



REDISTRICTING 101

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WHAT IS REDISTRICTING?

After the completion of the U.S. census every 10-years, public agencies with officers elected from geographical districts must “redistrict.” This requires review of the recent Census population data and, if necessary, adjustment of voting area boundaries to keep them as nearly equal in population as possible, allowing for certain variances due to geography, topography, communities of interest, etc., all as required in federal and California law.

WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE 2011?

EVERYTHING!

- Federal Law: Population Equality, Voting Rights Act, Gerrymandering
- State Law changes: Timing, Workload, Hearings, Public Outreach, Record Keeping
- AB 849: “the Board shall adopt supervisorial district boundaries using the following criteria as set forth in the following order of priority”
 - Geographically contiguous
 - “Communities of interest” remain together
 - Cities kept together
 - Easily identifiable
 - Compactness
 - No partisan gerrymandering

TIMELINES DUE TO CENSUS DATA DELAY

- September 30, 2021 – Projected delivery date by Federal Government
- October 30, 2021 – Projected adjustment regarding prisoners in California
- November 5, 2021 – Maps can begin to be published

(A whole lot of stuff to be discussed in other slides)

- December 15, 2021 – Maps must be drawn and approved by County

WHAT COUNTY NEEDS TO DO?

- Hold at least four public meetings (at least one before the draft maps are drawn, at least three after draft maps are drawn, and at least one on a Saturday, Sunday or Weekday after 6:00 p.m.)
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 - Hearings can be virtual, as long as other requirements are met.
- Jurisdiction must encourage public participation
 - Website/Media (maintained for 10 years)
 - Publication requirements
 - Date, time and location of the hearings must be posted online at least 5 days before the hearing
 - Live translation (72 Hour Notice)
 - Testimony (live and in writing) from public (verbatim minutes)

HOW DOES COUNTY WANT TO STRUCTURE THEIR REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE?

Election Code Section 23001: “A local jurisdiction may establish by resolution, ordinance or charter amendment an independent redistricting commission, a hybrid redistricting commission, or an advisory redistricting commission composed of residents of the local jurisdiction to change the legislative body’s district boundaries or to recommend to the legislative body changes to those district.”

WHAT ARE OTHER COUNTIES DOING?

In-House	Advisory Committee	Independent Commission
Mono	Solano	Santa Barbara
Ventura	Alpine	
Contra Costa	Amador	
San Luis Obispo	Imperial	
Inyo	Santa Clara	
Kings	Yolo	
Merced	Stanislaus	
Ventura	Tulare	
Nevada	Riverside (Planning Commission)	
Napa	Shasta	
Kern	San Bernardino	
	Santa Cruz	
	San Mateo	

WEBSITE

- Explanation of process
- Procedure for testifying/submitting written testimony
- Calendar (made available to public and on website)
- Notice and agenda for each workshop and hearing
- Recording
- All draft and adopted maps

RECORD KEEPING

- Now need a record of every public comment and governing body made available to the public within two weeks of the comment, or hearing.
- These records must be stored for 10-years.
- Really important that County builds a record for every decisions they are making.

Proposed Activity	Time
Proposed Board Training and Discussion	April 2021
Secure GIS and IT Contracts (if needed)	May 2021
Create Website and Public Outreach Plan	July 2021
Pre-Draft Map Public Hearing	August 2021
Receive Census Bureau Population Count Data	9/30/21
Receive SWDB Prison Adjusting	10/29/21
Publish Draft Maps	11/5/21
Public Hearings of Draft Maps	Two between 11/12 and 11/20
Publish Revised Maps	7 days prior to adoption
Final Hearing and Adoption	12/6/21 and 12/13/21
DEADLINE	12/15/21 – (E-174)