requiring the Mayor and Council Members to submit reports of campaign contributions in certain years; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

The existing Charter of the City of Reno specifies the persons within the City government who are considered appointive officers and also describes appointive employees of the City who: (1) are not appointive officers but regularly assist an appointive officer; (2) have duties that consist of administrative work directly related to management policies; and (3) have positions that require them customarily to exercise discretion and independent judgment. (Reno City Charter §§ 1.012, 1.090) The existing Charter of the City of Reno also authorizes the City Manager to appoint such staff as necessary for the functioning of the office, including specified appointive employees. (Reno City Charter § 3.020) **Section 1** of this bill clarifies the definition of "appointive employee." **Section 6** of this bill authorizes the City Manager to appoint such staff as necessary for the functioning of the City, subject to certain limitations on the number of appointive offices and positions.

The existing Charter of the City of Reno prohibits the Mayor or any Council Member from dictating the appointment, suspension or removal of any appointive employee. The existing Charter also prohibits the City Council or its members from dealing directly with an appointive employee, instead of the City Manager, on matters pertaining to City business, except for the purpose of inquiry. (Reno City Charter § 3.140) **Section 7** of this bill prohibits the Mayor or a Council Member from dictating the appointment, suspension or removal of any employee unless specifically authorized in the Charter. **Section 7** also removes the exception authorizing the City Council or its members to deal directly with an employee for the purpose of inquiry and instead: (1) requires the City Council to deal directly with the City Manager; and (2) prohibits the City Council from giving any order to any subordinate to the City Manager.

Existing law requires candidates for public office to report campaign contributions. Five reports are required during the calendar year in which the office is up for election, and one report is required during each year in which the office is not up for election. (NRS 294A.120) **Section 8** of this bill requires the City Council of the City of Reno to adopt an ordinance requiring the Mayor and each Council Member to report the campaign contributions received during every year other than the year in which the general election for that office is held. These reports are in addition to the existing reports required of candidates for public office.

Why are we redistricting in 2023?

2016	→	Charter Committee recommendation
2017	→	State legislation
2024	→	Transition to six wards



Reno City Council Composition

Current Composition		
Mayor	Council Members	
	1 At-Large Member	5 Ward Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must live in Reno • Elected by registered voters of the city at large 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must live in the ward they represent • Elected by the registered voters of that ward

Future Composition	
Mayor	6 Ward Members
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Ward Transition Timeline: 2024 General Election



Redistricting Process
May 2023 - August 2023



Maps to Registrar of Voters
September 1, 2023



Election Preparation
September 2023 - March 2024



Candidate Filing
March 2024



General Election
November 2024



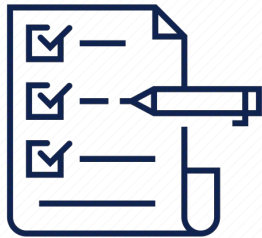
Ward 6 Council Member
After General Election, 2024

