

County of Santa Clara
2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission



DATE: October 27, 2021, Regular Meeting
TIME: 6:30 PM
PLACE: ****By Virtual Teleconference Only****

AGENDA

Pursuant to California Government Code section 54953(e), this meeting will be held by teleconference only. No physical location will be available for this meeting; however, members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting as noted below.

To address the Commission in public comment, please review the Public Comment Instructions below, then access the teleconference at <https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/99630088388> (recommended) or (669) 219-2599, meeting ID 99630088388# (participant ID not required).

Further instructions for accessing the teleconference will be posted online at: www.sccgov.org/bosmeeting.

Notice to the Public - Meeting Procedures

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Please note: To contact the Commission and/or to inspect any disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda and distributed by the County to all or a majority of the Board of Supervisors (or any other commission, board, or committee) less than 72 hours prior to that meeting, visit our website at <http://www.sccgov.org> or contact the Clerk at (408) 299-5001 or 70 West Hedding Street, 10th Floor, San Jose, CA 95110, during normal business hours.

Persons wishing to address the Commission are requested to limit their comments to two minutes. Groups of speakers on a specific item are asked to limit their total presentation to a maximum of twenty minutes for each side of the issue.

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中文: 提供語言翻譯服務。請在會議召開前至少三個工作日致電 (408) 299-5001 聯絡書記委員辦公室 (Clerk of the Board) 尋求翻譯服務。

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Public Comment Instructions

Members of the Public may provide public comments at this meeting as follows:

- Written public comments may be submitted by email to 2021redistricting@ceo.sccgov.org. Written comments will be distributed to the Commission and posted to the agenda outline as quickly as possible.
- Spoken public comments will be accepted through the teleconference meeting. To address the Commission, click on the link above for the appropriate meeting to access the Zoom-based meeting. Please read the following instructions carefully.

1. You may download the Zoom client or connect to the meeting in-browser. If using your browser, make sure you are using a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 7+. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer.
2. You will be asked to enter an email address and name. The Clerk requests that you identify yourself by name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
3. When the Chairperson calls for the item on which you wish to speak, click on “raise hand.” The Clerk will activate and unmute speakers in turn. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak. (Call in attendees press *9 to request to speak, and *6 to unmute when prompted.)
4. When called to speak, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted.

Opening

1. Roll Call.
2. Public Comment.

This item is reserved for persons desiring to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda. Members of the public who wish to address the Commission on any item not listed on the agenda should request to speak at this time. Individuals will be called to speak in turn.

Speakers are limited to the following: three minutes if the Chairperson or designee determines that five or fewer persons wish to address the Commission; two minutes if the Chairperson or designee determines that between six and fourteen persons wish to address the Commission; and one minute if the Chairperson or designee determines that fifteen or more person wish to address the Commission.

The law does not permit Commission action or extended discussion of any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Commission action is requested, the Commission may place the matter on a future agenda. Statements that require a response may be referred to staff for reply in writing.

3. Approve Consent Calendar and changes to the Commission's Agenda.

Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be considered at the end of the regular agenda for discussion. The Commission may also add items on the regular agenda to the Consent Calendar.

Notice to the public: There is no separate discussion of Consent Calendar items, and the recommended actions are voted on in one motion. If an item is approved on the consent vote, the specific action recommended by staff is adopted. Members of the public who wish to address the Commission on Consent Calendar items should comment under this item. Each speaker is limited to two minutes total.

Regular Agenda - Items for Discussion

4. Consider recommendations relating to draft Supervisorial District maps and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. (ID# 108130)

Possible action:

- a. Receive report from the Office of the County Executive, Office of the County Counsel, and Redistricting Partners.
- b. Review draft Supervisorial District maps.
- c. Discuss and approve draft Supervisorial District maps for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

- d. Discuss presentation of recommended drafts maps to the Board of Supervisors at a joint meeting on November 2, 2021.

Announcements

5. Announcements and correspondence:
 - a. Chairperson's announcements.
 - b. Commissioners' announcements.
 - c. The County of Santa Clara provides reimbursement to appointed Commissioners for family care expenses incurred during the time spent performing their official County duties. For additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (408) 299-5001.

