



How to Create Community of Interest Maps in DistrictR



California

Draw Districts

Draw Communities

Draw your community

Statewide

Counties

Cities

School Districts

California

Identify a community

Built out of block groups

What are the building blocks?

What are the data layers?

Why?

Start by clicking on Draw Communities. Then you can find your community by clicking on California, which will take you to the mapping tool

Redistricting is dividing a state into legislative districts for representatives. Where and how the lines are drawn influences everything from who is likely to be elected to how resources get allocated. And when it comes to democratic representation, **communities matter**. If your community is split up into different small pieces every ten years, it makes it harder to have a voice in government.

The official line-drawing process is different in every state, and in 2021 a record number of states will ask the public for input. Districtr is a tool to help you try your hand at identifying your community or drawing your own districts. Speak up for your community – and show the

Search

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Save

Hand icon

Drawing

Data Layers

Evaluation



Use the hand to pan around the map, and zoom in by scrolling with your mouse or using the + and - in the upper lefthand corner to find your community

Areas of Interest

SELECT

Community 1

NAME

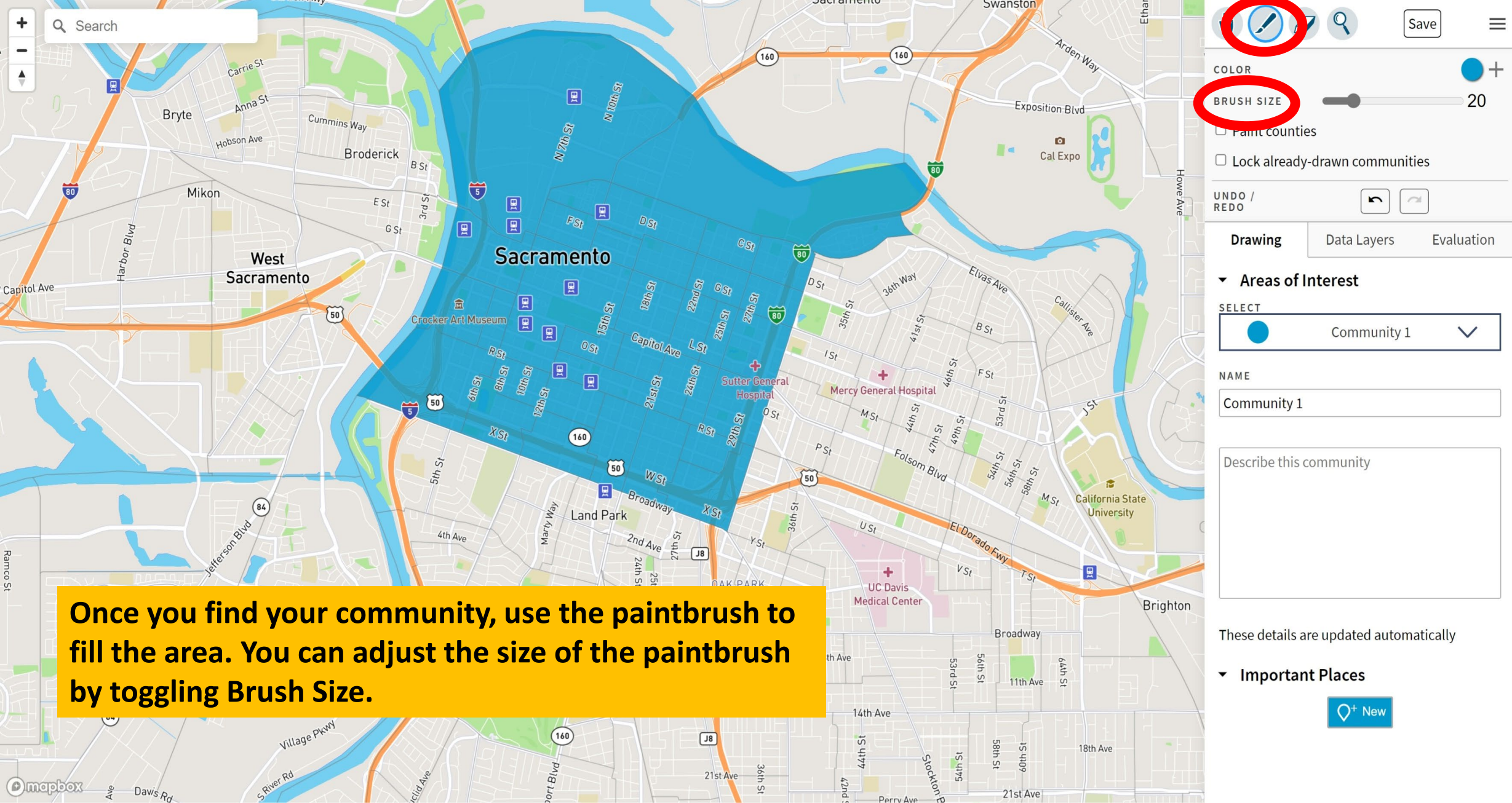
Community 1

Describe this community




These details are updated automatically


Important Places


+ New

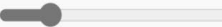


Once you find your community, use the paintbrush to fill the area. You can adjust the size of the paintbrush by toggling Brush Size.





COLOR  +

BRUSH SIZE  20

Paint counties

Lock already-drawn communities

UNDO / REDO  

Drawing | Data Layers | Evaluation

▼ Areas of Interest

SELECT

 Community 1 ▼

NAME
Community 1

Describe this community

These details are updated automatically

▼ Important Places

 New



If you make a mistake, use the eraser next to the paintbrush. You can also adjust the eraser size.