Reno's Redistricting Approach

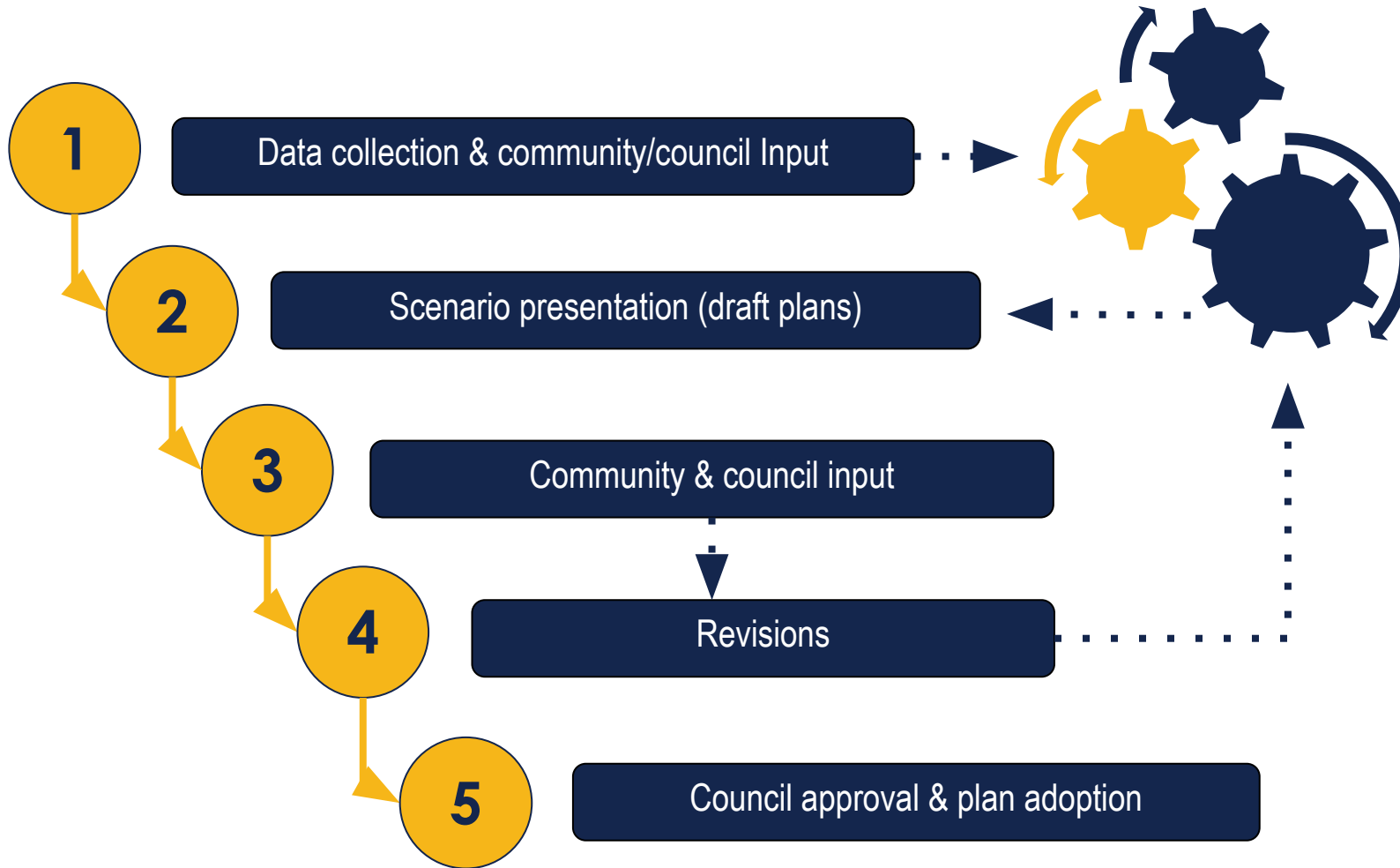
Guiding Principles

Data & Analysis

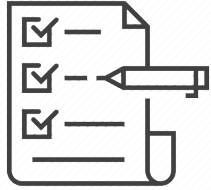
Outreach & Engagement



The Redistricting Process



This process is designed so that everyone's voice can be heard and the deadline for the new maps can be met.



Redistricting Principles

The “Musts”

Must be in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws, including the Voting Rights Act	Must retain current Council members with existing terms that extend beyond the 2024 general election
Must be “nearly equal in population”	Must solicit input from the community
Must be geographically contiguous	The 2020 Census must be used as the data source

The “Shoulds”

Should preserve neighborhood integrity
Should preserve the use of existing natural boundaries
* Should be as compact as possible



