



# Voting Districts Formation

## Overview

The City of Whittier has initiated a dynamic process that will change the way the community elects its future leadership. This historic effort is underway following the June 3, 2014 voter-approved Charter Amendment calling for four Council Members elected from geographically defined districts and a citywide Mayor.

As a valued community member, the City is calling on you to get involved in the process of creating four council voting districts. The new districts will be roughly the same size in population figures and determined based on the following:

- Communities of interest
- Cohesiveness, continuity, integrity and compactness of territory
- Topography
- Geography

Once the districts are created, each district will elect one residing Council Member as its representative for a four-year term. The Mayor will be elected by a citywide vote for a two-year term. This is a completely different process than what is currently in place for electing the City's leadership. The City anticipates that the formation of the new voting districts will take approximately six months: November 2014 through April 2015.

## Get Involved!

The city has enlisted the help of experts in the fields of census data with previous experience in council redistricting to initiate the development of mapping alternatives. However, this process would greatly benefit from community input. There are many ways to get involved and provide your feedback. Please review and participate in all activities of interest and convenience to you - all are welcome!

- VDF Map Input Sheet (see reverse)
- Meet with the Expert (details at right)
- Community Meetings - Two rounds of community meetings will take place. The first round is scheduled for November 2014 (details at right) and the second round will be held in February 2015. Sign up to receive the meeting notice and additional updates as they become available.
- Public Hearings - As part of the City Council Meetings, public hearings will be held to present proposed districts and receive public input. Sign up to receive the hearing notice and additional updates as they become available.

## Upcoming Community Participation Opportunities

### Community Meetings

Three community meetings will be held in various locations within the City to solicit public input. The meetings will have identical presentations, so attend the one most convenient for you.

#### Saturday, November 15, 2014

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Uptown Senior Center  
13225 Walnut Street

#### Wednesday, November 19, 2014

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Palm Park  
5703 Palm Avenue

#### Thursday, November 20, 2014

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Parnell Park  
15390 Lambert Road

### Meet with the Expert

Community members also have an opportunity to review sample maps and meet with the technical consultant, Dave Ely of Compass Demographics at City Hall, 13230 Penn Street.

To make an appointment, please contact the City Clerk-Treasurer's office at (562) 567-9854. A second round of office hours will be scheduled later in the districting process to gather additional public input once map proposals have been developed.

**Learn More and Stay in Touch** - Visit the webpage for additional details and sign up to receive updates at: [www.cityofwhittier.org/vdf](http://www.cityofwhittier.org/vdf)