Save

ERASER SIZE 20

UNDO / REDO

Drawing Data Layers Evaluation

Areas of Interest

SELECT

Community 1

NAME

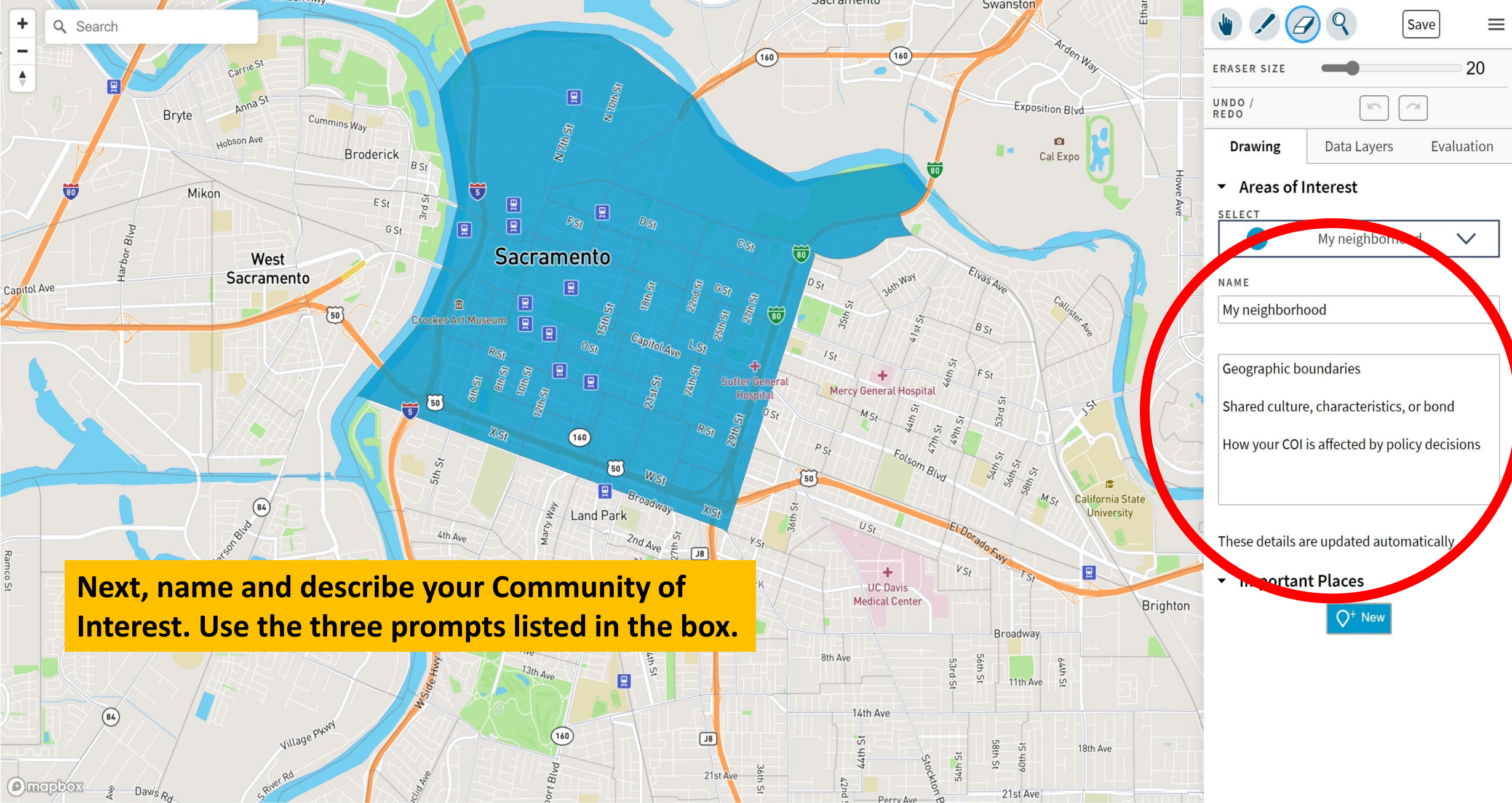
Community 1

Describe this community

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Important Places

New



Search

Save

ERASER SIZE 20

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Drawing Data Layers Evaluation