Redistricting Analysis

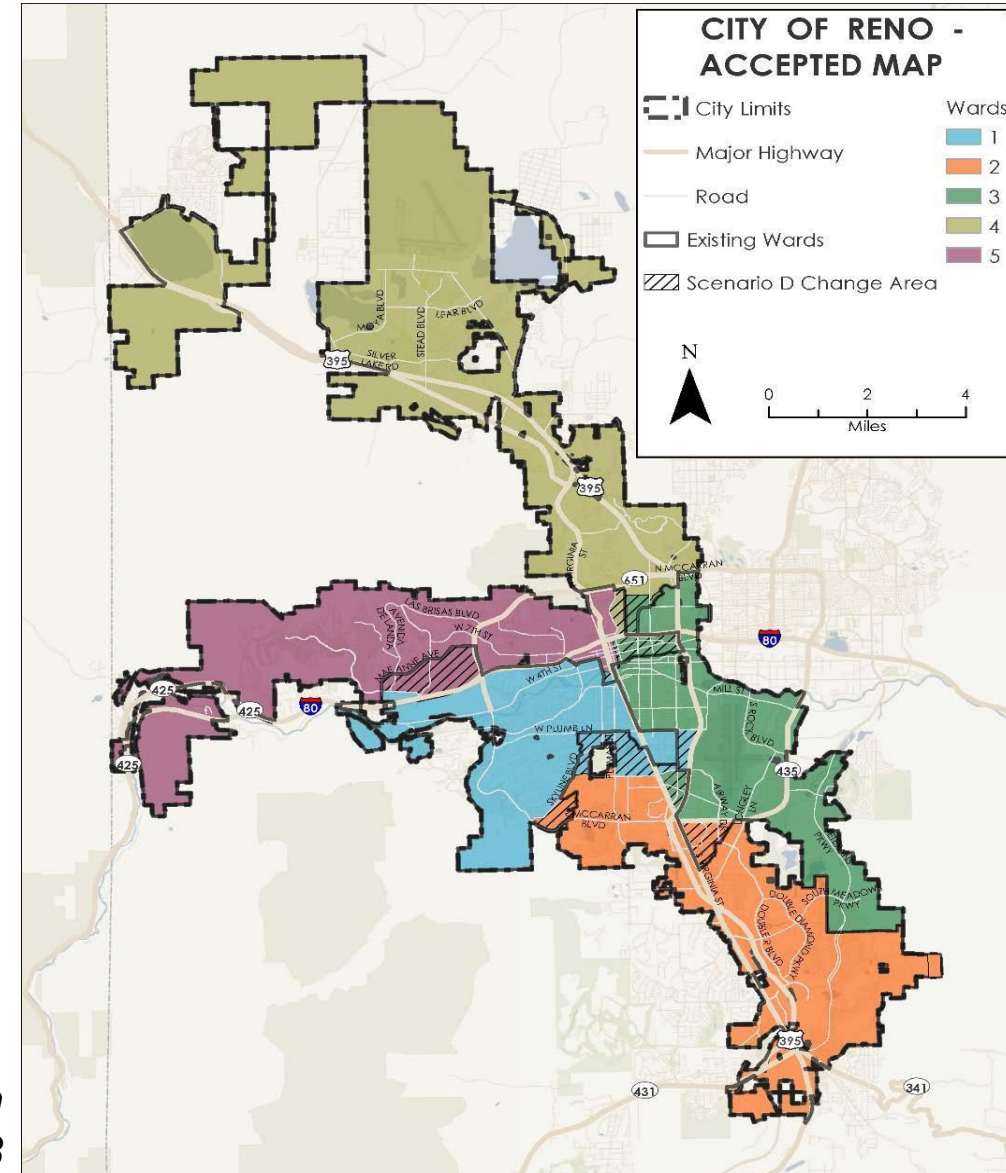
Total City Population: 264,165

Ideal or "target" ward population to be population balanced

6 Wards

44,027

*Ideal ward population with
5 wards: 53,833*

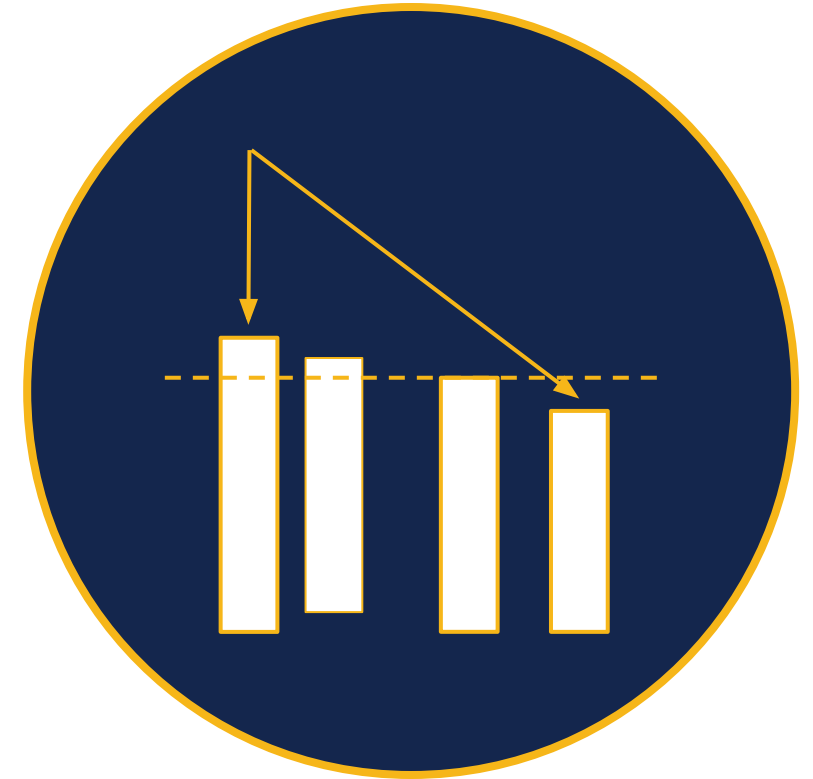




Redistricting Analysis

BALANCING POPULATION

- The appropriate measure of population when considering substantial equality of population is total population, **not** alternative measures like the number of voters or the citizen voting-age population (CVAP).
- The City's charter requires a deviation of **5 percent or less**.



