



## Tell us about your community!

### **Help shape the future of City of San José's Council Districts**

Every ten years, U.S. Census data is used to redraw City of San José City Council district boundaries. This ensures the districts are balanced for changes in population. The City Council wants to hear from you on how these boundaries should be drawn. Complete this form to tell the Commission about your **community of interest** – keeping communities of interest together is a high-ranking criteria in the redistricting process.

### **What is a Community of Interest?**

A Community of Interest is a group of people in the same geographically definable area who share common social and economic interests. Some examples of Communities of Interest are:

- Senior citizens
- LGBTQIA+ communities
- College students living near campus
- People who live downtown or in a neighborhood
- Dog park community
- Residents who share a common language
- People that use the same transportation systems

### **What criteria will help the City Council understand the importance of your community in the redistricting process?**

When answering the questions on the form, please keep in mind the following:

1. Does your community have a shared culture, characteristics, or bond?
2. Is your community geographic in nature? Is your community able to be mapped? Is there density within your community?
3. Describe your community's relationship with the County and how it is affected by policy decisions made by the City Council.

The public can submit any testimony, but it is important to remember that your input can be best used if it addresses all three of these questions.

### **What You Can Do to Further Participate in the Redistricting Process?**

1. Provide your comments on your community of interest by completing this worksheet and return it by email to the City Clerk at [redistricting@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:redistricting@sanjoseca.gov) or mail/drop off a hard copy to the City Council, 200 E Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113 or attend a public hearing and read your comments to the Redistricting Commission or City Council.
2. Attend one of the City of San José Redistricting Commission public meetings, times and locations to be publicized on the website. <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/appointees/city-clerk/redistricting-2020>



**Email:** [redistricting@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:redistricting@sanjoseca.gov)



**In person:** Call 408-535-1260 to make an appointment



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200 E Santa Clara Street  
San José, CA 95113

## Questions or comments?

We want to hear from you. Email the City of San José City Council at [redistricting@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:redistricting@sanjoseca.gov) or visit our webpage at <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/appointees/city-clerk/redistricting-2020>

### Document Your Community of Interest

1. What are the common interests in your community? Describe how they are important:

The Penitencia Neighborhood common interests are to foster an inclusive, safe and thriving community, where the motto of "Together, we can do more" is our mantra, focusing on crime, safety, and quality of life

2. Explain the geographical location of your community of interest. What are the physical boundaries?

N White Rd, Mabury Rd, N. Capitol and Penitencia Creek Road.

3. What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in the City Council redistricting process? Please describe how the issues before the City Council has an impact on your community.

Our community lies within District 4 and we want to remain in District 4.

4. What else would you like to tell us about your community?

Our community leaders have worked for years to foster relationships with the city of San Jose, county of Santa Clara and State of California government officials to improve the quality of life in the community, facilitate corrective actions for issues and help beautify the neighborhood at the same time.

## Community of Interest Form

Providing the following information is optional. If you provide an email address, we will send you updates on the process.

First name: Michael Kraus

Email: [REDACTED]

Which district do you live in? If you're not sure, write your address and we'll look it up:

District

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**SUBMIT**