Areas of Interest

SELECT My neighborhood

NAME My neighborhood

Geographic boundaries

Shared culture, characteristics, or bond

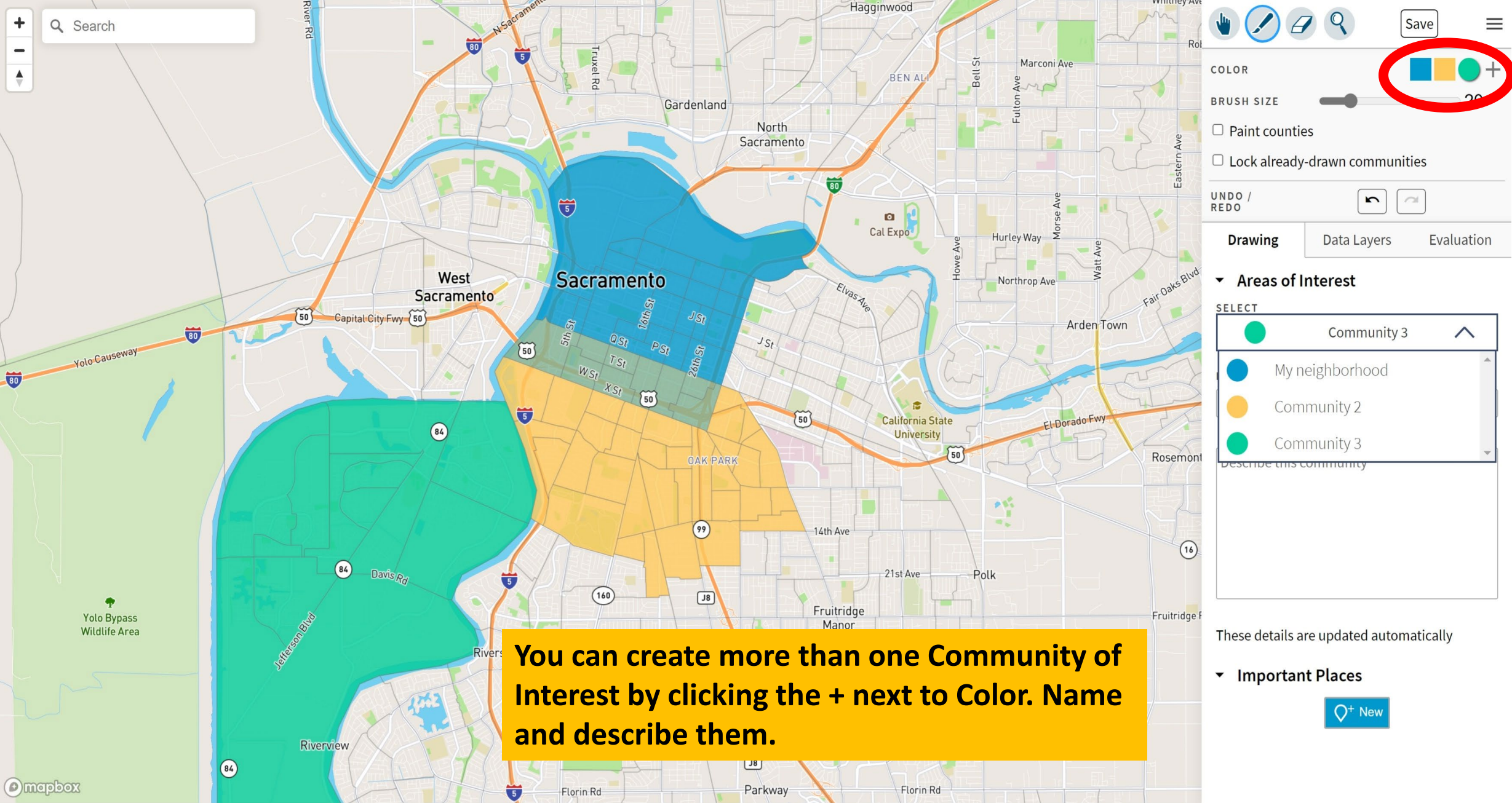
How your COI is affected by policy decisions

