

YOUR COMMUNITY PROFILE

Sharing your “community of interest” testimony at a redistricting hearing is a powerful way of shaping your community’s district maps for the next decade to come. Your community can be as small as your block, your neighborhood association, or the network of parents who all send their kids to the same school or participate in the same Little League. Or it can be expansive, including everyone in your city or county who have a shared interest in keeping the community together.

Who lives in your community?

Do you have a common race, ethnicity, language, or immigration history?

What are the streets or boundaries that mark your community’s borders?

Are there large employers?
Are there lots of small businesses?

What are the significant landmarks: rivers, parks, shopping areas, historic sites, etc.?

How do the current political district boundaries impact your community?

Does your neighborhood have celebrations or traditions, like street festivals or parades?

What are the gathering places: schools, community centers, churches, etc.?

Are there social or civic groups that people belong to?

There is no right or wrong way to describe your community. Just make sure to talk about what connects the people who live there .

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Imagine describing your community to a friend who wants to move there. Think about a simple way to describe what you and your neighbors share in common, and what makes your community unique when compared to surrounding communities.

Remember -- you are the expert on your community!

Hi, my name is _____. I have [lived/worked] in the [community/city] of _____ for ____ years. I'd like you to keep my community, [name of community], together because

My community is located

Highlight community issues and histories (tell a personal story, if possible) that help demonstrate the importance of having elected officials who understand and respond to community needs.

What makes my community special

In conclusion

Thank the members of the redistricting body (city council, school board, commission, etc.), provide them with any written testimony and materials, and restate your goals.