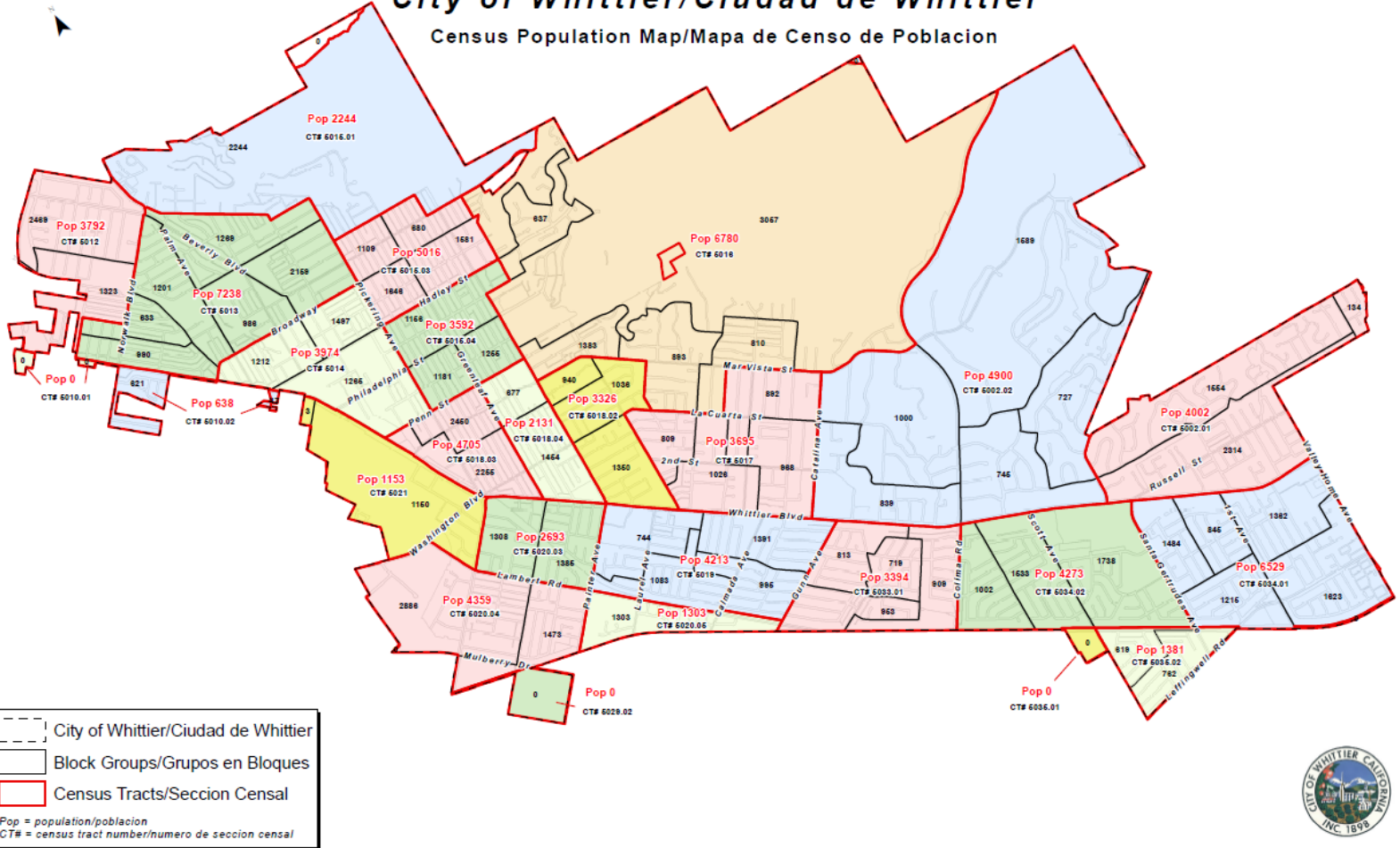


**For additional information, please contact:**

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(562) 567-9854 | [districts@cityofwhittier.org](mailto:districts@cityofwhittier.org)



## City of Whittier/Ciudad de Whittier Census Population Map/Mapa de Censo de Poblacion



- - - City of Whittier/Ciudad de Whittier  
 □ Block Groups/Grupos en Bloques  
 □ Census Tracts/Seccion Censal  
 Pop = population/poblacion  
 CT# = census tract number/numero de seccion censal



### Please Submit Your Districting Map

You are encouraged to submit a map that reflects areas of interest and information related to potential district boundaries. It is not necessary to submit a complete map with four districts to have your input considered.

### How to Submit a Districting Map:

- Draw up to four new voting districts.
- Each district must have equal population of approximately 21,300.
- You can choose to draw on the attached map or submit a map of your own.
- Submit your map via:

*Mail:* City of Whittier, Attn: Kathryn Marshall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90602

*Email:* [districts@cityofwhittier.org](mailto:districts@cityofwhittier.org)

*Fax:* (562) 567-2870

### Please help us identify the following, on the map or in comments, as applicable:

**Neighborhoods or Communities:** Outline and identify areas that you believe function as neighborhoods or communities and should be kept together in a single district.

**Connections:** Identify neighborhoods or communities that you believe share common interests and should be combined within a district.

**Barriers:** Identify physical features such as streets, utilities or other elements and geographical features that you believe would act as natural barriers between districts.

**Divisions:** Identify communities that you believe are dissimilar and would be best served in separate districts.

**Points of interest:** Identify significant locations or points of interest that are of particular interest or concern to individual communities and explain their significance.

