City of Santa Fe
Independent Citizens’
Redistricting Commission
Redistricting Issues
April 21, 2022
ABOUT US

RESEARCH & POLLING, INC. HAS MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF REDISTRICTING EXPERIENCE IN NEW MEXICO AND SANTA FE.

OVER 160 REDISTRICTING PROJECTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

• NM STATE LEGISLATURE (4 CYCLES)

KEY STAFF

• BRIAN SANDEROFF, PRESIDENT
• MICHAEL SHARP, VICE PRESIDENT
• BRITTANY POSS, DIRECTOR OF DATA AND ANALYTICS
PUBLIC MEETINGS

• ORGANIZATIONAL
  • General overview and population statistics

• EDUCATION AND DIRECTIVES TO RESEARCH & POLLING, INC.
  • ABCs of redistricting and population statics
  • Show initial concepts
  • Public and commission input

• MINIMUM OF 4 PUBLIC MEETINGS
  • Initial Concepts
    • Show initial concepts with possible revisions
    • Public input
    • Commission input
  • Show initial and any revised concepts during subsequent meetings
    • Show modifications, if any
    • Gather input about concepts

• ADOPT A PLAN DURING FINAL MEETING
**Redistricting**

**What is “redistricting”?**

- **The adjustment of election district boundaries to account for population shifts**
- **The way in which we change districts to determine who represents us**

**When?**

- **Required after each decennial census**
  - *Adjustments based on current census data*
- **Santa Fe City Charter allows for redistricting more than once per decade**
  - *Santa Fe redistricted in 2015 after a major annexation*
PRINCIPLES OF REDISTRICTING

EQUAL POPULATION

MINORITY VOTING RIGHTS

CONTIGUITY

COMPACTNESS

COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST
IDEAL DISTRICT POPULATION

IDEAL DISTRICT POPULATION = TOTAL CITY POPULATION/# OF DISTRICTS

2020 SANTA FE POPULATION: 87,505

SANTA FE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

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<tr>
<th># OF DISTRICTS</th>
<th>IDEAL POPULATION</th>
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<td>4</td>
<td>21,876</td>
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ALLOWABLE DEVIATION FROM THE IDEAL POPULATION

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

MUST BE “SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL”

NO MORE THAN 10% TOTAL POPULATION DEVIATION BETWEEN SMALLEST AND LARGEST DISTRICT (FEDERAL CASE LAW)

± 5% FROM THE IDEAL POPULATION OF A DISTRICT (STATE STATUTE)

IDEAL POPULATION: 21,876
± 5% OF IDEAL POPULATION: 20,783 TO 22,969
DILUTION OF MINORITY VOTING STRENGTH

• **DO NOT DILUTE VOTING STRENGTH OF ETHNIC/LANGUAGE MINORITY GROUPS (VOTING RIGHTS ACT, SECTION 2):**
  - Native Americans
  - African Americans
  - Hispanics
  - Asians

• **GIVE THE MINORITY POPULATION AN OPPORTUNITY TO ELECT A CANDIDATE OF THEIR CHOICE**
MINORITY VOTING STRENGTH (cont.)

RACIAL GERRYMANDER

Do not create districts in which race is the predominant criterion in subordination of traditional districting principles (Shaw v. Reno, 509 U.S. 630 (1993))

PACKING

Concentrate as much of a minority group into as few districts as possible to minimize the number of districts in which the minority could elect a candidate of their choice

CRACKING

Split up a minority into as many districts as possible to minimize influence in any given district

North Carolina – 12TH CD
1991
DIFFERENT WAYS TO MEASURE COMPACTNESS
NONE ARE PERFECT

REFERS TO SHAPE, NOT GEOGRAPHIC SIZE
COULD HAVE A VERY LARGE DISTRICT IN AREA THAT IS COMPACT IN SHAPE

COMPACT
NM – 3RD CD 1991

NOT COMPACT
TX – 18TH CD 1991
• No islands of territory

• One distinct part, not two or more

• Contiguous: Not Contiguous:
COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

OTHER FACTORS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED WHEN DRAWING DISTRICTS

• A GROUP/AREA WITH SHARED CHARACTERISTICS:
  - Neighborhoods
  - Cultural/language/historical traditions
  - Geographic boundaries
  - Lived experiences

• MAINTAINING CORE OF EXISTING DISTRICTS

• RESPECTING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (E.G., AVOID PRECINCT SPLITS)

• TAKING INTO ACCOUNT INCUMBENTS' RESIDENTIAL LOCATION
PRIORITIZATION OF DISTRICTING PRINCIPLES
(Per City Charter)

IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:

EQUAL POPULATION

MINORITY VOTING RIGHTS

COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

COMPACTNESS AND CONTIGUITY

COMPENSATE FOR UNDERCOUNT OF MINORITIES
Santa Fe City Ordinance

The Commission may assign the appropriate weight to:

- Minimizing precinct splits
- Minimizing voter confusion in switching elected officials into different districts
## City of Santa Fe Population Change 2010 vs 2020

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<th>Population</th>
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**Change**

| Change | 19,757 |

**% Change**

| % Change | 29% |
# City of Santa Fe Population Change 2015 vs 2020

## After 2015 City Redistricting (Post Annexation)

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<td>81,104</td>
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### Change

- **Change**: 6,401
- **% Change**: 7.9%

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SANTA FE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS – CURRENT DEVIATION FROM IDEAL POPULATION
## City of Santa Fe – Race/Ethnicity Population (2020)

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<th>Race/Ethnicity</th>
<th>Adult Population</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>33,469</td>
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<td>White*</td>
<td>33,217</td>
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<td>Asian*</td>
<td>1,338</td>
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<td>1,022</td>
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<td>Black*</td>
<td>688</td>
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<td>Other*</td>
<td>2,258</td>
<td>3.1%</td>
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*Non-Hispanic
SANTA FE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS – CURRENT DISTRICTS

[Map showing current city council districts]
# SANTA FE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS
## RACE/ETHNICITY DATA

### Santa Fe City Council
**Current Districts**

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<td>265</td>
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<td>18+</td>
<td>19,107</td>
<td>-614</td>
<td>6,161</td>
<td>11,546</td>
<td>60.4%</td>
<td>230</td>
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