*The Supreme Court decided in *Evenwel v. Abbott*, 578 US __, 136 S.Ct. 1120 (2016), that the “one person, one vote” principle of the Equal Protection Clause allows a state or locality to design its districts based on total population.



Redistricting Analysis

CONTIGUITY

NO



YES



- ✓ No islands
- ✓ Except for real islands which should be connected by bridges, tunnels, or ferries

COMPACTNESS

NO



YES



- ✓ Wards should not be unnecessarily thin or serpentine
- ✓ There are many different methods to measure compactness

EXISTING OR NATURAL BOUNDARIES

YES

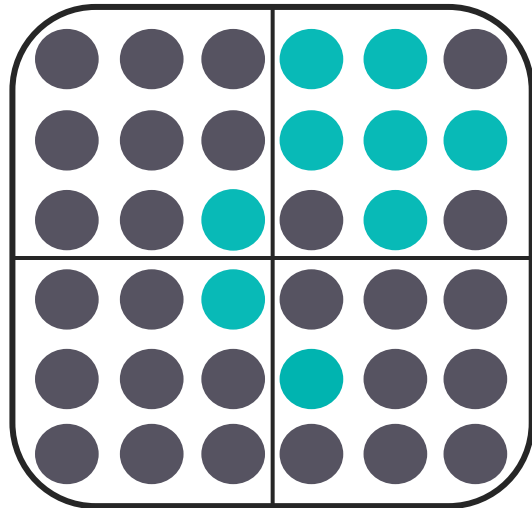


- ✓ Major streets and roads
- ✓ Rivers, lakes, mountains
- ✓ Lines that are already being used as boundaries



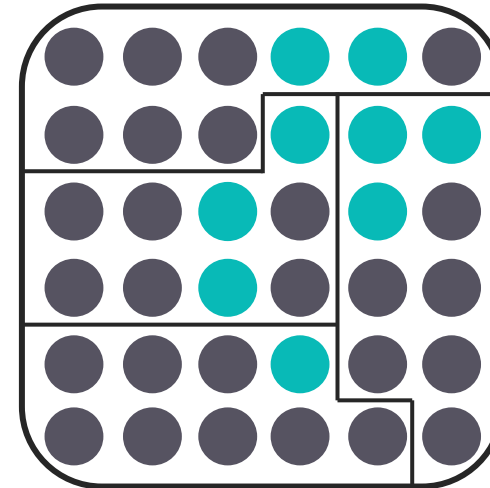
Redistricting Analysis

VOTING RIGHTS ACT AND DEMOGRAPHICS



Majority group: 75% of population, make up the majority in 75% of wards

Minority group: 25% of population, make up the majority in 25% of the wards



Vote Dilution

Majority group: 75% of population, make up the majority in 100% of wards

Minority group: 25% of population, make up the majority in 0% of the wards

 Majority Group

 Minority Group



Redistricting Analysis

Communities of Interest

- “A community of mutual or shared interest (COI) is a population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.”
- “COIs are populations that have common needs and interests reflected in patterns of geography, social interaction, trade, and common interests.”*

Special Districts	Defined Neighborhoods	Homeowners Associations	Shared Cultural Heritage
Municipalities	School Districts	Military Installations	Census Designated Places

RENO IS REDISTRICTING

We are going from

5 to **6** wards

Pasaremos de 5 a 6 distritos



Input Timeline Overview

Community Meeting #1: Redistricting Kick Off	June 1
Input Focus: Submit Draft Maps & Communities of Interest (COI)	June 5 - June 22
First Round of Input Due	June 22
Community Meeting #2: Introduce Draft Maps	June 27
Input Focus: Feedback on Draft Maps + Submit Maps/COI	June 28 - July 14
Second Round of Input Due	July 14
Community Meeting #3: Present Final Maps	July 27
Input Focus: Final Maps	July 28 - August 8
Reno City Council Meetings (2): Map Adoption	August 9 & 23

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June Meetings

Community Meeting #1	June 1
Ward 3 NAB	June 6
Ward 1 NAB	June 12
Ward 5 NAB	June 13
Reunión Comunitaria En Español	June 14
Ward 4 NAB	June 15
Ward 2 NAB	June 20
First Round of Input Due	June 22
Community Meeting #2	June 27

Visit [Reno.Gov/Redistricting](https://reno.gov/redistricting) for details and updates.



