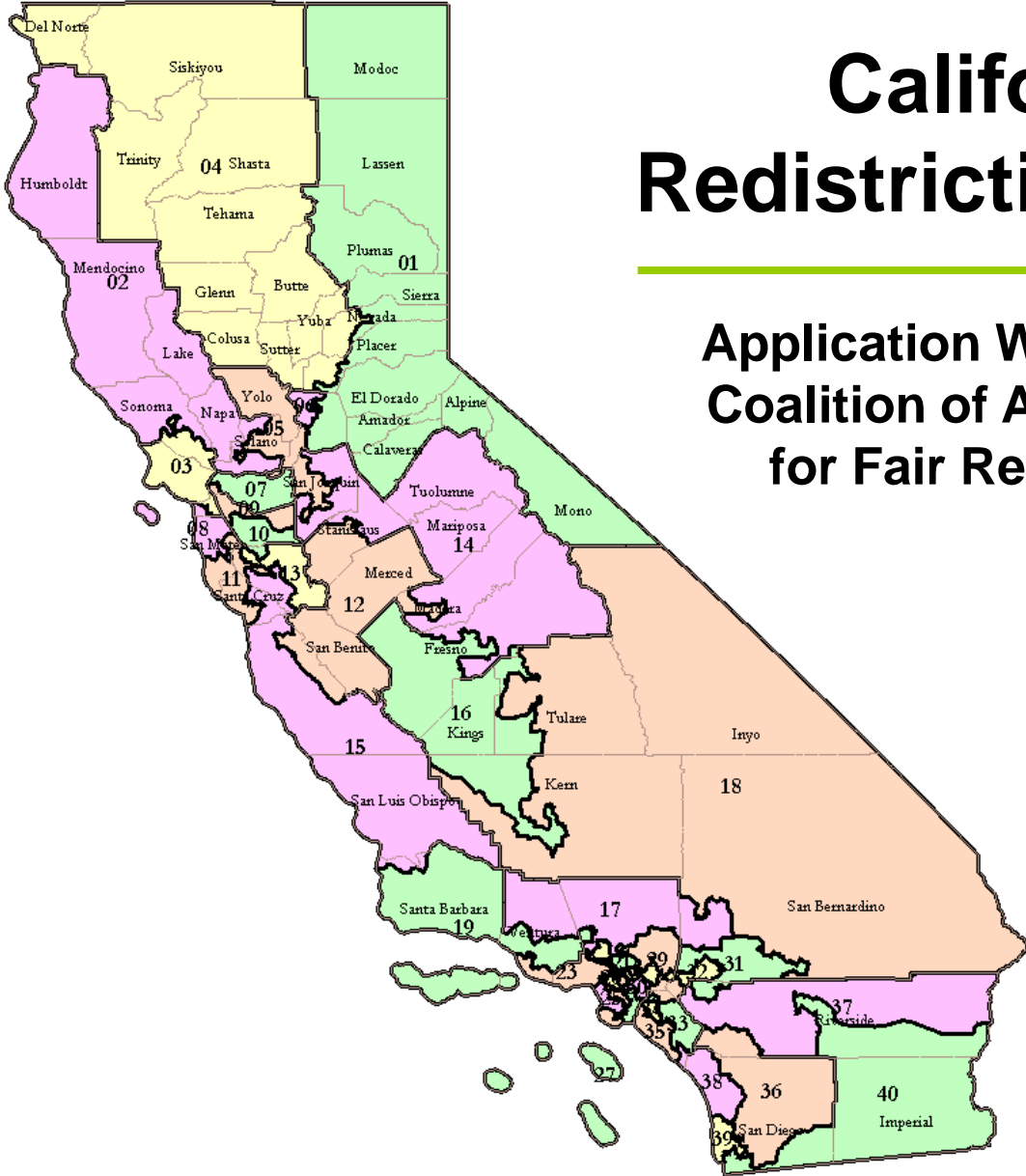


# California's New Redistricting Commission

Application Workshop Conducted by Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting (CAPAFR)

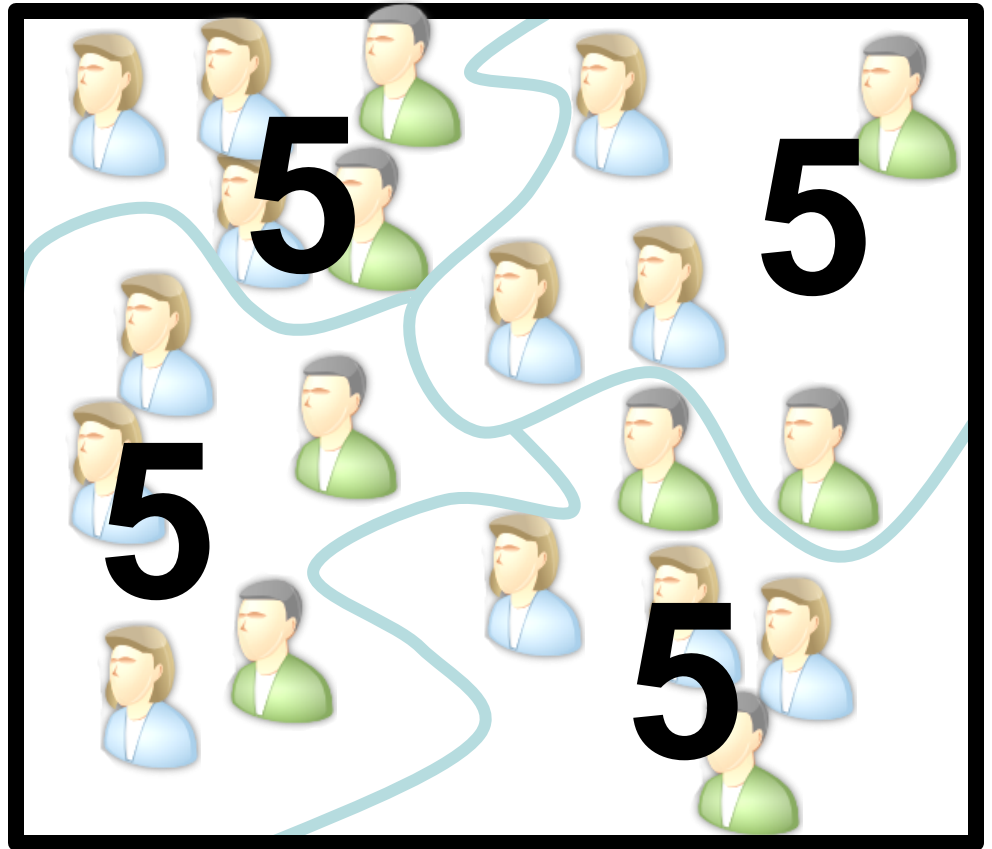


# Workshop agenda

1. Overview of redistricting
2. Why redistricting matters
3. Prop. 11 and the new redistricting commission
4. Commission responsibilities
5. Qualifications for being on commission
6. Restricted activities
7. Selection process
8. Application process
9. Review of initial & supplemental applications

