City of Albuquerque Redistricting Committee: Redistricting Review

March 23, 2022
Principles of Redistricting

Equal Population

Minority Voting Rights

Contiguity

Compactness

Communities of Interest
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\[
\text{Ideal District Population} = \frac{\text{Total city population}}{\text{Number of Districts}}
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Allowable Population Deviation: +/- 5%
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What does it mean?
- Non-dilution of voting strength
- Opportunity to elect a candidate of choice
- No packing/cracking

Who does it cover?
- Ethnic/language minorities (VRA)

Any caveats?
- Prohibition on race as predominant factor
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All parts of the district are connected
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How a district is distributed around its center

You know it when you see it

NM - CD3 1991

TX - CD18 1991
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A group/area with shared characteristics

e.g. neighborhoods, language, history, economics, lived experiences
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# Redistricting Committee Rules

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<td>Be contiguous</td>
<td>Preserve the core of existing districts</td>
<td>Use partisan election data or registration data in designing plans</td>
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<td>Be relatively compact with as few geographic extremes as possible</td>
<td>Consider the residence of incumbents</td>
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<td>Attempt to preserve communities of interest</td>
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<td>Adhere to existing precinct lines, except where divided by municipal boundaries</td>
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<td>Follow Constitutional principles governing voting rights (VRA)</td>
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