2021 Redistricting Process

October 23, 2021
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Look Up Your District
https://eservices.sccgov.org/rov?tab=dt
What is Redistricting

- Every ten years, supervisorial districts must be redrawn, so each district is substantially equal in population
- Ensures each Board of Supervisor member represents about the same number of constituents
- Done using U.S. Census data
- Must be completed by December 15, 2021
Why is Redistricting Important

- Redistricting is based on the idea of fair representation
- Redistricting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a supervisorial district for purposes of electing a Board of Supervisor member
- How the districts are drawn can influence how effectively a community is represented in government
Redistricting Timeline

April 2021:
Board established 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission

May 2021:
Commissioner Application Process

June 2021:
Commissioner Appointments

July - October 2021:
Commission Meetings to gather input, draft maps, develop recommendation

November - December 2021:
Board of Supervisors considers draft map(s) in 2 public hearings

On or Before December 15, 2021:
Board adopts new map with supervisorial district lines
Federal and State Legal Updates

- **Rucho v. Common Cause**: racial gerrymandering remains unconstitutional, but partisan gerrymandering is nonjusticiable. Congress and states may prohibit consideration of partisanship in redistricting.
  - California law does not permit consideration of partisanship

- Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act prohibits voting practices or procedures that discriminate on the basis of race, color, or membership in one of the language minority groups identified in the Act.
  - District boundaries must not be drawn with intent or impact of diluting the voting power of racial and language minorities
Redistricting Criteria for Counties

Substantially equal population of total residents for each district

Prioritized criteria (in order of priority):

- Contiguity
- Communities of Interest and neighborhoods
- Cities and Census designated places
- Easily Understandable
- Compactness

Elections Code Section 21500(c)(2):

“(2) To the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division. A “community of interest” is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single supervisorial district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.”
Redistricting Process

At least four public hearings must be held prior to the Board adopting the map by resolution or ordinance

• 1+ public hearing or public workshop prior to drawing any draft maps
  • The Commission will hold these hearings instead of the Board
• 2+ public hearings after drawing draft maps
  • While the Commission may hold such hearings, the Board is still required to hold at least two public hearings itself

Public outreach to encourage participation is required

County must have website to house information, post draft maps, and provide information in translation. [www.sccgov.org/2021redistricting](http://www.sccgov.org/2021redistricting)
Purpose and Role of the 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission

- Allows Board of Supervisors to adopt redistricting framework and conduct robust community outreach and input
- Conducts virtual public hearings to solicit public input and participation in redistricting process
- Digest public testimony and information from experts regarding communities of interest and other redistricting criteria
- Consider draft maps from members of the public and develop draft maps
- Formulate recommendations to the Board of Supervisors
Role of the Board of Supervisors

- Ensure sufficient public outreach and engagement, including required website
- Conduct at least two public hearings to consider draft maps prior to adopting map
  - At least first meeting scheduled to be joint with Commission to permit discussion between Board and Commission
- Adopt map on or before December 15, 2021
## 2020 Census Data

### 2020 Legacy File Population v. Final Population Data

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<th>DISTRICT</th>
<th>2020 Legacy File</th>
<th>2020 SWDB</th>
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<td>373,274</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>348,597</td>
<td>349,805</td>
<td>1,208</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>415,583</td>
<td>416,341</td>
<td>758</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>395,382</td>
<td>396,082</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>403,537</td>
<td>404,022</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,936,373</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,940,252</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,879</strong></td>
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**Note:**
The table above shows the comparison between the 2020 Legacy File population and the final population data for each district, along with the change in population. The total change in population across all districts is 3,879.
The total deviation of the plan is the sum of the absolute values of the highest and lowest districts. *Here the plan deviation is 17.2%*
## Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP)

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<td><strong>Total CVAP</strong></td>
<td>240,841</td>
<td>207,328</td>
<td>242,977</td>
<td>244,693</td>
<td>234,316</td>
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<td><strong>Other CVAP</strong></td>
<td>137,656</td>
<td>47,895</td>
<td>63,836</td>
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<td><strong>Other CVAP %</strong></td>
<td>57.2%</td>
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<td><strong>Latino CVAP</strong></td>
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<td>84,330</td>
<td>44,655</td>
<td>42,233</td>
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<td><strong>Latino CVAP %</strong></td>
<td>22.7%</td>
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<td><strong>Asian CVAP</strong></td>
<td>42,446</td>
<td>67,655</td>
<td>127,158</td>
<td>52,236</td>
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<td><strong>Asian CVAP %</strong></td>
<td>17.6%</td>
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<td><strong>Black CVAP</strong></td>
<td>6,184</td>
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<td>7,328</td>
<td>8,114</td>
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<td>3.3%</td>
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15 Commissioners

- 5 Selected Randomly (Phase 1)
  - 1 per district on June 9th
- 5 Selected by the Board (Phase 2)
  - 1 per district on June 22nd
- 5 Selected by Phase 1 & 2 Commissioners
  - 1 per district beginning July 7th
- Diverse Commission Considerations
  - Demographics, political party, and other social factors

Website Information
Advisory Commission Information
- Meeting Agendas
- Workplan
- Commissioner biographies
Help us build a community map by telling us:

Does your community have a shared culture, interests, activity, business, or bond?

Does your community live in a concentrated area?
Can you draw your community on a map?
Is there density within your community (many people in your community living closely together)?

Describe how your community is affected by policy decisions made by the Board of Supervisors.

www.sccgov.org/2021redistricting/COI

Map Your Community
Describe Your Community
Become an Outreach Partner
Present Your Community

Communities of Interest (COI)
www.sccgov.org/2021redistricting/COI
COI Testimony
Received by 10/22/2021

- 10 COI Forms
- 18 Presentations
- 62 Public Comment
- 51 Maps
  - 33 Countywide
  - 18 Community Specific

To view public community and draft maps submitted by the community, please visit [www.sccgov.org/2021redistricting/COI](http://www.sccgov.org/2021redistricting/COI).

Must be submitted by October 25, 2021, to be considered at the 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission on October 27, 2021 meeting.
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<td>Wed, Oct 27 at 6:30 pm</td>
<td>Commission Meeting: Finalize Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors</td>
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<td>Tue, Nov 2 at 6:00 pm</td>
<td>Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission to Receive Recommendations</td>
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<td>Remaining Scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors</td>
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<td>Tue, Dec 7</td>
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<td>Tue, Dec 14</td>
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<td>Wed, Dec 15</td>
<td>Deadline to adopt new boundaries</td>
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<td>June 2022</td>
<td>Primary election with new Supervisorial District map</td>
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*The Board of Supervisors must hold two public hearings before adoption of the final Supervisorial District Map and adopt the new boundaries by December 15, 2021.*
Learn More

2021 Redistricting Process:
www.sccgov.org/2021redistricting

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Twitter
Santa Clara County (@SCCgov)
https://twitter.com/SCCgov

Stay informed:
2021redistricting@ceo.sccgov.org

https://youtu.be/NL2cgnghrb8
Your Future: Your Map

We want to hear what you think about the new County district boundaries.

Join the discussion!

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