



**Wednesday, July 14, 2021  
3 P.M.**

## **Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) Training Session 2 Outline**

### **Federal & State Laws & Communities of Interest**

This segment will provide a robust overview of key federal and state laws that shape the redistricting process, with a deep dive on the Federal Voting Rights Act. Mr. Li will walk through definitions for commonly used frameworks including: equal population, contiguity, compactness, topography and geography, incumbency, partisanship, etc. The slides will weave in examples through maps and data points that can serve as references throughout the process.

This session will also provide Committee members with a common definition of the term Communities of Interest, examples of COIs in practice, and a framework of how COIs should factor into the redistricting process. The presentation will illustrate best practices for soliciting COI testimony through intentional public meeting design, community education, and logistics. Committee members will also have ample time for customized Q&A. Presented by Angelo Ancheta.



Angelo Ancheta was a member and rotating chair of the inaugural California Citizens Redistricting Commission in the 2011-2020 cycle. A lawyer and an academic, Ancheta was a professor at the Santa Clara University School of Law from 2005 to 2014 and has also taught at the Harvard Law School, the New York University School of Law, and the UCLA School of Law. From 2000 to 2004, he was the Director of Legal and Advocacy Programs for The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University.

Ancheta has written numerous journal articles and book chapters focusing on voting rights, race-conscious policies, and the use of scientific evidence in constitutional litigation, and he is the author of the books "Race, Rights, and the Asian American Experience" and "Scientific Evidence and Equal Protection of the Law." Ancheta has also worked on appellate litigation and has written amicus curiae briefs in numerous U.S. Supreme Court appeals involving race-conscious policies in education. Prior to his academic work, Ancheta was a legal services lawyer and nonprofit executive director in both Northern and Southern California, where he focused on immigration and civil rights law. He received his bachelor's and law degrees from UCLA and holds master's degrees from Harvard University and Claremont Graduate University.

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