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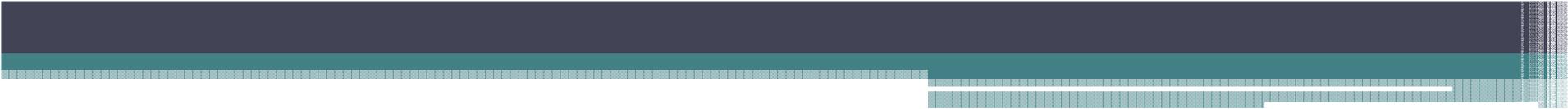
City of Sacramento 2011 Redistricting

COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST



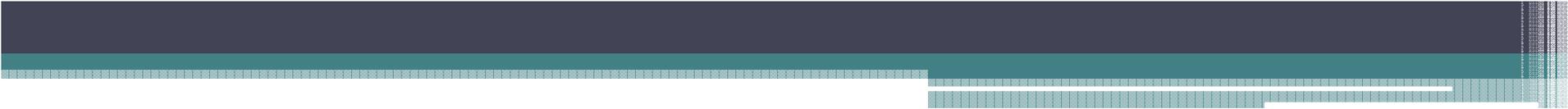
Sacramento Redistricting
Citizens Advisory Committee
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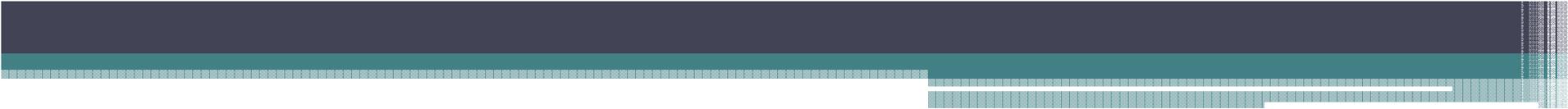
City Charter - Section 23

- Equal Population
- Topography & Geography
- Cohesiveness
- Continuity / Contiguity
- Integrity and Compactness
- **Community of Interests**
- Neighborhood & Community Boundaries



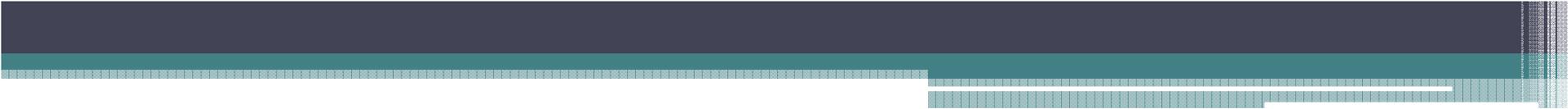
Communities of Interest - Definitions

- Geographically definable and contiguous.
- Common “needs and interests” reflected in patterns of geography, social interaction, trade, political ties
- Common interests should not be divided.
- The social and economic interests common to the population of an area which are probable subjects of legislative action.



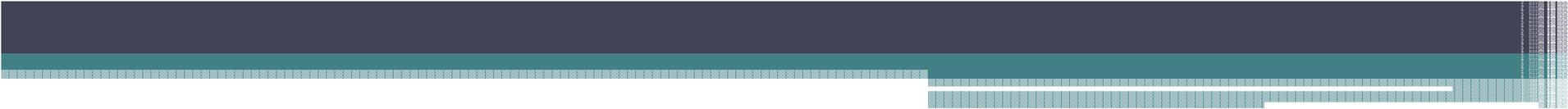
Ethnic & Racial Communities

- **Influence:** An ethnic community may not be large enough in population size to constitute majority-minority districts.
- **Advocacy:** Districts that promote responsive representation by elected officials and protecting against the fracturing of their communities.
- Can be multi-racial.



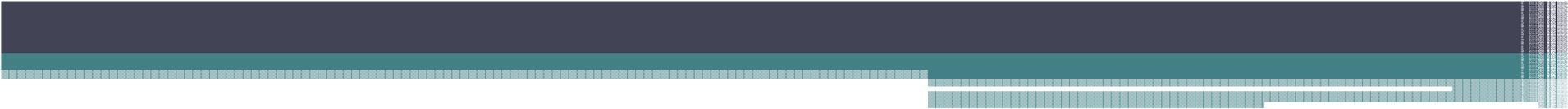
ANECDOTAL INFORMATION

- Communities of interest are dependent on anecdotal information



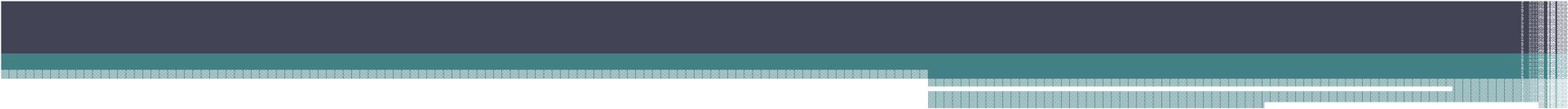
Types of Communities of Interest:

- Political/Geographic
- Socio-Economic
- Cultural



Keep Whole or Split?

- Whole: Each community of interest has its own legislator looking out for its interest and being particularly responsible to serve the discrete communities.
- Split: Districts are more heterogeneous and each legislator must compromise to suit her/his constituents.
 - Sizable community may want to be split into two or more districts, in order to extend its influence in the legislature.



CORRESPONDENCE

- River District (May 5)
 - requests to be included in a united Central City
- East Sac Chamber of Commerce – (May 9)
 - preserve East Sacramento in one council district



Questions.....