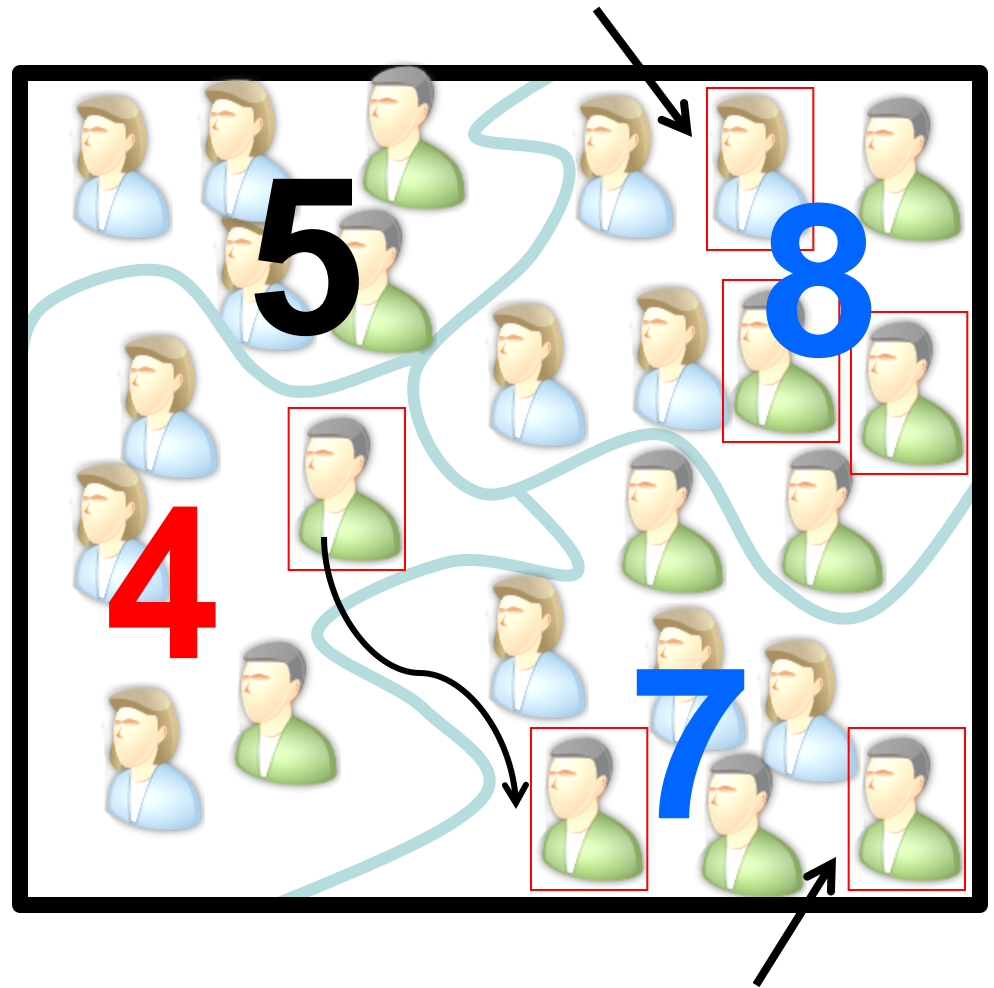
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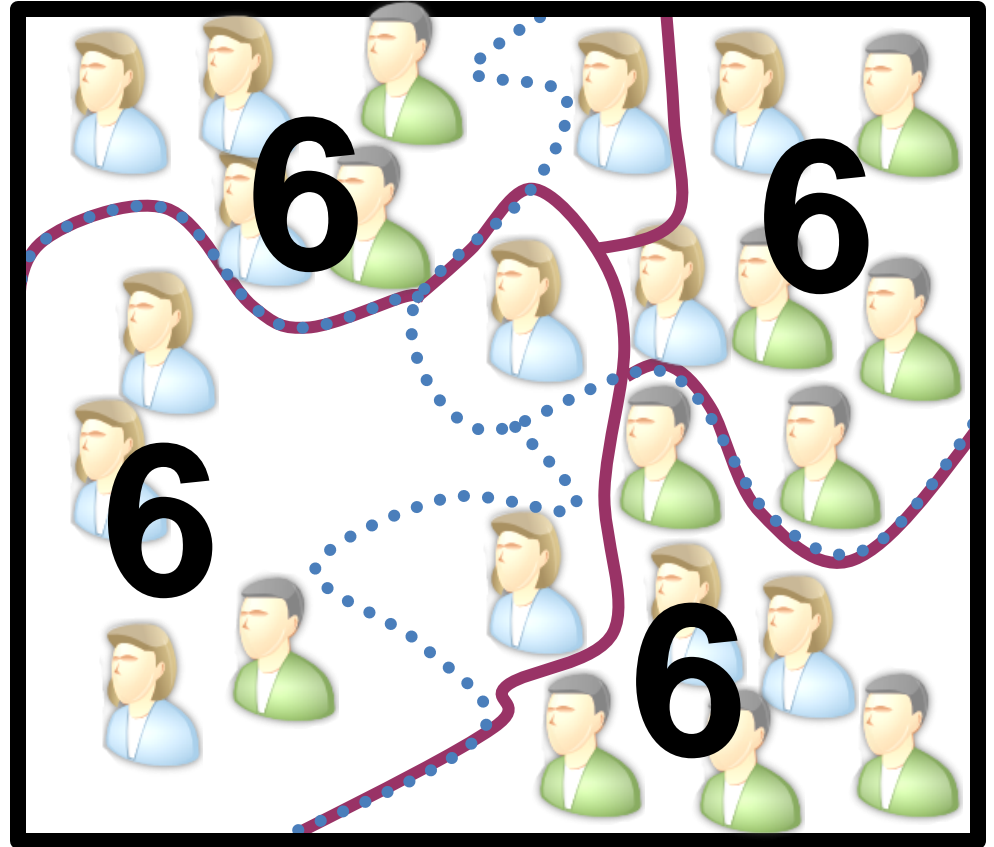
Over time,  
districts  
become  
uneven in size.



