

# Legal Requirements & Other Goals

## 1. Federal Law

- ✓ Ensure equal population\*
- ✓ Comply with federal Voting Rights Act
- ✓ Prevent racial gerrymandering

\* Total population deviation < 10%

## 2. California Law

1. Ensure geographic **contiguity**
  2. Minimize division of neighborhoods & **“communities of interest”**
  3. Create easily identifiable boundaries
  4. Maintain **compactness**
- ✓ Do not “favor or discriminate against a political party”

## 3. Other Goals

*May include:*

- Minimize changes to election cycles
- Anticipate future growth

Do not bypass a nearby population to take in a more distant population