

# Desert Healthcare District/Foundation Public Participation Map for New Zones

## **Question: What is your neighborhood or community of interest?**

Typically, zones are structured, so they do not carve up neighborhoods or separate groups of people living in an area that have similar interests. Similar interests are especially important for groups that have always been represented together because of their close geography, social and economic interests such as transportation, culture, or jobs.

Examples of Communities of Interest:

- A town
- A neighborhood
- A city
- An urban area
- A rural area

## **Question: Does a Community of Interest want to be united in one district, or divided to have a voice in multiple elections?**

Do you prefer your neighborhood be kept together in one district or have multiple representatives? [Some communities want to maximize their voting strength in one zone to give the best chance possible to elect the one Board member who will represent that zone. Other communities want multiple Board members who answer to voters in the community so that more of the Board has a direct interest in the community's concerns, even if that divides the community's voting strength.]

What are other communities of interest in the District that should be considered when drafting 5 Zone maps?

## **Instructions:**

Based on the questions above:

1. Use the map to design your proposed zones. An ideal zone will have a **total population of 39,400 people.**
2. You do not need to complete all five Zones. We welcome partial submissions, as well as indications of your community of interest.
3. We encourage you, but not required, to include an explanation of the borders you have included in a zone(s).
4. Submission: email: [DesertHealthcare@NDCresearch.com](mailto:DesertHealthcare@NDCresearch.com) Mail: PO Box 5271, Glendale, CA 91221 or Mail or Dropoff to Desert Healthcare District Office at 1140 N. Indian Canyon Dr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Palm Springs, CA 92262.
5. If you have any questions, please contact Douglas Johnson or Justin Levitt of National Demographics Corporation (NDC) at (818)254-1221.

