



Maine Philanthropy Center Redistricting Briefing

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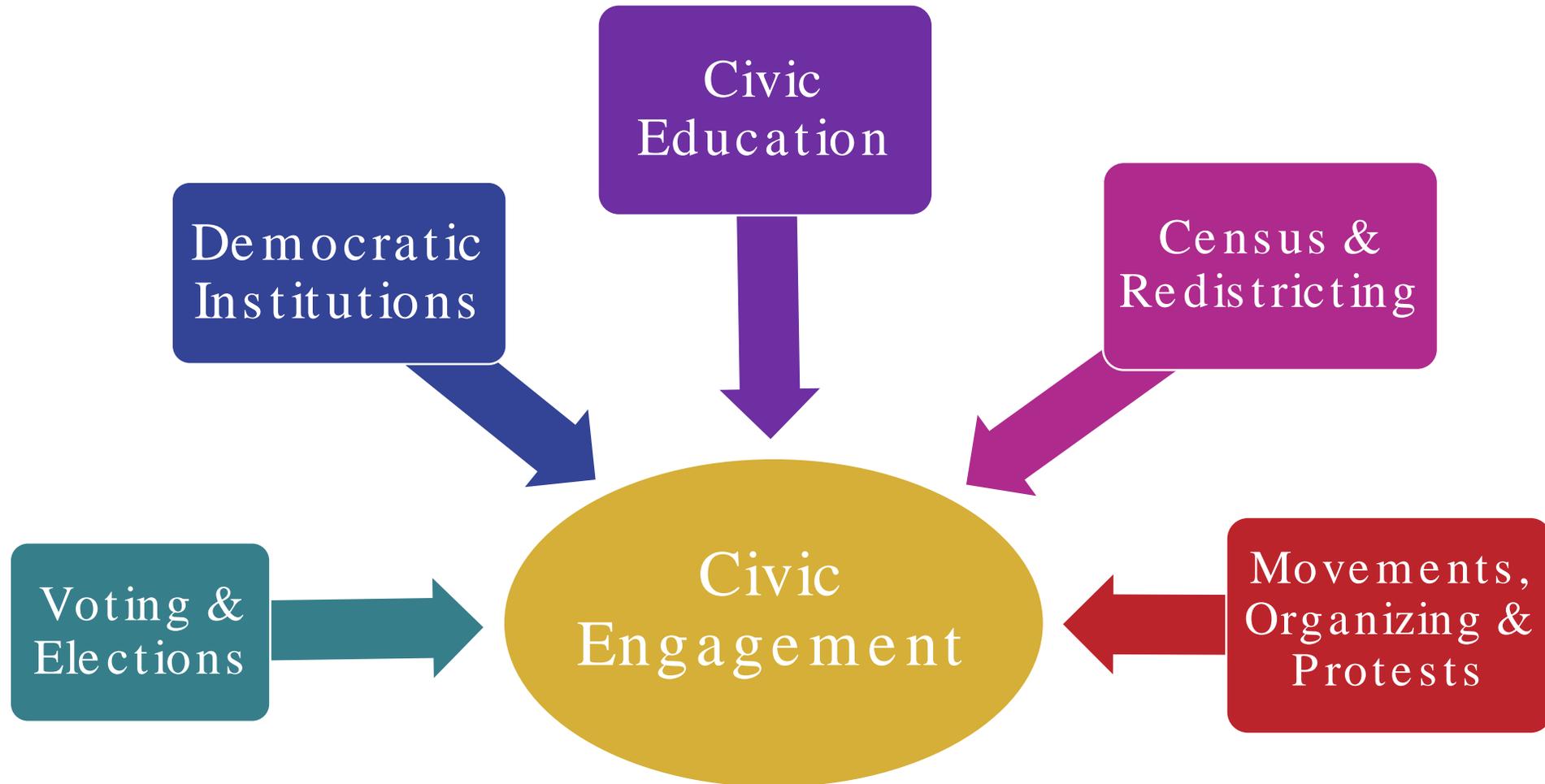


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Theory of Impact

FCCP seeks a society where impacted communities have the **power** to make a difference on issues that affect their lives, a **culture of participation** that inspires engagement, and an **open and equitable democracy** that offers meaningful opportunities to exercise their voice.

What is civic engagement?





Census

Apportionment Data: State population totals for apportionment released on April 26

Redistricting Data: Redistricting files released to the states on August 12

Data Quality Measures: Both Census Bureau data and independent benchmarks released in an ongoing basis through 2022

Evaluation, Recommendations, and 2030 Planning



Redistricting Overview

Follows the Census and Congressional Apportionment Every 10 years

– Based on census population totals

Drawing of New Districts – Congressional, State Legislatures, City and County Councils, Judicial Districts, School Districts, Water Districts

Gives Voice to Communities – Determines Power and Resources

Gerrymandering Skews Power – Allows Minority Rule, Excludes Communities

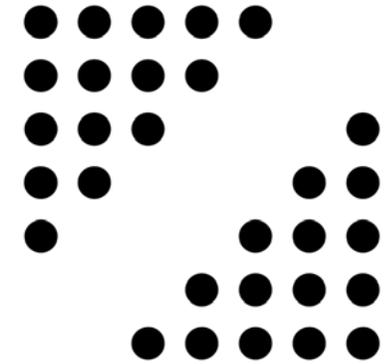
Why Does Community Mapping Matter?



Redistricting choices affect **who has a voice**, who can run for office, and who is elected



Many communities are well served by being kept whole to have a louder voice with their representatives



Some communities are better served by being split between districts to avoid packing





FAIR REPRESENTATION IN REDISTRICTING



A national funder collaborative

Strategies

- 1:** Focus on States
- 2:** Use Total Population
- 3:** Provide Tools and Assistance

Goals:

- 1:** Draw Maps that Fairly Represent People in the Community
- 2:** Ensure that the Map Drawing Process is Open and Transparent.
- 3:** Ensure that Traditionally Underrepresented Communities Have a Voice in the Process.



Redistricting Resources for Funders

FCCP Resources

- FCCP Listserv: <https://funderscommittee.org/redistricting-listserv/>
- FCCP Funder Toolkit

Other Resources

- Factsheets & Guidance
 - *The Redistricting Process & Private Foundations*
 - *Gerrymandering & Equity*
 - *Gerrymandering & the Environment*
- Quarterly Funder Briefings (*September 23 at 3pm ET*)



Redistricting Resources for Partners & Grantees

All About Redistricting: <https://redistricting.ils.edu/>

- *One-stop shop that includes historical information about redistricting*
- *Tracks the rules, progress, and litigation for each state*

Redistricting Data Hub: <https://www.redistrictingdatahub.org/>

- *Website that hosts data for all fifty states, including precinct shape files, historic election results, demographic data, and population projections*
- *Data analysis tools*

Redistricting 101

- *Translated into Chinese (simplified and traditional), Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese*



Funder Engagement & Investment Strategies

- **Leverage** your foundation's platform and communications networks to elevate the importance of open processes and fair representation
- **Educate** elected officials about the communities you serve
- **Fund** analyses or research; **Fund** organizations to convene and organize; engage in community mapping, public education, advocacy, litigation
- **Fund** grantees engaged in redistricting through general operating support

Thank You!

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