# What is redistricting?

Every ten years, the district lines have to be redrawn to make each district even in size again.

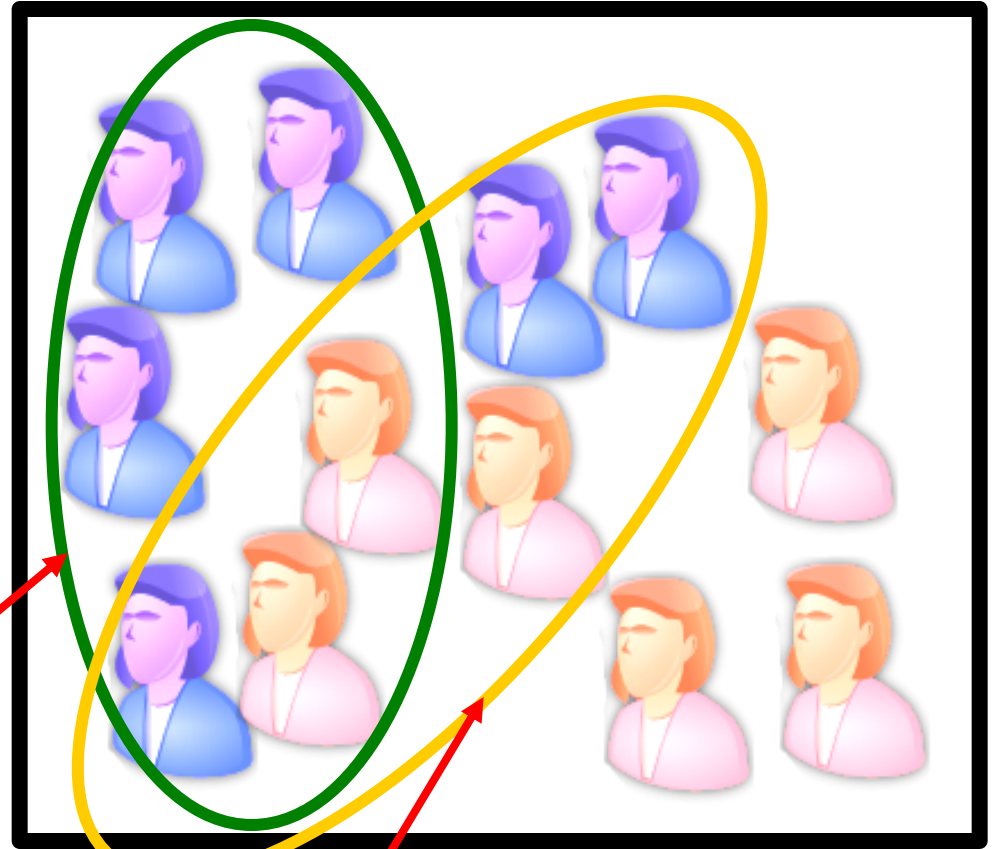
Based on  
Census data



# Why does redistricting matter?

Redistricting shapes the landscape in which elections are conducted.

For a decade at a time



$\frac{2}{3}$  Democrat  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  Republican

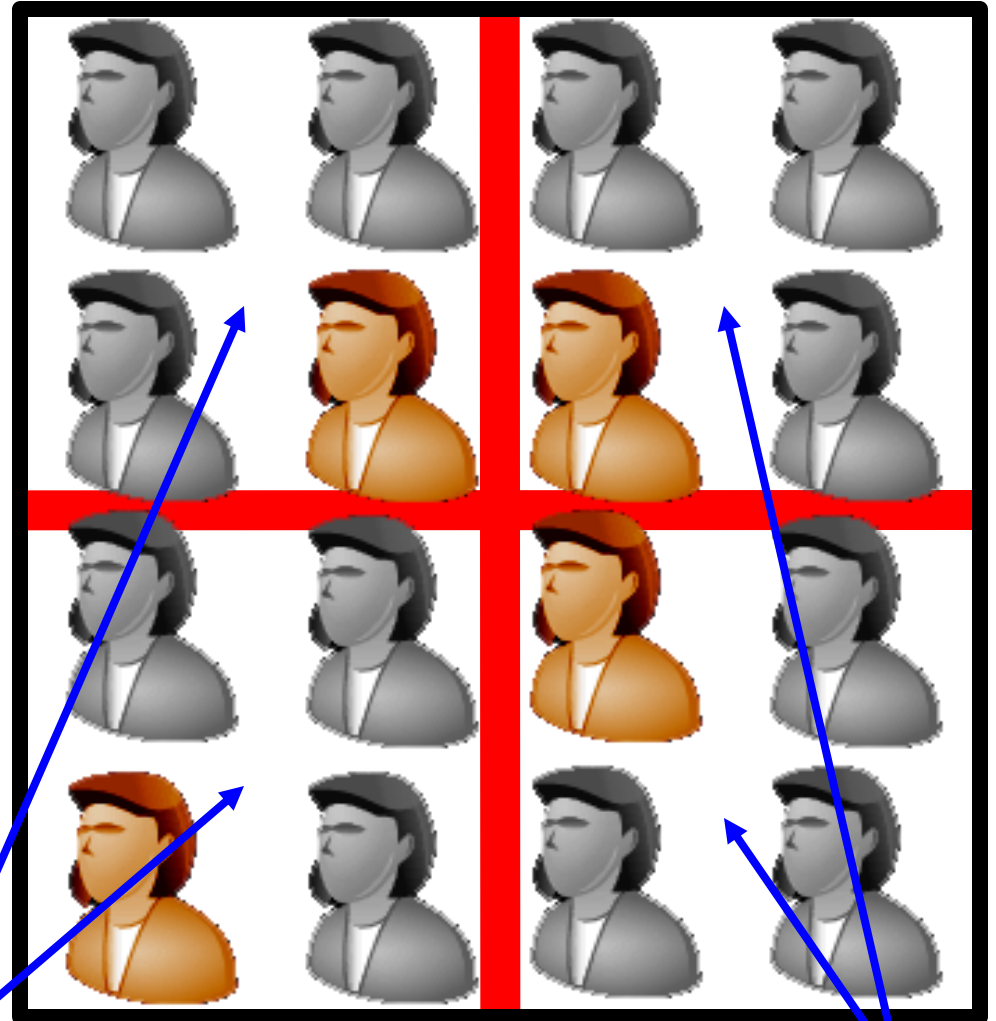
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# Why does redistricting matter?

