

California

Racial Representation Of California's voting population of 10,838,032, roughly 28.3% are Latino and 5.9% are black. Under the current 53-district system, Latino voters make up the majority of voters in seven districts. There are currently four black and six Latino representatives. Under the proposed super districting plan, Latino voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice in seven super districts and two in one super district for a total of nine. Black voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice in one super district. Latino voters in coalition with other minority and white voters could elect a candidate of choice in three districts. In Super District K, either black or Latino voters supporting a candidate with crossover appeal could, in coalition with white voters, elect a candidate of choice.

Political Analysis In the 2000 Presidential election, Al Gore won California with 53% of the vote over George Bush's 42%. California's overall Democratic partisanship is 55.6%. However, although conservative voters make up nearly 45% of California's population, only about 37% of the districts have Republican-leaning partisanship. Under the proposed super districting plan, voters would likely elect a total of 28 Democrats, 17 Republicans, and eight candidates who could come from either party, potentially leading to a more accurate representation of California's voting population.

District Partisanship: District partisanship is a measure of the underlying partisanship of the district. It reflects how voters would likely divide if they voted without knowing anything about the candidates except their party label. It is determined for congressional districts by comparing the presidential vote in the district to the national presidential vote. It is presented from a Democratic Party perspective. If Al Gore ran 4% behind his national average, then the district partisanship would be 46%. If he ran 5% ahead of his national average, it would be 55%.

SUPER DISTRICT A - FIVE SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote						Total	% Black	% Latino
		Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)		Origin	Origin
California	49	114193	(58.6%)	75561	(38.3%)	5217	(2.7%)	194971	5.0%	29.5%
California	50	136311	(53.9%)	107436	(42.5%)	8996	(3.6%)	252743	1.8%	18.8%
California	51	61008	(40.6%)	85561	(56.9%)	3819	(2.5%)	150388	9.4%	53.3%
California	52	143081	(57.3%)	98633	(39.5%)	7833	(3.1%)	249547	3.7%	13.7%
California	53	74526	(37.5%)	114435	(57.5%)	9944	(5.0%)	198905	7.2%	29.4%
Total		529119	(50.6%)	481626	(46.0%)	35809	(3.4%)	1046554	5.0%	26.5%

Winning Percentage:

16.7%

Voting Rights Analysis:

Latino voters are well-positioned to elect one candidate of choice.

District Partisanship:

47.6% This super district would likely elect two Democrats and two Republicans with one swing seat.

SUPER DISTRICT B - FIVE SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote						Total	% Black	% Latino
		Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)		Origin	Origin
California	40	119443	(56.4%)	86460	(40.8%)	5886	(%)	211789	2.2%	29.6%
California	44	101897	(53.3%)	84048	(44.0%)	5143	(%)	191088	5.5%	35.0%

	46	145729	(54.8%)	110984	(41.7%)	9413	(%)	266126	1.5%	16.9%
California	47	43752	(41.5%)	59515	(56.4%)	2257	(%)	105524	1.4%	65.3%
California	48	156340	(57.8%)	106809	(39.5%)	7421	(%)	270570	1.5%	14.7%
Total		567161	(54.3%)	447816	(42.8%)	30120	(2.9%)	1045097	2.3%	27.1%

Winning Percentage:

16.7

Voting Rights Analysis:

Latino voters are well-positioned to elect one candidate of choice.

District Partisanship:

44.4% This super district would likely elect two Democrats and two Republicans with one swing seat leaning Republican.

SUPER DISTRICT C - FIVE SEATS

		2000 Presidential Vote						% Black	% Latino	
State	CD	Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)	Total	Origin	Origin
California	33	24214	(13.5%)	148978	(83.1%)	6067	(3.4%)	179259	29.9%	34.6%
California	35	24495	(16.9%)	118450	(81.6%)	2262	(1.6%)	145207	34.1%	47.4%
California	36	88619	(38.7%)	130752	(57.1%)	9423	(4.1%)	228794	4.1%	30.3%
California	37	31832	(21.5%)	112235	(75.9%)	3712	(2.5%)	147779	24.8%	43.2%
California	39	56067	(35.5%)	98478	(62.4%)	3390	(2.1%)	157935	6.1%	61.2%
Total		225227	(26.2%)	608893	(70.9%)	24854	(2.9%)	858974	18.5%	42.0%

Winning Percentage:

16.7%

Voting Rights Analysis:

Latino voters are well-positioned to elect one candidate of choice, and in coalition with white and other minority voters could elect a second. Black voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice.

District Partisanship:

72.5% This super district would likely elect four Democrats and one Republican.

