Legal Requirements & Other Goals

1. Federal Law
   - Ensure equal population*
   - Comply with federal Voting Rights Act
   - Prevent racial gerrymandering

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

3. Other Goals
   **May include:**
   - Minimize changes to election cycles
   - Anticipate future growth

* Total population deviation < 10%

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