Redistricting affects whether minorities have a say in the outcome of elections.

Example #1 →

Minorities make up only  $\frac{1}{4}$  in all four districts

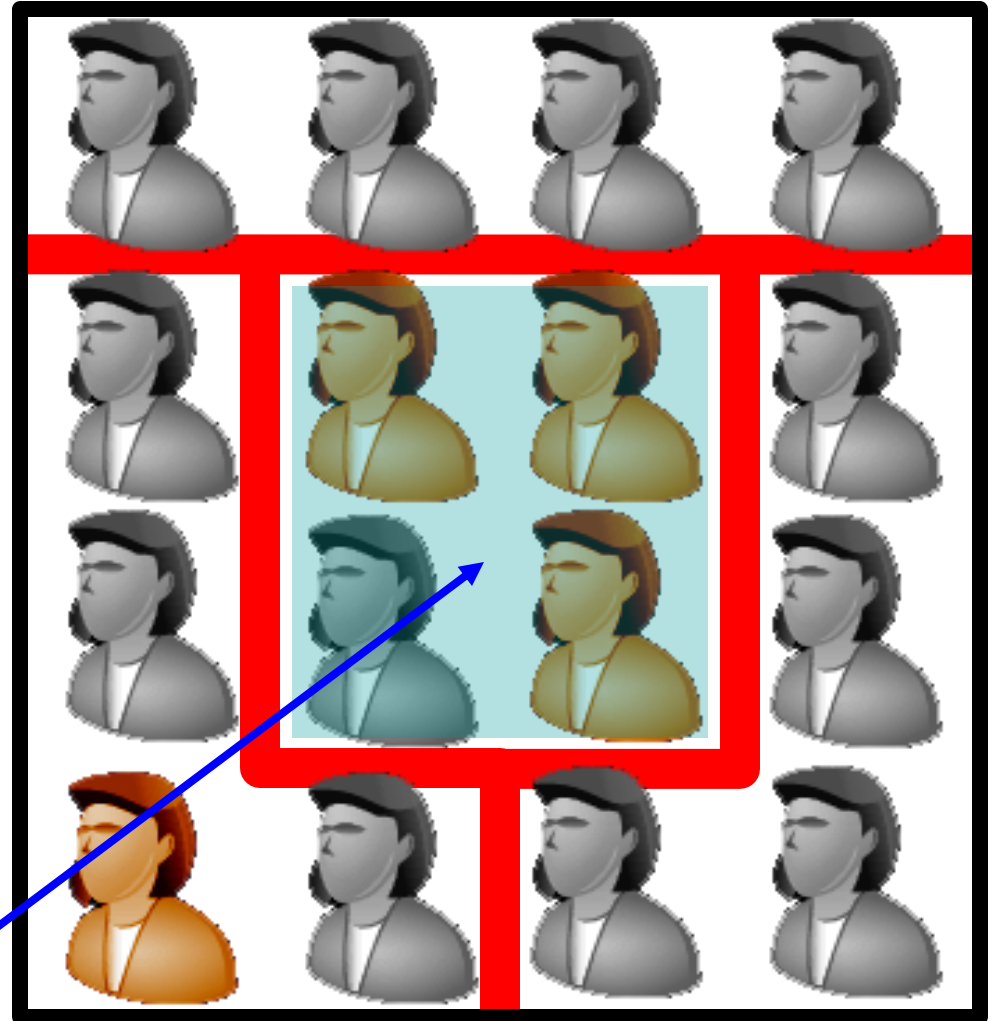


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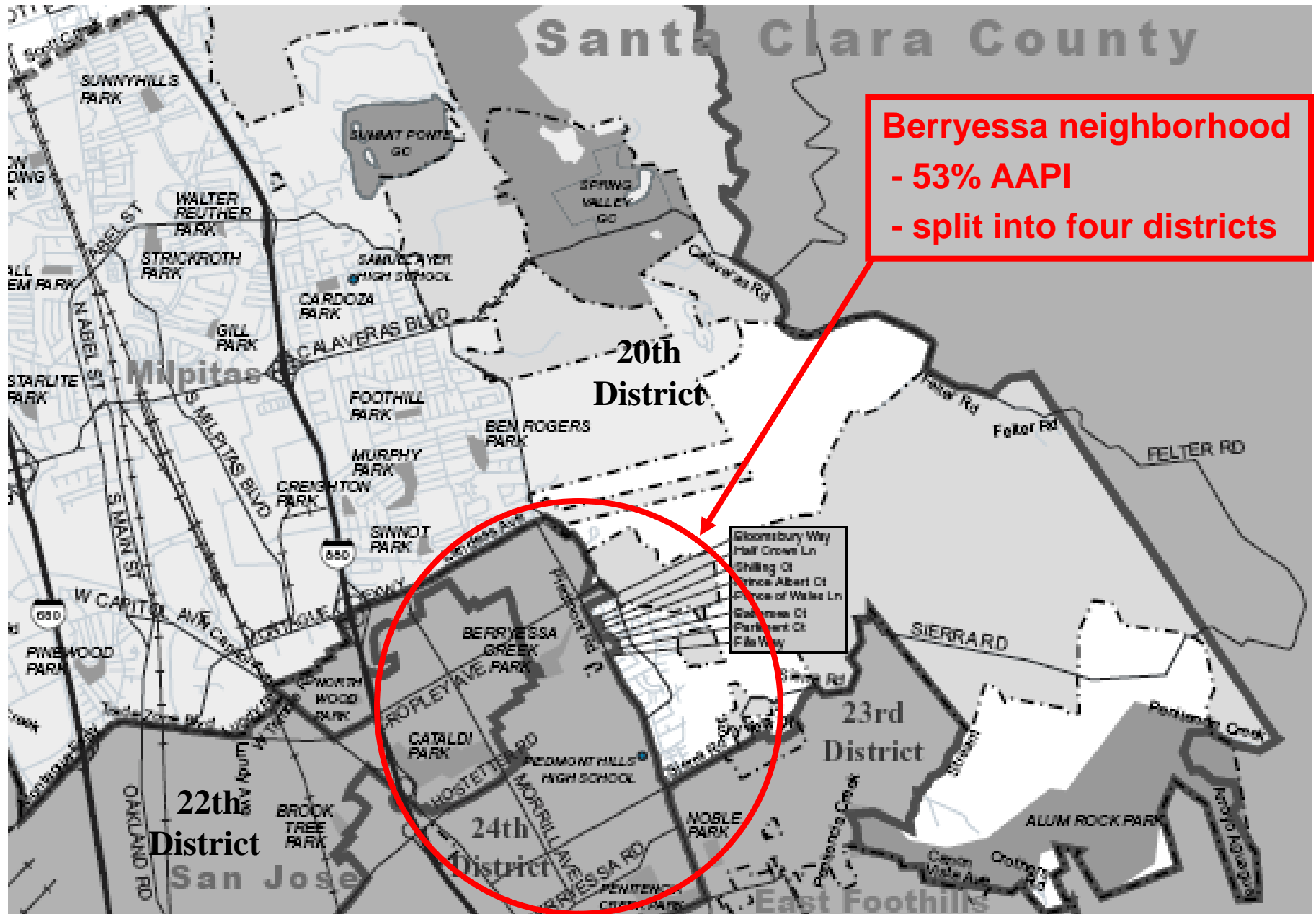
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Example #2 →

