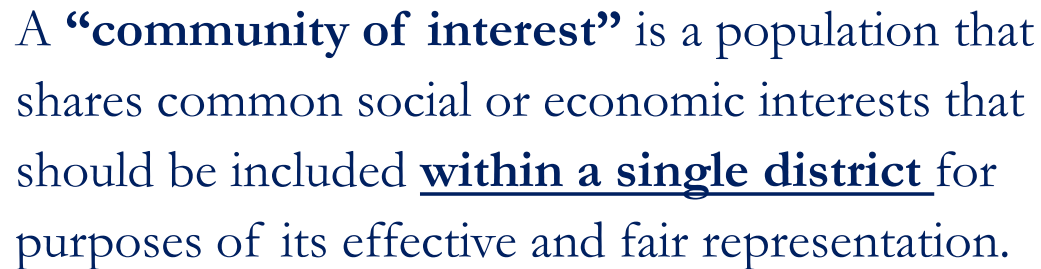


Defining “Communities of Interest”

Under California Elections Code, “community of interest” has a specific definition in the context of redistricting:



A “community of interest” is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.

Definitions of “communities of interest” do **not** include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.