These details are updated automatically

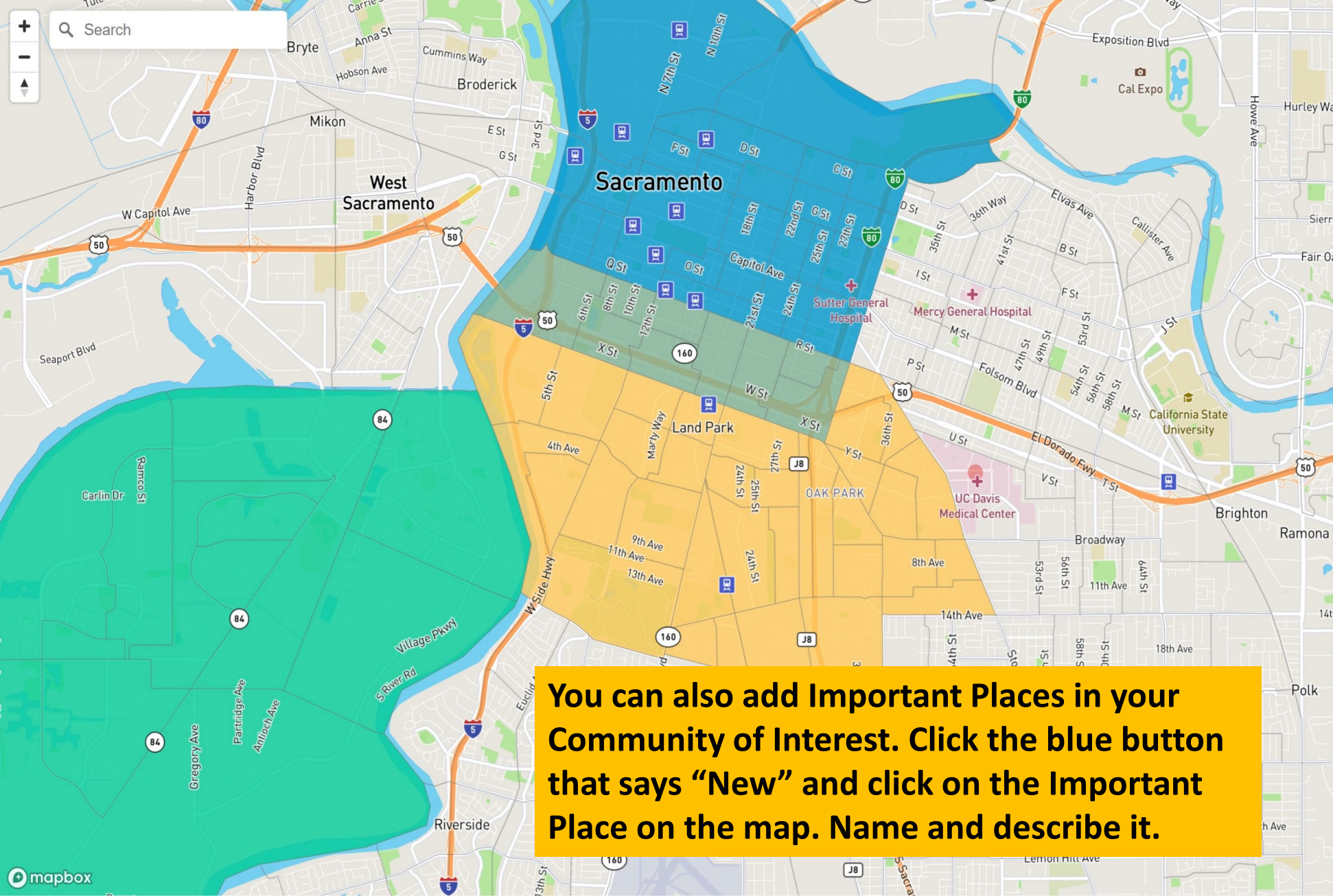
Important Places

New

Next, name and describe your Community of Interest. Use the three prompts listed in the box.



You can create more than one Community of Interest by clicking the + next to Color. Name and describe them.



You can also add Important Places in your Community of Interest. Click the blue button that says “New” and click on the Important Place on the map. Name and describe it.

