

Districting Principles

The Consultant was guided by the following principles considered together.

- One person, one vote: The districts must be within acceptable deviations from the ideal.
- Compact and contiguous: A non-compact district is justified when other compelling factors, such as the Voting Rights Act, dictate otherwise.
- Center the map on an area of shared identity – i.e., join the districts around the center of Skokie. This is reinforced by how Skokie’s services, such as refuse collection and police beats, are divided roughly along north-south, east-west quadrants.
- Follow major thoroughfares, known boundaries, and other physical or jurisdictional factors that will be understood intuitively by Skokie voters.
- Communities of interest: Use public testimony or reasonable proxies that describe communities of interest in Skokie.
- People on one edge of a district should share a sense of community with those on the opposite edge.
- Observe residential neighborhood contiguities where possible.
- Avoid isolating communities set apart by the Edens Expressway or large industrial areas.