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REDISTRICTING

Planning & Inspections

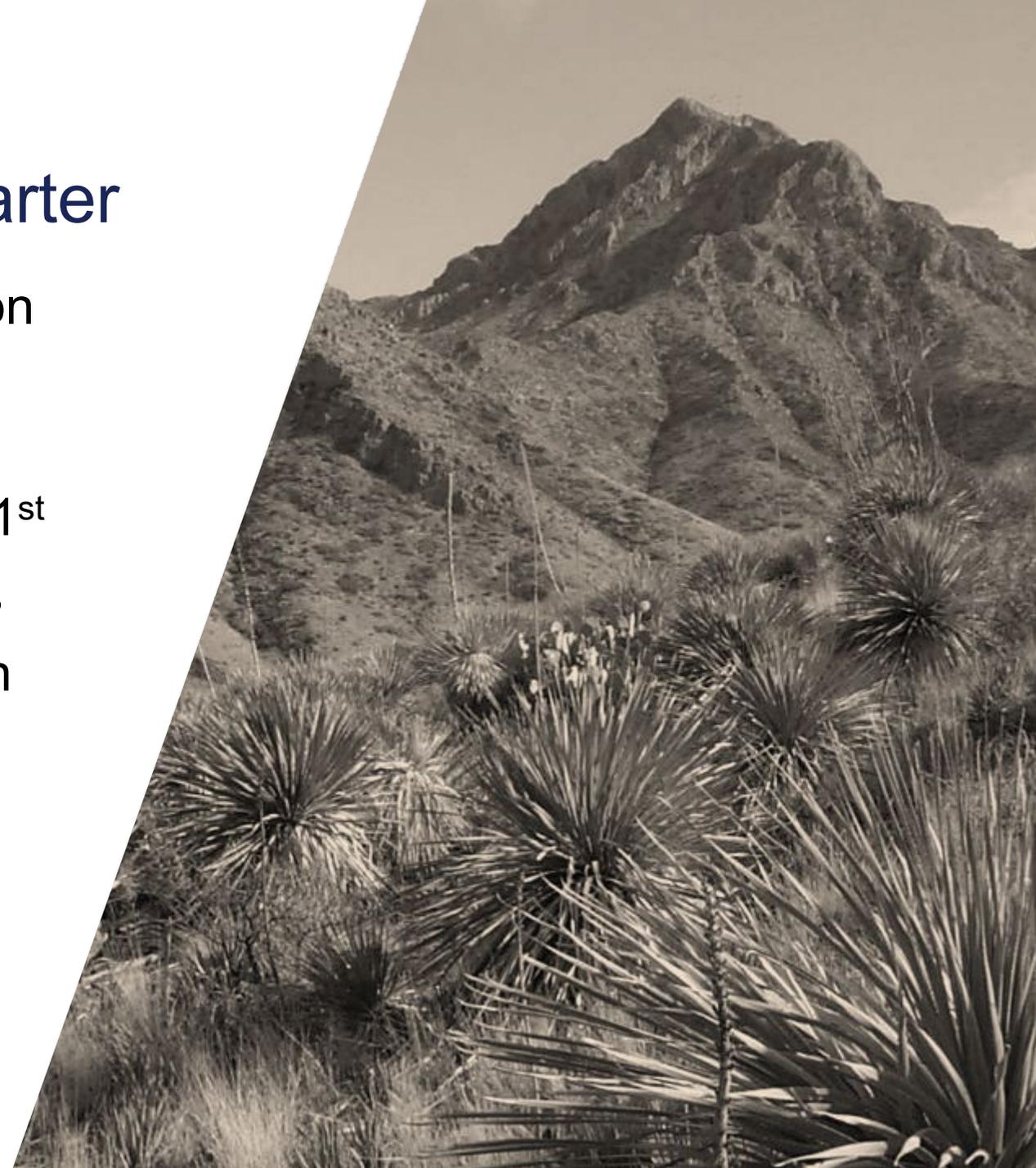
Strategic Goal 3.

Promote the Visual Image of
El Paso



Section 2.4(B) of the City Charter

- Establishes the Districting Commission
- One appointee from each District and Mayor
- Need to be appointed by September 1st
- Commission reviews Districting Plans
- Makes recommendation to Council on revised District boundaries
- Council approves final District Plan





Appointment Requirements

- Each Representative shall nominate one qualified voter from their district
- Mayor shall nominate one qualified voter from the City at large
- Appointees shall not serve the City in any other capacity, whether appointive or elective, nor shall they hold any other elective public office

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Census Bureau Statement on Redistricting Data Timeline

FEBRUARY 12, 2021

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FEB. 12, 2021 – The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that it will deliver the Public Law 94-171 redistricting data to all states by Sept. 30, 2021. COVID-19-related delays and prioritizing the delivery of the apportionment results delayed the Census Bureau’s original plan to deliver the redistricting data to the states by March 31, 2021.

<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2021/statement-redistricting-data-timeline.html>

Redistricting Timeline

Date	Task
Q2 2021	Resolution to establish Districting Commission
Q3 2021	Work Session to review redistricting requirements
Q3 2021	Council pass and adopt review criteria
September 1, 2021	Appointment deadline for Commissioners
Q4 2021- Q1 2022	Districting Commission Meetings (biweekly)
Q1 2022	Community Meetings (CD/PIO)
Q2 2022	Districting Commission recommendation of final plans
Q2 2022	Council Adoption of District Plan
August 10, 2022	Approved Plan submitted to DOJ for Pre-Clearance
November 8, 2022	City-wide Election

Federal and State Guidelines for District Plans

1. **Identifiable** geographic boundaries
2. Containing **communities of interest** in single districts; avoid splitting neighborhoods
3. Containing whole **voting precincts**
4. Boundaries should be based on **existing districts**
5. Approximately **equal size**: Population of largest district \leq 10 percent more than population of smallest district.
6. **Compact and contiguous** territory
7. Preserving **incumbent-constituent relations**
8. **No retrogression** in ability of minorities to participate in electoral process
9. **No fragmentation** of minority communities or packing of minority voters

<https://www.ncsl.org/research/redistricting/redistricting-criteria.aspx>



Staffing

- **Planning and Legal:** administer Districting Commission, analyze maps for compliance, prepare DOJ submittal
- **Community Development and PIO:** assist with public outreach



Mission

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community



Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government



Values

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People