SUPER DISTRICT D - FIVE SEATS

		2000 Presidential Vote						% Black	% Latino	
State	CD	Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)	Total	Origin	Origin
California	31	19400	(18.8%)	79560	(77.2%)	4156	(4.0%)	103116	4.2%	70.2%
California	32	45018	(31.2%)	96217	(66.7%)	3057	(2.1%)	144292	2.6%	62.3%
California	34	27384	(25.8%)	76876	(72.4%)	1901	(1.8%)	106161	4.4%	77.2%
California	38	41706	(27.9%)	104612	(70.1%)	2929	(2.0%)	149247	3.6%	70.6%
California	42	139655	(58.9%)	92169	(38.9%)	5157	(2.2%)	236981	2.9%	23.8%
Total		273163	(36.9%)	449434	(60.8%)	17200	(2.3%)	739797	3.4%	54.9%

Winning Percentage:

16.7%

Voting Rights Analysis:

Latino voters are well-positioned to elect two candidates of choice.

District Partisanship:

62.4% This super district would likely elect three Democrats and two Republicans.

SUPER DISTRICT E - FIVE SEATS

		2000 Presidential Vote						% Black	% Latino	
State	CD	Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)	Total	Origin	Origin
California	24	84637	(33.6%)	155165	(61.5%)	12451	(4.9%)	252253	3.0%	17.5%
California	27	74974	(36.2%)	124880	(60.3%)	7108	(3.4%)	206962	2.4%	17.2%
California	28	57160	(33.3%)	109632	(63.9%)	4832	(2.8%)	171624	3.4%	37.6%
California	29	68717	(33.0%)	124580	(59.9%)	14819	(7.1%)	208116	2.6%	42.9%
California	30	65105	(44.4%)	77908	(53.1%)	3690	(2.5%)	146703	5.6%	41.9%

District Partisanship: 61.7% This super district would likely elect three Democrats and one Republican with one swing seat leaning Republican.

SUPER DISTRICT I - FIVE SEATS

		2000 Presidential Vote						% Black	% Latino	
State	CD	Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)	Total	Origin	Origin
California	1	98506	(38.8%)	131376	(51.7%)	24220	(9.5%)	254102	1.3%	17.9%
California	2	150196	(61.1%)	81861	(33.3%)	13609	(5.5%)	245666	1.2%	14.0%
California	3	142946	(54.9%)	107690	(41.3%)	9820	(3.8%)	260456	4.3%	10.7%
California	4	172169	(58.9%)	104437	(35.7%)	15633	(5.3%)	292239	1.2%	8.9%
California	5	66011	(34.9%)	113987	(60.2%)	9239	(4.9%)	189237	14.4%	20.8%
Total		629828	(50.7%)	539351	(43.4%)	72521	(5.8%)	1241700	3.9%	13.9%

Winning Percentage: 16.7%

Voting Rights Analysis: Latino voters supporting a candidate with crossover appeal could elect a candidate of choice in coalition with other minority and white voters.

District Partisanship: 45.0% This super district would likely elect two Democrats and two Republicans with one swing seat leaning Republican.

SUPER DISTRICT J - FIVE SEATS

		2000 Presidential Vote						% Black	% Latino	
State	CD	Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)	Total	Origin	Origin
California	7	64477	(30.6%)	139421	(66.2%)	6824	(3.2%)	210722	16.8%	21.4%
California	10	109149	(41.3%)	145996	(55.2%)	9273	(3.5%)	264418	5.7%	15.0%
California	11	125876	(52.9%)	106354	(44.7%)	5882	(2.5%)	238112	3.4%	19.7%
California	12	70468	(28.6%)	164490	(66.8%)	11103	(4.5%)	246061	2.5%	15.7%
California	13	55803	(29.6%)	126477	(67.0%)	6472	(3.4%)	188752	6.3%	21.1%
Total		425773	(37.1%)	682738	(59.5%)	39554	(3.4%)	1148065	6.7%	18.3%

Winning Percentage: 16.7%

Voting Rights Analysis: Even though Latino voters are above the victory threshold, to elect a candidate of choice they would likely need support from white and other racial minority voters.

District Partisanship: 61.1% This super district would likely elect three Democrats and two Republicans

SUPER DISTRICT K - THREE SEATS

		2000 Presidential Vote						% Black	% Latino	
State	CD	Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)	Total	Origin	Origin
California	6	87082	(30.3%)	178746	(62.2%)	21514	(7.5%)	287342	2.0%	14.5%
California	8	37737	(14.8%)	196878	(77.1%)	20869	(8.2%)	255484	8.6%	15.7%
California	9	31464	(13.4%)	184030	(78.5%)	18868	(8.1%)	234362	26.0%	18.7%
Total		156283	(20.1%)	559654	(72.0%)	61251	(7.9%)	777188	11.4%	16.2%

Winning Percentage: 25%

Voting Rights Analysis: Either black or Latino voters supporting a candidate with crossover appeal could, in coalition with white voters, elect a candidate of choice.

District Partisanship: 73.6% This super district would likely elect two Democrats with one swing seat.

This proposal is based on the current congressional districts of California. Because current congressional districts are often the results of gerrymandering, the proposed super district boundaries are not as smooth and nice-looking as they could be in a similar proposal that made use of sub-congressional district data.

California Congressional Super Districts