Minorities make up  $\frac{3}{4}$  in one district



# Why does redistricting matter?



# How does Proposition 11 change redistricting?

## California Legislature



Proposition 11 transfers  
~~Before Proposition 11:~~  
redistricting authority:

Draws Congressional districts

Draws State Assembly districts

Draws State Senate districts

Draws Board of Equalization districts

## Citizens Redistricting Commission

Draws State Assembly districts

Draws State Senate districts

Draws Board of Equalization districts

# Why does it matter who's on the commission?

## Several reasons:

The commission has the final say in how lines are drawn.

The commission will determine whether the new district lines keep minority communities together or split them apart.

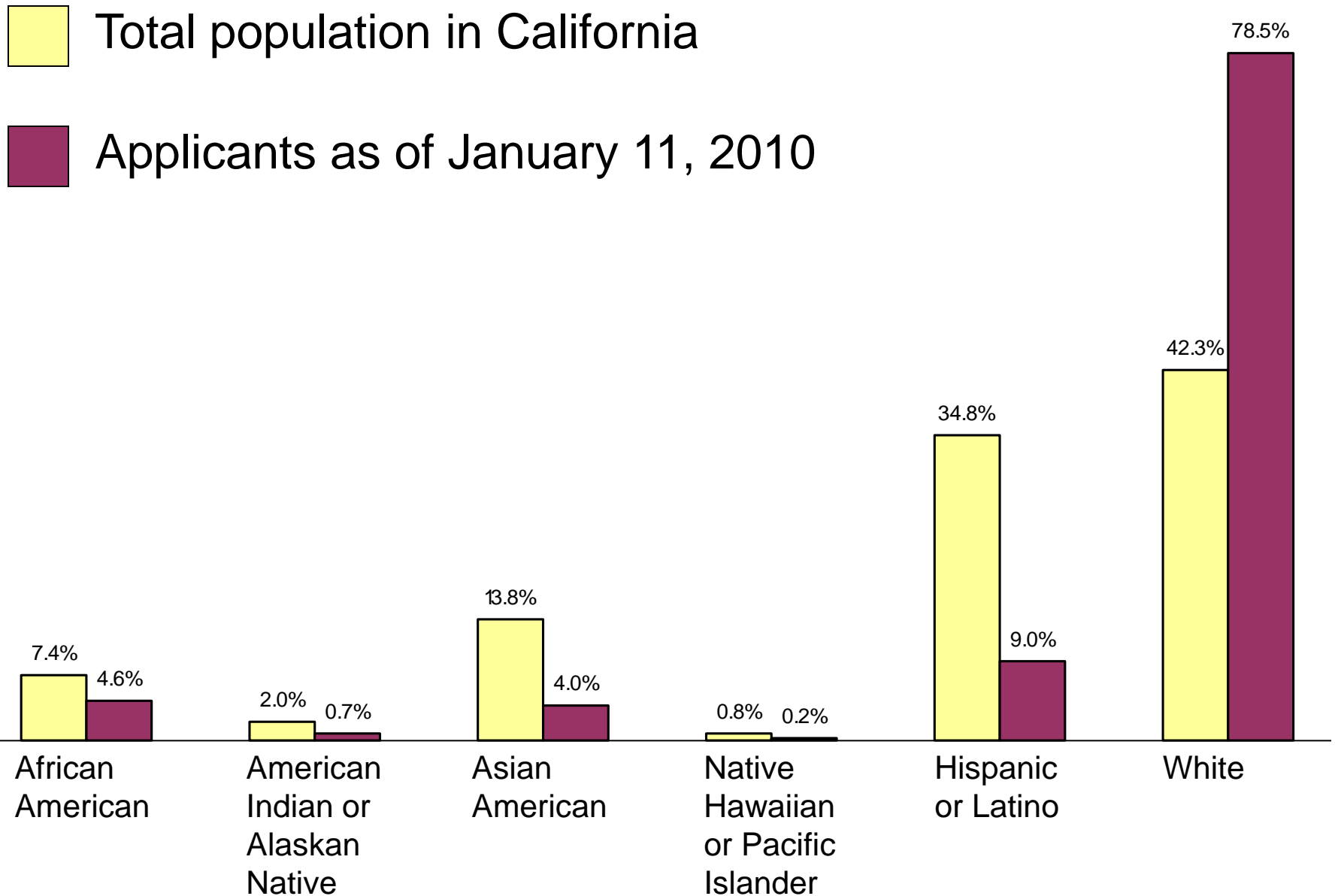
# Who should apply for the commission?