Consent Calendar

6. Approve minutes of the October 23, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Adjourn

7. Adjourn to a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., by virtual teleconference.

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108130

DATE: October 27, 2021

TO: 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission

FROM: Melanie Jimenez Perez, Program Manager II
Danielle Christian, Legislative Manager

SUBJECT: Review Draft Supervisorial District Maps and Recommendation to the Board

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission has held ten meeting since July 2021 to solicit community input to develop draft Supervisorial District maps. The County's redistricting team's efforts relating to the process include developing a list of community outreach partners, maintaining a website with redistricting information, targeted outreach to increase participation, convening special Saturday sessions, and promoting the use of submissions of Communities of Interest (COI) testimony through a form or the online mapping software to draw points of interest, communities or neighborhoods, or a draft Supervisorial District map. To review Communities of Interest submissions, please visit www.sccgov.org/2021redistricting/COI.

Additionally, the County of Santa Clara has contracted with expert consultants, [Redistricting Partners](#), to assist with the 2021 redistricting process and to prepare draft maps based on Communities of Interest testimony submitted to the 2021 Advisory Redistricting

Commission (Commission). **Maps must be submitted by October 25, 2021 to be considered by the 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission at its final meeting on October 27, 2021.**

Review of Draft Supervisorial District Maps

At the October 27, 2021 meeting of the 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission, the Commission will review maps that have been submitted by the community and developed by Redistricting Partners. The review process has been iterative since the first mapping session on October 13, 2021. Based on Commission direction during the October 20, 2021, and October 23, 2021, Advisory Redistricting Commission meetings, the redistricting team will attach maps still being considered, or that have been submitted by Monday, October 25, 2021 to this report by Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

Select Draft Supervisorial District Maps to recommend to the Board of Supervisors

At the October 27, 2021 meeting of the 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission, the Commission will need to vote on which maps they would like to recommend to the Board of Supervisors. There is not a limit as to the number of maps that the Commission may recommend, and in the event the Commission does not have a recommendation, it can provide the Board of Supervisors with a list of recommendations that should be integrated into the final Supervisorial District map. All COI submissions will be attached to the final recommendation to ensure public awareness of all public testimony received by the Commission.

Review Presentation of recommendation to the Board of Supervisors

On November 2, 2021 there will be a special joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission during which the Commission's recommendation will be presented. This item will not be heard before 6:00 pm. The recommendation from the Commission will be published to the Board of Supervisors agenda on October 29, 2021. Given the tight timeline, the redistricting team recommends the Commission discuss at its October 27, 2021 meeting who will be presenting and what topics they will cover at the special joint meeting. For each map that will be recommended to the Board of Supervisors, discussion of the following aspects of each recommended map by the Commissioners will assist with the development of the report to the Board of Supervisors:

- Which of the criteria are incorporated into the recommended draft map?
 - 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
- What are the benefits of adopting the recommended draft map?
 - Which communities of interest testimony were incorporated?
 - What are the recommended boundaries between Supervisorial Districts?

Any maps that have been created by Redistricting Partners meet the criteria outlined above.

All maps are prohibited from favoring or disfavoring a political party and factoring incumbency and political candidates into the redistricting process. According to the Elections Code ((Elec 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.”

Next Steps

Following the decennial census, the County is required to establish supervisorial district boundaries consistent with federal and state law (Cal. Elec. Code § 21500[a]). 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. The remaining scheduled Board meetings where maps may be discussed prior to the deadline are:

- November 16, 2021
- December 7, 2021
- December 14, 2021

The new Supervisorial District map will be incorporated into the Registrar of Voters’ process for the June 2022 primary election. In the event a supervisor in office is drawn into a different Supervisorial District, they will remain eligible to complete their term in office. If they were to run for re-election, they would need to run for the district in which they reside to be eligible for office.

CHILD IMPACT

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on children and youth.

SENIOR IMPACT

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on seniors.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action will have no/neutral sustainability implications.

BACKGROUND

Every 10 years, following the release of data from the decennial Census, jurisdictions that elect members of their legislative body by districts must revise district boundary lines to ensure the districts are consistent with federal, state, and local legal requirements. In April 2021, the Board of Supervisors established a framework for the 2021 Redistricting Process, which included the establishment of a fifteen-member 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission.