

Local Redistricting Commissions in California Cities

Over 140 cities in California currently have district-based Council elections. Of those, only a fraction opt to use a redistricting commission. This spreadsheet compiles information on redistricting commissions throughout California. It is not comprehensive list as several cities that have recently transitioned to district-based elections have yet to determine their redistricting process, like Sunnyvale.

City Type	City	Commission Type	Size	Qualifications	Selection Process	Exclusions	Notes:
Charter	Chula Vista	Hybrid	7	resident, registered voter	Charter Review Commission reviews applications and selects 10 eligible applicants then 4 selected by random draw, 3 self-selected by randomly selected redistricting commissioners	Local elected officials serving in the past 4 years, city employees, bargaining group employees, city lobbyist in past 4 years, local party official, paid political staffer in past 4 years	Cannot run for Council for 4 years.
Charter	Modesto	Hybrid - accept or reject with reasons	9	registered voter with civic involvement, special consideration given to applicants from taxpayer association, nonprofit political org, nonprofit civil rights org, member of civil grand jury in past 5 years	Political appointment by Council	Councilmembers, city employees or their family members bargaining unit employees or lobbyists	May not run for Council
General Law	Escondido	Hybrid - accept or reject with reasons	7	registered voter	Panel of 3 retired judges from County	Anyone who in the past 10 years was a candidate for public office, political staffer, party official or staffer, made a \$5k+ political donation during a 2-year period, current candidates	May not run for Council or School Board for 5 years
Charter	Merced	Hybrid - proposes 2 maps	7	resident, eligible voter, availability, knowledge of neighborhoods, geography, diversity, and communities of interest	Local LWV chapter nominates Commissioners and proposes a slate to Council. Council approves slate or chooses from list of nominees.	elected official, conflict of interest, paid political staffer or party staffer	
Charter	Anaheim	Advisory	5	Retired Judges	Random draw	not specified	The Anaheim Advisory Committee on Election Districts may recommend to the city council new election district boundaries.
Charter	Dinuba	Advisory	not specified	not specified	Political appointment by Council	not specified	
Charter	Downey	Advisory	not specified	not specified	Political appointment by Council	not specified	The Downey redistricting committee may recommend to the city council new election district boundaries.
Charter	Los Angeles	Advisory	21	not specified	Political: 3 directly appointed by the mayor, 2 by council president, 1 by each councilmember, 1 by city attorney, and 1 by city controller	No City officer or employee	Commission appoints a director and other personnel, consistent with budgetary approval
Charter	Salinas	Advisory	7	not specified	The commission has 7 members: 1 is directly appointed by the mayor and 6 by the city council, 1 by each member. (1. It is proposed that the City Clerk advertise for applicants for City copuncilmembers' consideration. 2. The City Council may elect an alternative composition for the Committee, e.g. The CC may elect to vote on the appointment of Committee members or not require that Committee memebrs be eligible Salinas voters.)	not specified	The Salinas Redistricting Committee may recommend to the city council new election district boundaries.
Charter	San Jose	Advisory	11	not specified	1 is directly appointed by the mayor, and the remaining 10 are appointed by each councilmember.	not specified	The San José redistricting commission may recommend to the city council new election district boundaries.
Charter	Seal Beach	Advisory	5	not specified	Political appointment by Council	not specified	

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Charter	Stockton	Advisory	7	Registered voter, one from each district	1 is directly appointed by the mayor, and 6 are appointed by the city council, 1 by each councilmember.	not specified	
Charter	Watsonville	Advisory	7	Registered voter	Political appointment by Mayor with Councilmember recommendation by district	not specified	
General Law	Menifee	Advisory	5	not specified	Political appointment by Council	not specified	
General Law	Menlo Park	Advisory	9	Resident for past 5 years, registered voter, voted in 2 of last 3 elections	Random draw (3) and self-selection (6)	In past 8 years has not been (1) a Councilmember or candidate (or family of), (2) involved in a political campaign, (3) been an official or paid by a political party, (4) a registered lobbyist, (5) donated \$500 or more to a Council campaign, (6) a staff, consultant, or contractor of the City	For 4 year, precluded from being appointed to a commission, working on a Council campaign, budding on a City project, or lobbying City.
General Law	Pasadena	Advisory	9	not specified	The commission has 9 members: 1 member is appointed by each councilmember, and 2 are appointed by the mayor.	not specified	The Pasadena Redistricting Task Force may recommend to the city council new election district boundaries.
General Law	Sanger	Advisory	7	2 Councilmembers, 5 residents	Political appointment by Council	not specified	
General Law	Woodland	Advisory	5	Political	Political appointment by Council	not specified	Commission to comment on map developed by Council subcommittee
Charter	Berkeley	Independent	13	Voted in last 2 general elections	combination of random and self-selection	On Council or candidate within 2 years ; family of Mayor/Council or staff; city employees; City contractors or subcontractors; officer or paid by a mayor/council campaign in past 2 years	Redistricting Commission will draw lines for first time in 2021
Charter	Long Beach	Independent	13 (and 2 alternates)	must have voted election immed preceding application;resident for 1 yr preceding application;	combination of random and self-selection (Ethics Commission creates a subpool of the 25 to 30 candidates. 8 commissioners are selceted by random draw and final 5 from subpool.)	In past 8 yrs contributed (or family) to a City election campaign more than \$250 in a single year; employee (or family) of hte City; a registered lobbyis; employee (or family) of redistricting contractor or consultant; City officer (or family) in past 8 years; contractor (or family) of City elected official; principal officer of an active campaign committee in County that has contributed to a clocal andidate	Redistricting Commission will draw lines for first time in 2021
Charter	Oakland	Independent	13 (and 2 alternates)	must have been a resident for 3yrs precediing application;	Selection panel (consisting of a retired judge, law or public policy student, and a member of a good government nonprofit) creates a subpool of the 30 most qualified candidates with at least 2 fom each district. Selection is a combination of random and self-selection: 6 commissioners are selected by random draw and those 6 select the final 7 commissioners from subpool w/ at least 1 commisioner from each district and 6 Commisioners shall approve remaining Commissioners and alternates by at least 4 affirmative votes.	any conflict of interest, employee, commissioner, employee of any redistricting contractor or consultants in past 5 years, In past 10 years, person or family of: i. Elected to, or a candidate for, local office. ii. An employee, or paid consultant or contractor to a local campaign iii. Registered local lobbyist. iv. Employee/consultant/contractor to City Official. v. Officer of an active campaign committee in County that has made expenditure on local candidate elections. e. Contributed 50% or more of the allowable amount to candidates for City elective office in the last city election.	Redistricting Commission will draw lines for first time in 2022
Charter	Roseville	Independent	11	age 18+ at time of application, 3-yr resident	random and self-selection	candidate/Councilmember or family in the past 8 years campaign staffer, contributed more than \$500 to a Council candidate, party staffer in past 8 years or family member, elected official family member of redistricting consultant city employee	May not run for Council for 5 years or accept appointment for 2 years

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Charter	Sacramento	Independent	13 (2 alternates)	each member of the Commission shall be registered to vote in The City of San Diego	Appointed through a combination of random and self-selection. After an open application process, the Ethics Commission creates a subpool of the 25 to 30 most qualified candidates. 8 commissioners are selected by random draw from that subpool. Those 8 commissioners select the final 5 commissioners from the remaining applicants in the subpool.	1. A person (or family of) who – contributed to a candidate for city elective office, in a single city election cycle in either of the last two city election cycles, more than 50 percent of the allowable amount for a councilmember candidate. 2. A person (or family of) who – is or has been, within four years, on a commission, or a(A) employee of the city; (B) registered city lobbyist; or (C) employee of any redistricting contractor or consultant. 3. A person (or family of) who – has , within ten years, been (A) Elected to, or a candidate for, city elective office; (B) an employee of, or paid consultant or contractor to, a campaign for city elective office; (C) an employee/consultant/ contractor with any city elected official; or (D) a principal officer of an active campaign committee in the County that has made expenditures on candidate elections for a city elective office.	
Charter	San Diego	Independent	9 and 2 alternates	Each member of the Commission shall be registered to vote in The City of San Diego	Panel of 3 randomly selected retired judges. (If judges are unavailable, the City Clerk randomly selects members and alternates	not specified	one Commission member from each of the nine Council districts to the extent practicable; The Commission shall elect a chair and a vice chair and shall employ a chief of staff, who shall serve at the Commission’s pleasure, exempt from Civil Service, and shall contract for needed staff, technical consultants and services, using existing City staff to the extent possible.
Charter	San Francisco	Independent	9	not specified	Political: 3 members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors, 3 members shall be appointed by the Mayor, and 3 members shall be appointed by the Director of Elections unless an Elections Commission is created in which case the appointments designated to the Director of Elections shall be made by the Elections Commission.	not specified	The Task Force redrew supervisorial district lines in 2012 and 2002.
Charter	Santa Barbara	Independent	3	Retired judges must be qualified California voters but cannot be residents of Santa Barbara County.	Political appointment by Council	The retired judges cannot be residents of Santa Barbara County.	The Independent Redistricting Commission will draw district lines for the first time in 202