We need  
people who are:

- Civic-minded
- Community-oriented
- Able to work well with others
- Diverse



# The need for more diverse applicants

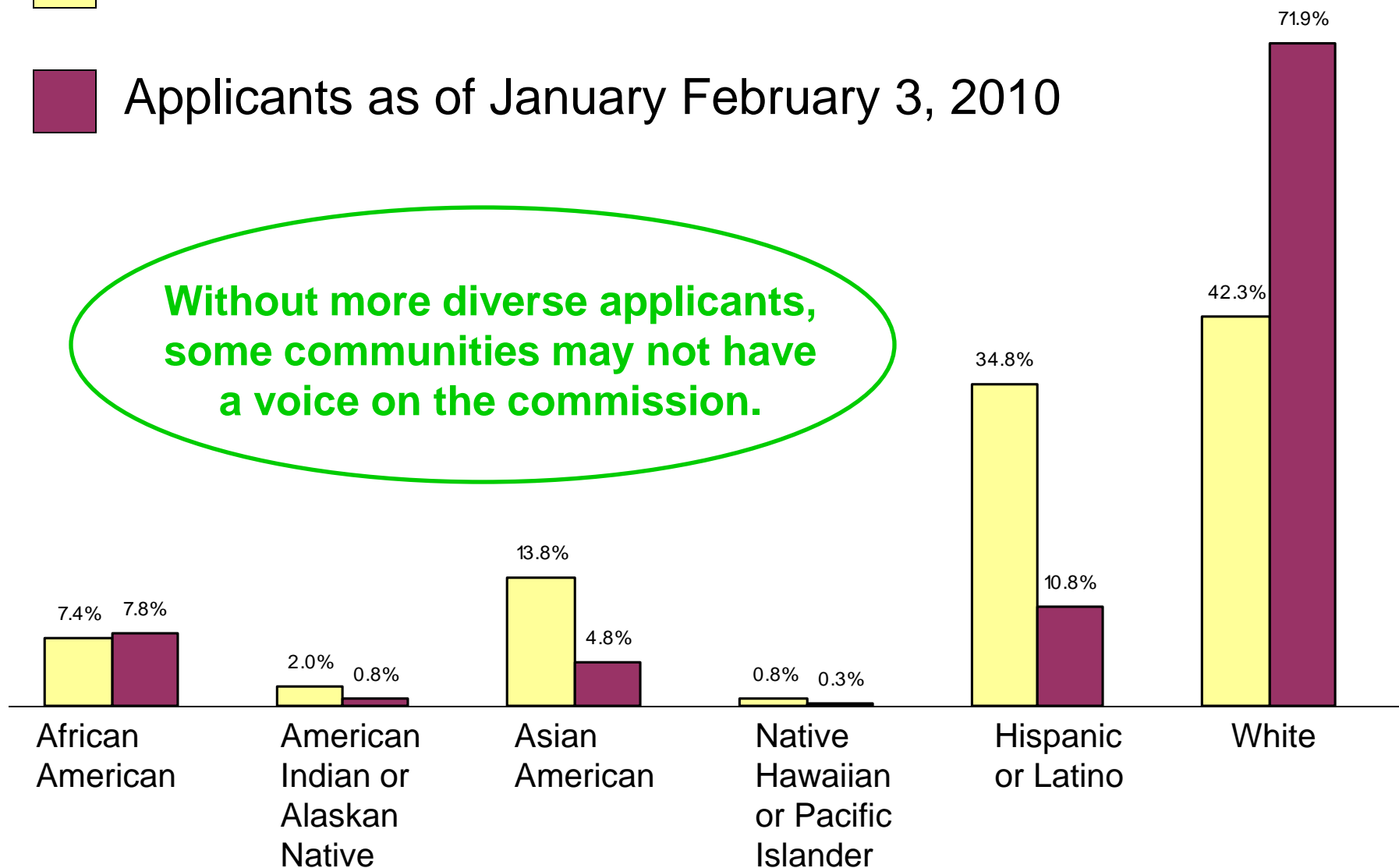


# The need for more diverse applicants

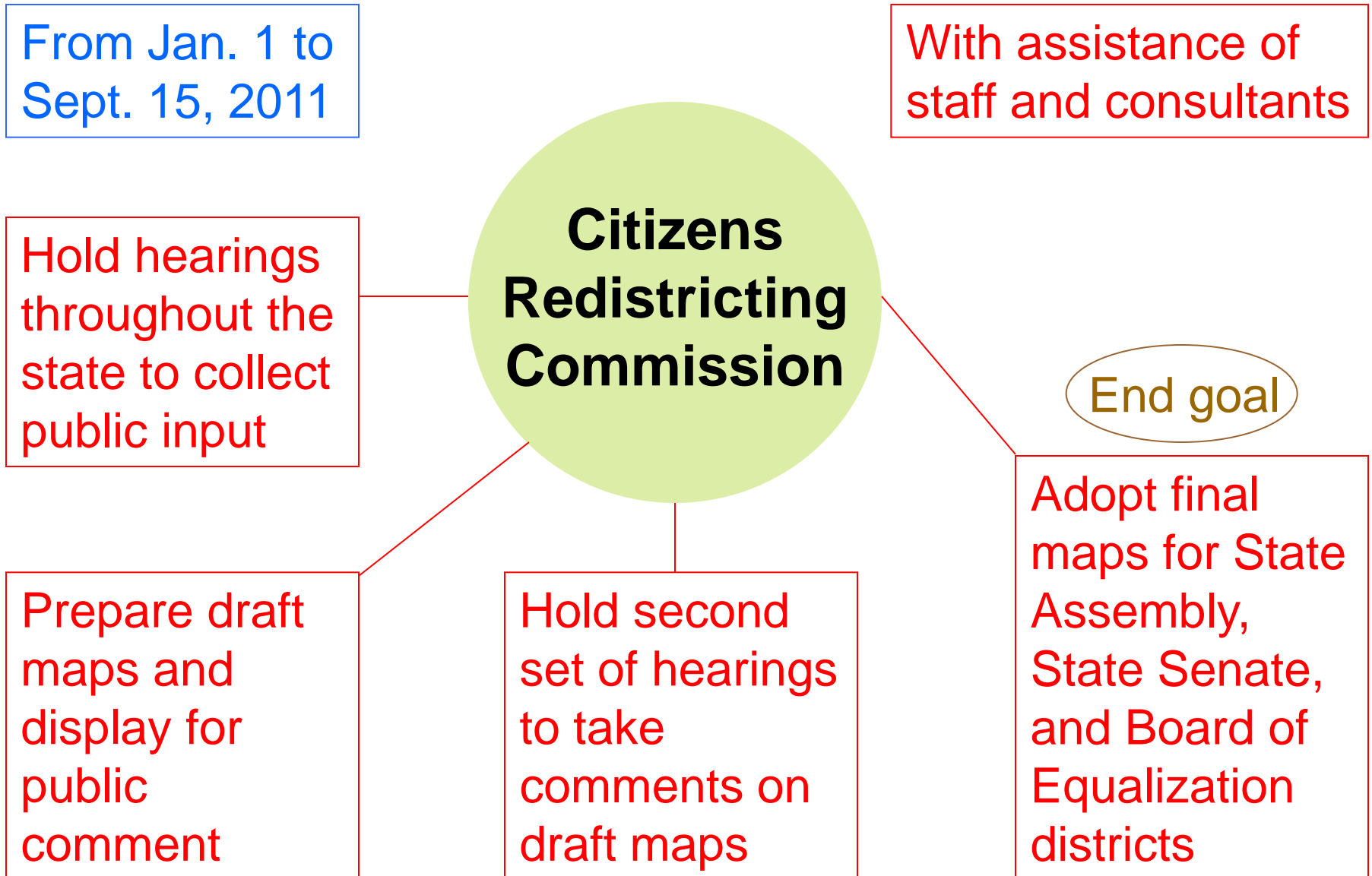
 Total population in California

 Applicants as of January February 3, 2010

**Without more diverse applicants,  
some communities may not have  
a voice on the commission.**



# Commission responsibilities



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## Estimate of commitments:

### Time

→ 10-40 hours per week, on average

### Travel

→ General meetings

→ Public hearings to take public input

Commission sets its own schedule

# Commission responsibilities

## Compensation:

\$300 per day for each day worked

Reimbursement for travel and other expenses

Total amount of compensation between Jan. 1, 2011 and Sept. 15, 2011:

→ will range from \$11,100 if commission averages 1 day a week to \$77,700 if commission averages 7 days a week

# Qualifications for being on commission

## Basic eligibility requirements

- Voter registration status and history of voting

## Conflicts of interest – things that may disqualify you from the commission

- Various political activities within the past 10 years

We will cover these when we review the application form

# Qualifications for being on commission

## Substantive qualifications:

- Ability to be impartial
- Appreciation for diversity
- Analytical skills



→ Commissioners do not have to be redistricting experts.

We will cover these in more detail when we review the application form.

# Restricted activities – 10 years

## Restrictions until the end of 2020:

Prohibition on holding elected public office at the following levels –

- federal
- state
- county
- city

# Restricted activities – 5 years

## Restrictions until the end of 2015:

Prohibition on being appointed to public office at the following levels –

- federal
- state
- local

# Restricted activities – 5 years

## Restrictions until the end of 2015:

Prohibition on becoming –

- a paid staffer for the California legislature or an individual legislator
- a registered federal, state or local lobbyist

