

To: Town Council
FROM: Vice Mayor Hartwell-Herrero
DATE: May 4, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission Public Input Hearing Saturday, May 21, 2011
City Council Chambers
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza
Oakland, CA 94612
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The 14 member Independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission will hold a public input meeting in Oakland on May 21, 2011, from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The Commission was created by California voters to draw state Congressional, Assembly, Senate and Board of Equalization Districts. Public participation in drawing these districts is critical to ensuring that communities have the strongest voice possible to express their preferences. When voters with similar interests are drawn into a district together, their voices multiply giving them a greater opportunity to express their views, elect candidates of their choice and hold their leaders accountable.

The Commission is taking testimony from local area residents before drawing its first round of draft maps which will be released in June. Final district maps must be certified by the Commission and presented to the Secretary of State by August 15, 2011.

Citizens wishing to provide testimony to the Commission can learn more about how to effectively present information by going to www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov. To assist you in providing your presentation, we have developed a "Toolkit" which you will find on the home page under "Upcoming Events."

All public input hearings are ADA accessible. Any person who wishes to request auxiliary aids or services, including translation, to participate in the hearing of the Commission, in accordance with State or Federal law, should contact Janece Sargis at 1-866-356-5217 not later than five (5) business days before the noticed hearing date.

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Fairfax Vice Mayor