

**Redistricting is a once in a decade opportunity.**

**Give your community a voice!**



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**NALEO Educational Fund's  
LAUSD Redistricting Initiative**



**Shape your child's education.  
Draw the lines!**



Give your children the  
representation they deserve!



## Your child matters

The success of your child's education depends on many things: good teachers, a safe school environment, a quality school curriculum, access to computers, books and many more resources.

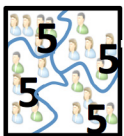
The decisions of how your child receives these resources are made by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) School Board Members. Each School Board Member represents an individual district. To find your school board member visit <http://laschoolboard.org/>

The LAUSD has seven districts and seven School Board Members. Each School Board Member represents approximately the same number of people in each district. This ensures that resources are distributed in a fair way across the LAUSD.

## How districts are drawn allows you to elect a School Board Member that understands the needs of your community

The districts are made of communities that have many things in common, such as common income level, common language spoken, where you shop for groceries, and where you send your kids to school, to name only a few examples. How district lines are drawn allows your community to elect a school board member that understands your community needs and works so that your schools get the resources to help your child succeed.

As time goes by the population in each district shifts as people move in and out of town and some districts end up with more people than others. The districts are no longer equal in population. Therefore districts are redrawn every 10 years to make the populations in each district equal again. This process is known as redistricting. *Redistricting happens once every 10 years!*



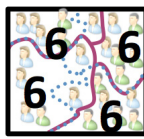
2001: Districts with equal population

Fair



2011: Unequal population with old district lines

Unfair



2012: New district lines with equal population

Fair

## Guidelines to redistricting

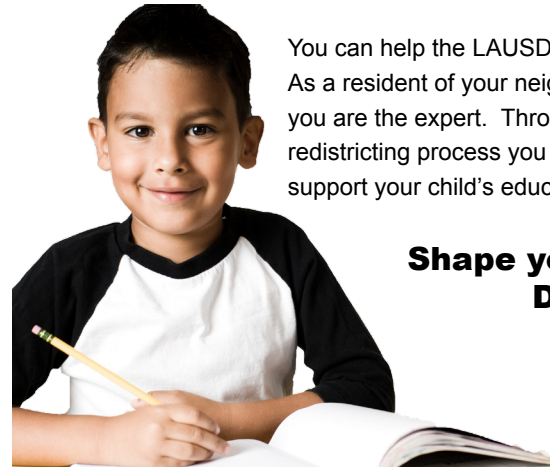
The LAUSD Redistricting Commission will use these guidelines as it draws new district lines.

- **Districts must be approximately equal in population** – Every 10 years the US Census collects information about the total population in the US. This informs the new population size for how districts are drawn.
- **Districts must provide all people, regardless of citizenship status, with fair representation** – The US Constitution protects the right to representation for all communities.
- **Districts must protect the voting rights of Latinos and other communities of color** – The Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA), passed by Congress during the Civil Rights movement, protects the voting rights of communities of color.
- **Districts must respect communities of interest** – Where possible district lines should not divide communities that have common social and economic characteristics.

## Your community needs your voice

The 2010 US Census shows that the Latino community in Los Angeles County, is almost 50% of the total population. In the LAUSD, Latino children are nearly 75% of the student population, accounting for nearly 3 out of every 4 students.

The new district lines for the LAUSD must be drawn to allow Latino communities to remain together so that they can elect a candidate of their choice, who will bring resources to their schools.



You can help the LAUSD Redistricting Commission draw lines. As a resident of your neighborhood and parent of the LAUSD, you are the expert. Through your participation in the LAUSD redistricting process you can help create districts that will support your child's education and future success.

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