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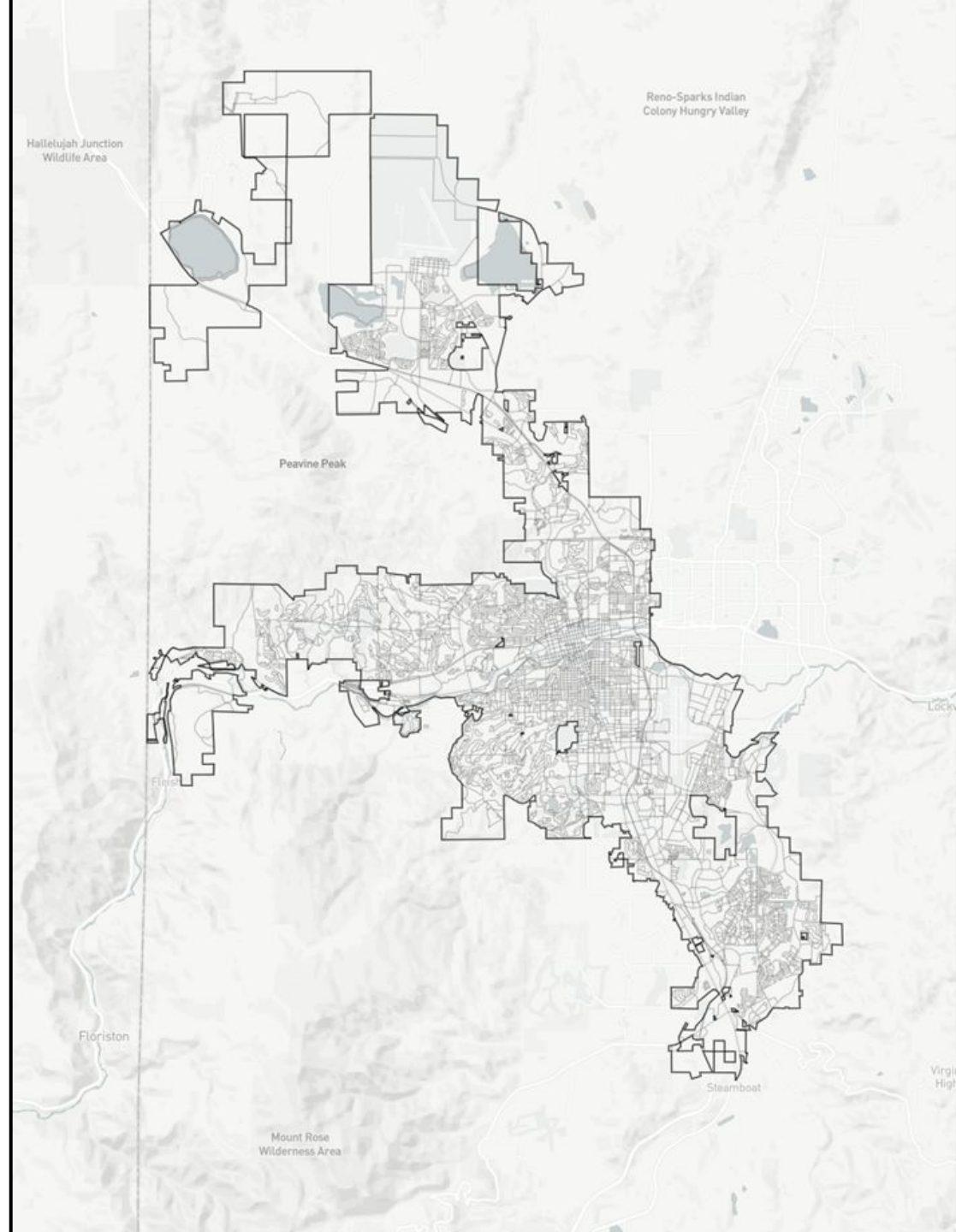
How to Give Your Input



- Attend a redistricting meeting
- Submit input through the online public portal - **Districtr** (*Available by Monday, June 5*)
- Send comments to Redistricting@Reno.Gov

Districtr

- Easy to use browser-based tool
- Draw your own ward maps
- Submit your communities of interest



Questions / Comments Tonight?



If you have a question or a comment:

- **In Person:** Come to the microphone
- **Zoom:** Click Raise Hand in the webinar controls
- **Phone:** Dial *9

We will be notified you would like to speak and will call on those who have indicated they have a question or comment.

- **In Person:** Use the microphone
- **Zoom:** Hit unmute
- **Phone:** Dial *6 to unmute

Limit comments to 2-3 minutes.

Questions or comments after the meeting?

Email Redistricting@Reno.Gov or call 775-334-4636.