

SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2021 REDISTRICTING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors, County of Sierra, State of California, has set September 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Loyalton Social Hall, Loyalton, CA, as the time and place for conducting a public hearing regarding 2021 Redistricting efforts. This is to be the first of four public hearings to receive input regarding Supervisorial District boundaries and will offer an introduction to the Redistricting process. Feedback received may inform Redistricting proposals. Draft maps will not be available until County-level 2020 U.S. Census data is released by the State of California; this is expected to occur at the end of September.

Additional information will soon be available at <https://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/635/2020-Census>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at said time and place any interested person may appear and be heard. Members of the public may also submit written comments on this matter by U.S. Mail to the Sierra County Clerk, P.O. Drawer D, Downieville, CA 95936 or email to clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov.

This meeting will be open to in-person attendance and available to the public via teleconference.

The public may observe and provide public comments during the hearing by using the Teams options below:

By Phone: 1-323-892-2486
Access Code: 892 859 509 #

By PC: <https://tinyurl.com/092121BOS>

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if you challenge the action of the Board of Supervisors on any of the above stated items in court, it may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Sierra County Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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REDISTRICTING 2021: SHAPING SIERRA COUNTY'S FUTURE

Public Hearing #1: Introduction into Redistricting Process

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WHAT IS REDISTRICTING?

- Every 10 years, public agencies with officers elected from geographical districts must “redraw” the district boundaries based upon the U.S. Census data from the Federal government.
- This process requires review of the most recent Census population data and, if necessary, adjustment of the district boundaries to keep them as equal in population as possible, but also allowing for adjustments based on geography, topography, communities of interest, etc., as required under federal and California law.

THE SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NEEDS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Redistricting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a District for purposes of electing a Board of Supervisor Member.
- The Board of Supervisors will seek YOUR input in selecting the next district map for our Supervisorial Districts.
- You have an opportunity to share with the Board of Supervisors how you think District boundaries should be drawn to best represent your community.
- Translation into Spanish is also available if requested 72 hours before the meeting.
- You can contact the Clerk-Recorder at clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca or <https://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/635/2020-Census> to submit inquiries, request translation, or submit maps & input for the redistricting process.

WHAT SHOULD WE CONSIDER WHEN REDRAWING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOR SIERRA COUNTY?

→ **AB 849:** “The Board shall adopt supervisorial district boundaries using the following criteria as set forth in the following order of priority:”

- Geographically contiguous districts (each supervisorial district should share a common border with the next);
- The geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division;
- Geographic integrity of a city shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division;
- Easily identifiable boundaries that follow natural or artificial barriers (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.); and
- Lines shall be drawn to encourage geographic compactness.
- Boundaries **WILL NOT** be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

- **What is a community of interest?**

The California Constitution defines a **community of interest** as:

A community of interest is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.

Examples of such shared interests are those common to an urban area, a rural area, an industrial area, or an agricultural area, and those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

Section 2(d)(4) of Article XXI of the California Constitution <https://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/faq/>

TIMELINE FOR SIERRA COUNTY 2021 REDISTRICTING

- **September 30, 2021** – Projected delivery date of Census Data by the Federal Government
- **October 30, 2021** – Projected adjustment due to prisoners in California
- **November 5, 2021** – Maps can begin to be published
- **November 30, 2021** – Sierra County estimate for final adoption of map
- **December 15, 2021** – Deadline for Redistricting Map to be drawn and adopted

HOW CAN SIERRA COUNTY RESIDENTS GET INVOLVED?

Attend one or more of the four Redistricting public hearings in person:

- **Public Hearing #1; Introduction to the Process:**
 - [September 21, 2021 @ 10:30AM](#)
 - Loyalton Social Hall, Loyalton City Park, Loyalton, CA.
- **Public Hearing #2; Communities of Interest:**
 - Tentative date - October 5, 2021 @ 10:00AM
 - Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 100 Courthouse Square, Downieville, CA 95936
- **Public Hearing 3: TBD**
- **Public Hearing 4: TBD**

HOW CAN SIERRA COUNTY RESIDENTS GET INVOLVED? (CONTINUED)

- **Draw a map of your neighborhood as YOU see it, and submit those maps or boundaries to County staff via email here:**

clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov

- **Visit the website for more information and review the maps as they are drawn, submitted and published here:**

<https://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/635/2020-Census>

CONTACT SIERRA COUNTY STAFF FOR MORE INFORMATION

→ Board of Supervisors

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P.O. Drawer D
Downieville, CA 95936

Phone: 530-289-3295 Fax: 530-289-2830

Hours

Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Closed

Noon - 1 p.m.

→ Redistricting Inquiries and Submissions:

clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov

→ Learn More about the Process online:

<https://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/635/2020-Census>