



Redistricting 2011

Reading and Resource List

Please utilize the resource list below as you build plans to impact your state's 2011 redistricting process. LWVEF will continue to share resources as they become available.

Reading Resources

- The **Brennan Center's** newly updated *A Citizen's Guide to Redistricting*, [available for free download here](#), provides an excellent refresher course for beginners as well as experts, and includes helpful state-specific information on all things redistricting.
- The **National Conference of State Legislators** has made many materials available online. Visit [their dedicated redistricting web page](#) to see what legislators and other key stakeholders are saying and reading as they prepare for the redistricting process.
- **NAACP Legal Defense Fund's** comprehensive guide, [The Impact of Redistricting in Your Community](#), provides easy-to-understand information about the importance of public input in the redistricting process, with a special emphasis on why the involvement of the minority community is so critical. Published in conjunction with the Asian American Justice Center and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Tools to Use:

- **Sample Redistricting Transparency Legislation**, [available here](#) from the Campaign Legal Center, provides useful guidance and sample language for Leagues interested in advocating for more open redistricting processes in their states.
- **U.S. Census Bureau Reapportionment Data** will be available for all states in early 2011. Visit the [Census Bureau redistricting page here](#) to learn more about the data that will be used to draw legislative districts in your state.

- **[Public Mapping Project](#)**, a site sponsored by George Mason University and other key stakeholders, provides a range of resources including up-to-date summaries of the redistricting landscape in key states as well as information about the District Builder software, now available in prototype form to nonprofits and the media.
- **[“Gerrymandering”](#)**, a movie that is garnering a great deal of attention among activists, lawmakers, and citizens, is now being screened in theaters nationwide. Visit the movie website for a [schedule of past and upcoming screenings](#). If you are interested in organizing a special public screening in your state, please contact the filmmakers (contact@greenfilmcompany.com). When organizing your event, be sure to alert the local media that League experts will be on-hand to discuss the importance of a transparent redistricting process!
- **[How to Draw Redistricting Plans that will Stand up in Court](#)**, a comprehensive “how-to” planning tool developed by Peter S. Wattson, Minnesota Senate Staff Counsel, will help legislators and advocates alike as they begin to navigate the complexities of Census data in the coming weeks.