# Selection process

## Who's in charge?

You – anyone can apply, no nominations required

California State Auditor – collects applications and oversees process

→ Independent government agency

3-member review panel – selects finalists

→ Three auditors employed by State Auditor

Then a combination of random selection and selection by peers

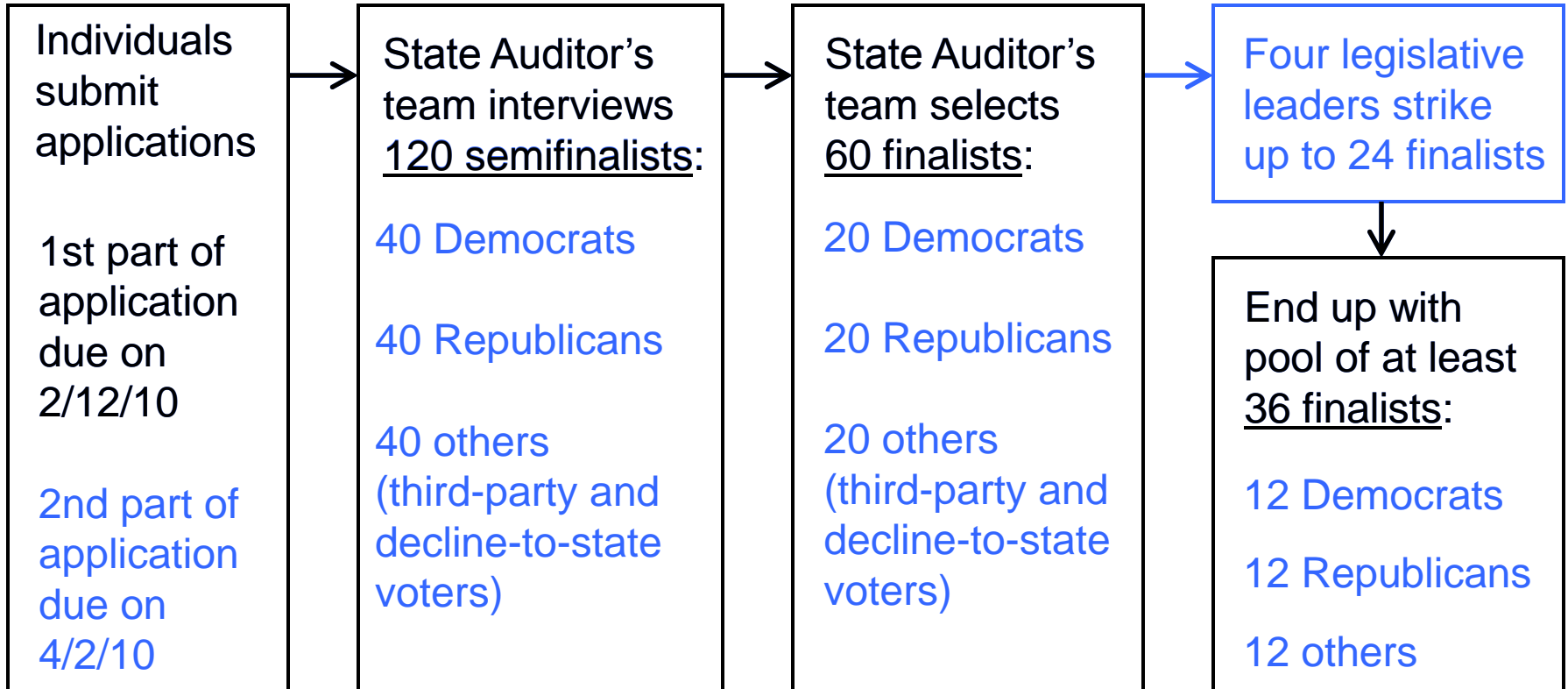
# Selection process

Through  
April 2, 2010

From July 20 to  
Sept. 13, 2010

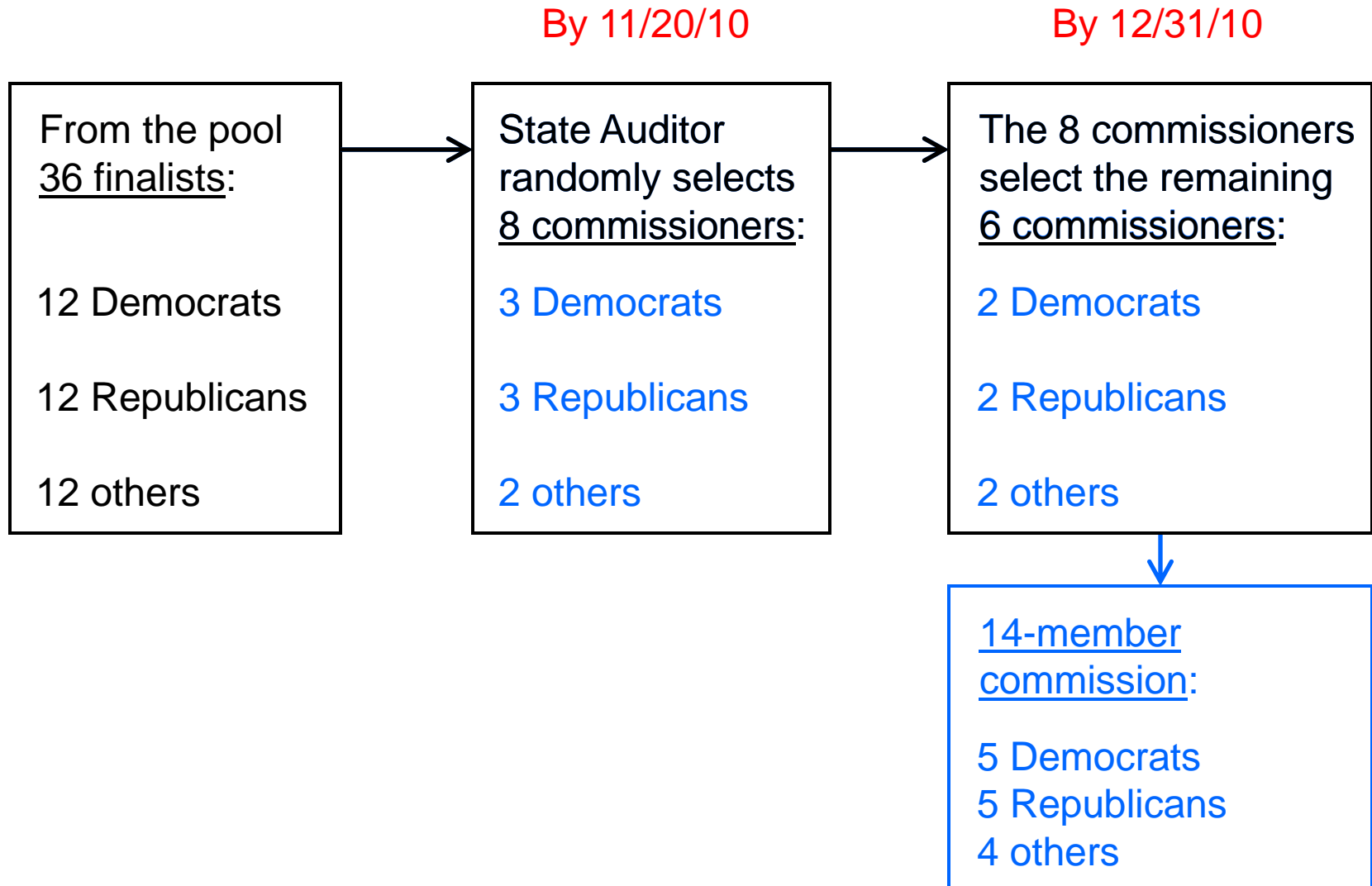
By Sept. 30, 2010

By Nov. 15, 2010



Public can comment on applicants throughout the process

# Selection process



# How do I apply?

## Top five things applicants need to do:

1. Fill out the application form  
(the “initial application”)

Deadline is  
Feb. 12, 2010

2. Fill out a supplemental  
application form (if eligible)

3. Have three recommendation  
letters sent in (if eligible)

4. Submit Form 700 (if invited)

5. Participate in interview (if invited)

# Application process

Open process – all application documents are posted on State Auditor's website:

Both application forms

All documents submitted in support of application, including Form 700 and letters of recommendation

Recording of interview

Public comments

Exception: sensitive information

# Application process

## Two-part application:

Initial application form

- Due February 12, 2010

Supplemental application form

- Can be submitted between  
February 16 and April 2, 2010

To apply → [www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov](http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov)

# Application process, continued

## Three letters of recommendation:

Submit between February 16, 2010  
and April 2, 2010

2 page limit

Delivery by email, fax, mail, or  
common carrier

# Application process, continued

## Three letters of recommendation:

### Suggested format –

Opening should provide information about the recommender and how long he/she has known you

Body of letter should detail your qualities and accomplishments

Conclusion should summarize your qualities and positive attributes

# Application process, continued

## Form 700:

Financial disclosure – list investments, income, business holdings, and certain gifts and travel payments.

Commonly filled out by certain government employees and people appointed to boards and commissions.

The Form 700 is available at  
[www.fppc.ca/gov/forms/upp-08-09/Form700-08-09.pdf](http://www.fppc.ca/gov/forms/upp-08-09/Form700-08-09.pdf)

# Additional questions?

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