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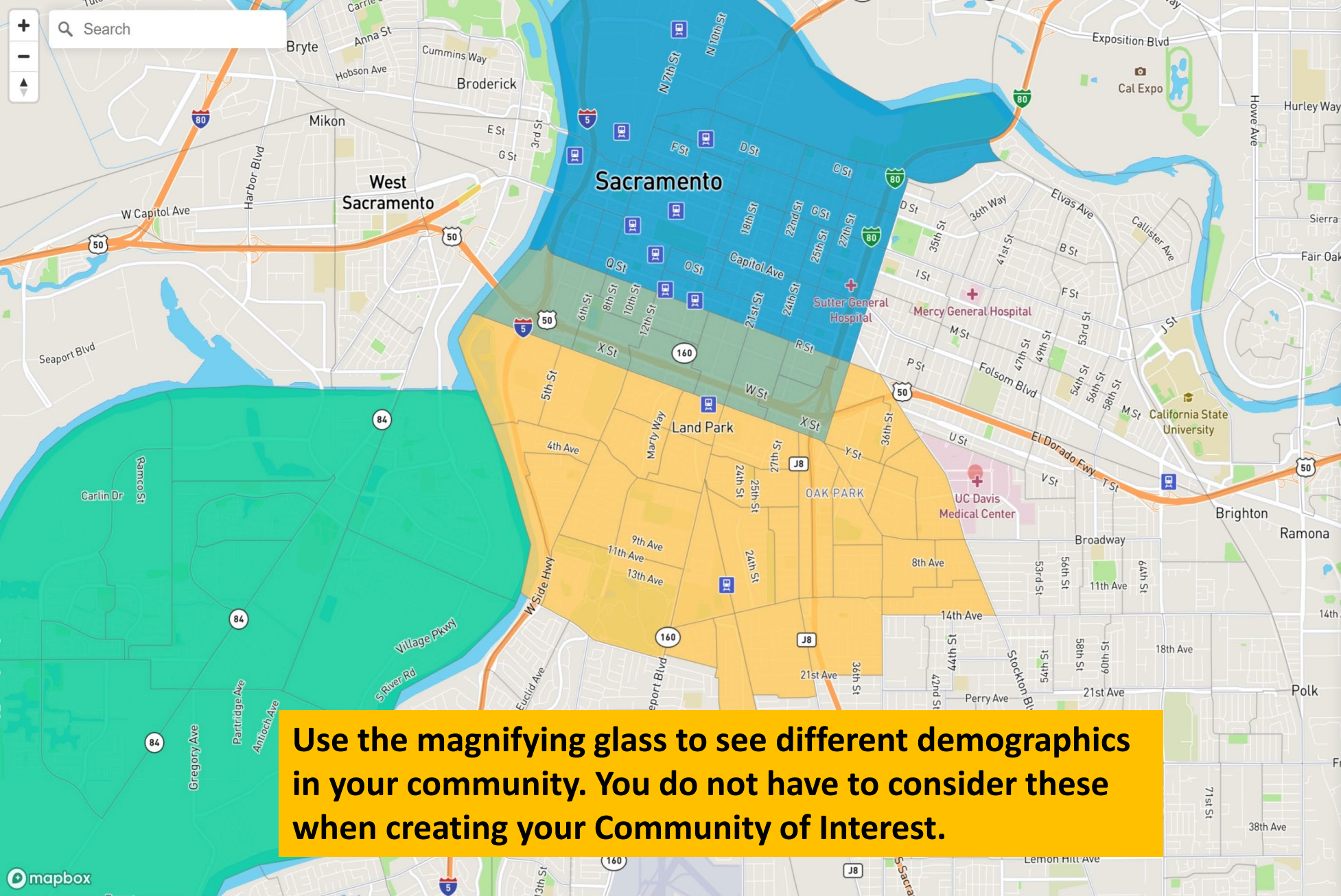
NAME

These details are updated automatically

Important Places

SELECT

PLACE NAME



Use the magnifying glass to see different demographics in your community. You do not have to consider these when creating your Community of Interest.

TOOLTIP DATA Population

SPOTLIGHT SIZE 1

Drawing Data Layers Evaluation

Communities

- Show my communities
- Show community numbers

Boundaries

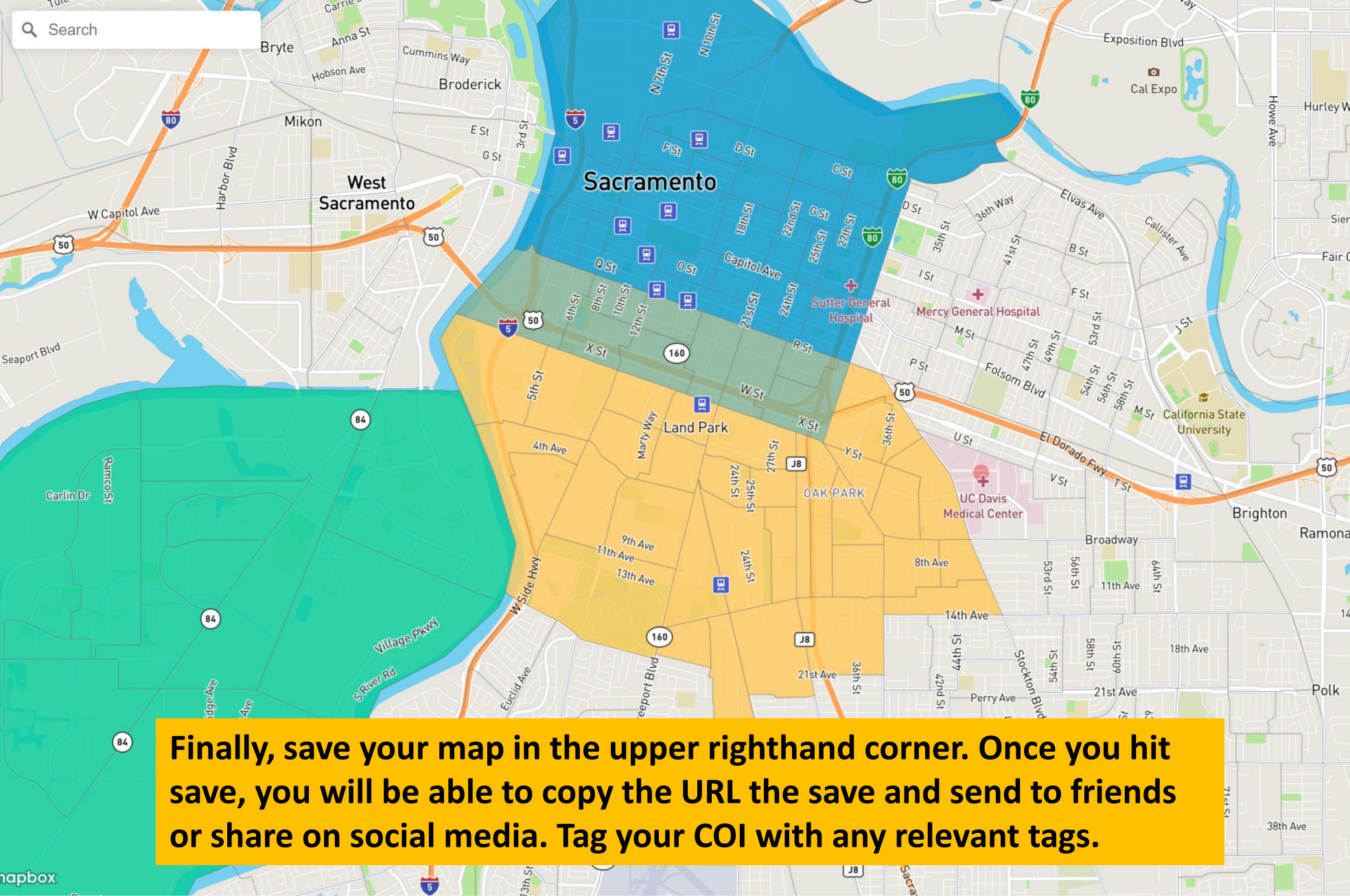
- Show County Boundaries
- Show Indian Communities

Demographics

- ▼ **Population by Race**
- Show population
- VARIABLE: Total population
- DISPLAY AS shaded regions
- Show voting age population (VAP)
- VARIABLE: Voting age population
- DISPLAY AS shaded regions

Coalition Builder

*Use the coalition builder to define a collection of racial and ethnic groups from the Census. In the other data layers below, you'll be able to select the coalition you have defined.



Your plan has been saved!
You can share your current plan by copying this URL:
<https://districtr.org/COI/30723>

Tag or Event Code Save as Draft

Team or Plan Name

Demographics

▼ Population by Race

Show population
VARIABLE:
DISPLAY AS:

Show voting age population (VAP)
VARIABLE:
DISPLAY AS:

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▼ Coalition Builder

Finally, save your map in the upper righthand corner. Once you hit save, you will be able to copy the URL the save and send to friends or share on social media. Tag your COI with any relevant tags.