

**Sierra County  
Board of Supervisors'  
Agenda Transmittal &  
Record of Proceedings**

<b>MEETING DATE:</b> October 5, 2021	<b>TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Timed <input type="checkbox"/> Consent
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Board of Supervisors <b>APPROVING PARTY:</b> Heather Foster, Clerk of the Board <b>PHONE NUMBER:</b> 530-289-3295	

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> Conduct a public hearing regarding the 2021 Redistricting process for Sierra County.	
<b>SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Memo <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Agreement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other See attached notice of public hearing and PowerPoint Presentation.	
<b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION:</b> This is the second of four public hearings to receive input regarding Supervisorial District boundaries and will focus on communities of interest. County Counsel will present a PowerPoint regarding the 2021 Redistricting process.	
<b>FUNDING SOURCE:</b> <b>GENERAL FUND IMPACT:</b> No General Fund Impact <b>OTHER FUND:</b> <b>AMOUNT:</b> \$ N/A	
<b>ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, -- -- <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <b>IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**SPACE BELOW FOR CLERK'S USE**

<b>BOARD ACTION:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Action Taken	<input type="checkbox"/> Set public hearing For: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Direction to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Continued to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Authorization given to: _____	Resolution 2021- _____ Agreement 2021- _____ Ordinance _____ Vote: Ayes: Noes: Abstain: Absent: <input type="checkbox"/> By Consensus
<b>COMMENTS:</b> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____		
CLERK TO THE BOARD _____	DATE _____	

**SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**2021 REDISTRICTING**  
**OCTOBER 5, 2021**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Supervisors, County of Sierra, State of California, has set October 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Courthouse, Downieville, CA, as the time and place for conducting a public hearing regarding 2021 Redistricting efforts. This is the second of four public hearings to receive input regarding Supervisorial District boundaries and will focus on communities of interest. 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](mailto: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: 323 488 167#

By PC: <https://tinyurl.com/100521BOS>

**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.

Dated: September 27, 2021  
Posted: September 27, 2021  
Published: September 30, 2021



# REDISTRICTING 2021: SHAPING SIERRA COUNTY'S FUTURE

Public Hearing #2: Communities of Interest  
October 5, 2021 10am

MARGARET LONG

CAROLYN WALKER

## RECAP: WHAT IS REDISTRICTING?

- Every 10 years, counties must “redraw” the district boundaries based upon the U.S. Census data from the Federal government
- Requires a review of the most recent Census population data and adjustment of the district boundaries to keep them as equal in population as possible, while allowing for adjustments based on geography, topography, communities of interest, etc.

# 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 County staff at [clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov](mailto:clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov) 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/>

# COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST - EXAMPLES

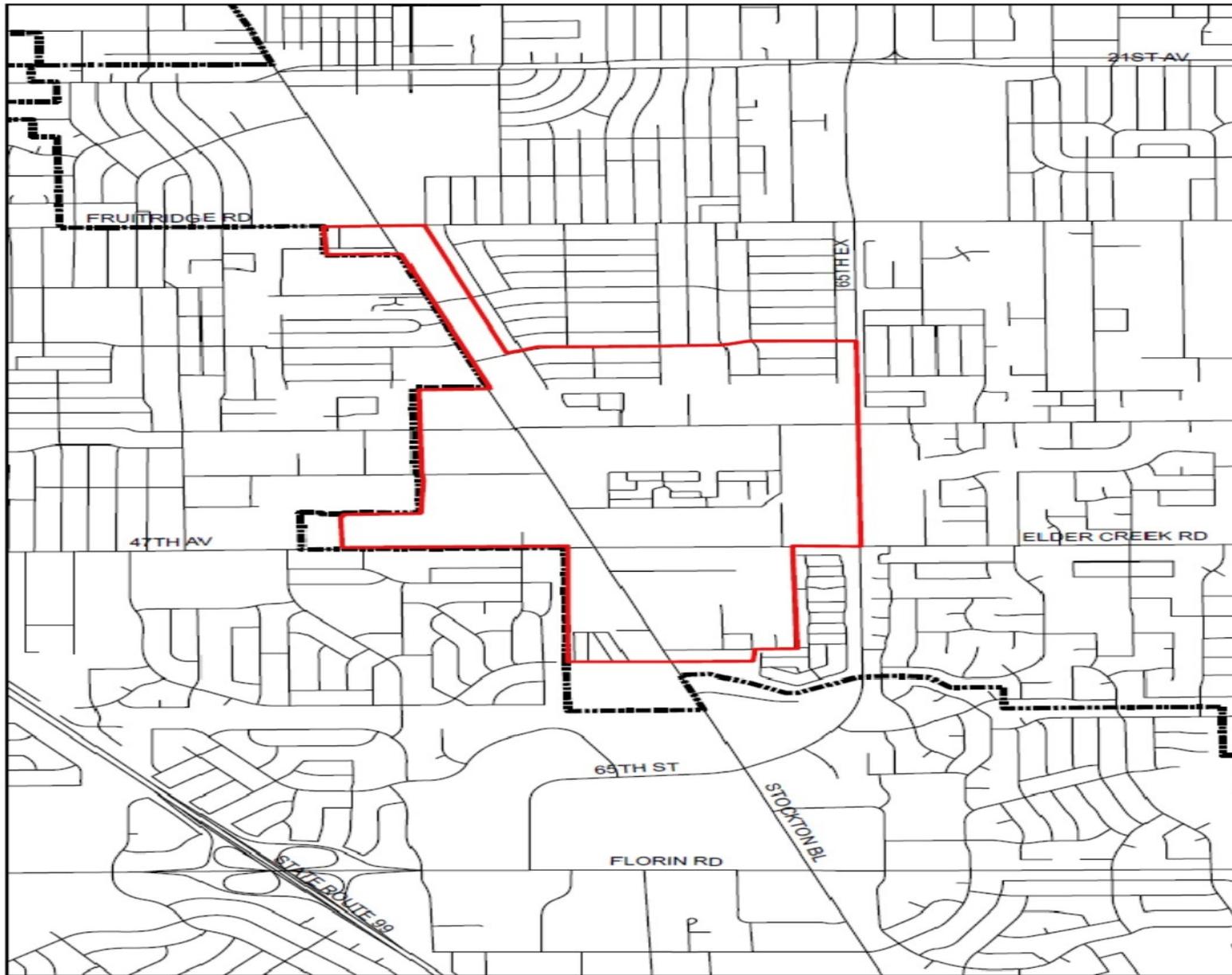
→ Some commonly used examples of potential shared geographic, social, and economic characteristics

- Political/Geographic: Urban and rural interests, Housing patterns and living conditions (urban, suburban, rural), Cultural, religious, and language characteristics, Communication and transportation networks, Transportation hubs / centers, Redevelopment areas, School districts/attendance areas, Congressional or State legislative districts
- Socio-Economic: Income levels, Educational backgrounds, Age demographics, household size/family size, and housing owners vs. renters.
- Policy issues (concerns about crime, education, etc.): Employment and economic patterns (How are community residents employed? What is the economic base of the community?), Health and environmental conditions, Work opportunities, Cultural & Social interests, Community centers, Parks/dog parks, and Occupations and lifestyles

# COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST - LITTLE SAIGON EXAMPLE

- “Little Saigon” in Sacramento: The Stockton Boulevard corridor from Riza Avenue to Fruitridge Road has a significant concentration of Vietnamese-owned, family-run small businesses. Designating this area with Council District #6 as "Little Saigon" contributes to the cultural and economic vibrancy of the area. By Council Resolution 2010-051, the City Council recognized this area as a distinct cultural and commercial district

# LITTLE SAIGON – AN EXAMPLE OF COMMUNITY OF INTEREST



# COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST IN SIERRA COUNTY

- **What are our communities of interest?**
  - Examples of Areas of interest: Urban/Rural, Industrial, Agricultural, people with similar transportation facilities, similar work opportunities, similar living standards, etc.
  - What do these look like for Sierra County?
- Remember: Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates

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# COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST IN SIERRA COUNTY – WHAT WE LOOKED AT IN 2010

- The City of Loyalton population was too large in 2010 for one supervisorial district, so a portion of the City was shared with another supervisorial district.
- Sierraville, Calpine, and Sattley have common social, economic, and geographic similarities and familiarity and these communities should remain in a single supervisor district.
- The Sierra Valley ranches and agricultural properties should not be divided and should be retained within one supervisor district.
- Sierra Brooks should not be a divided community and should for social and geographic similarities be situated in one supervisor district.
- Verdi and Long Valley have common ground by their respective inclusion within the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (ridge line running north and south) and with their predominant influences toward metropolitan Washoe County (Reno-Sparks). However, the agricultural similarities between Long Valley and Sierra Valley are also predominant.

# COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST IN SIERRA COUNTY – WHAT WE LOOKED AT IN 2010

- District One with common ground between Downieville, Goodyears Bar, Indian Valley, Alleghany, Forest City, Pike, and the “north country” (Howland Flat, Scales) should not be altered.

# COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST IN SIERRA COUNTY

- What communities of interest should we consider in 2021?

# 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 of the public hearings:

- **Public Hearing #2; Communities of Interest:**
  - 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](mailto: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

100 Courthouse Square, Room 11  
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

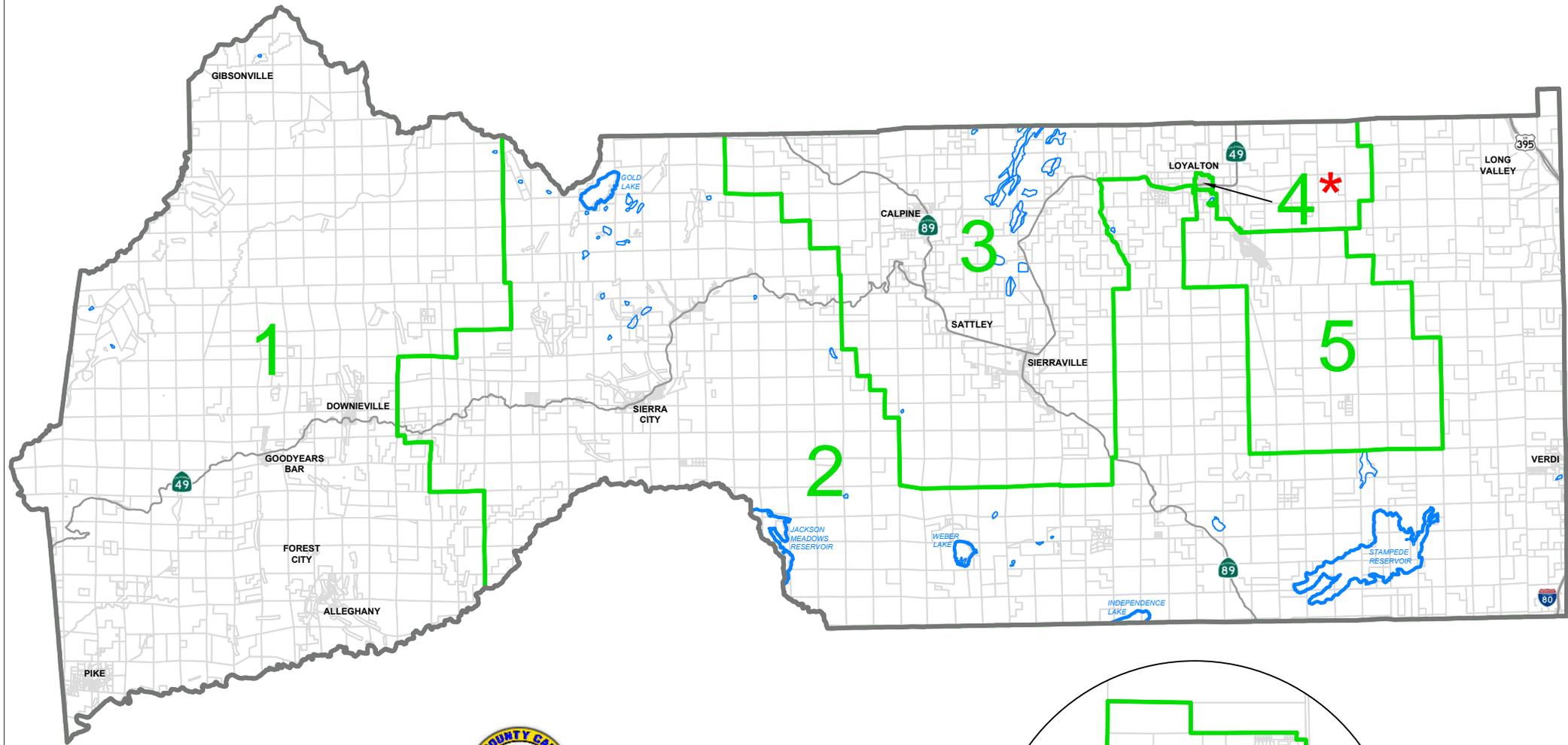
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## → Redistricting Inquiries and Submissions:

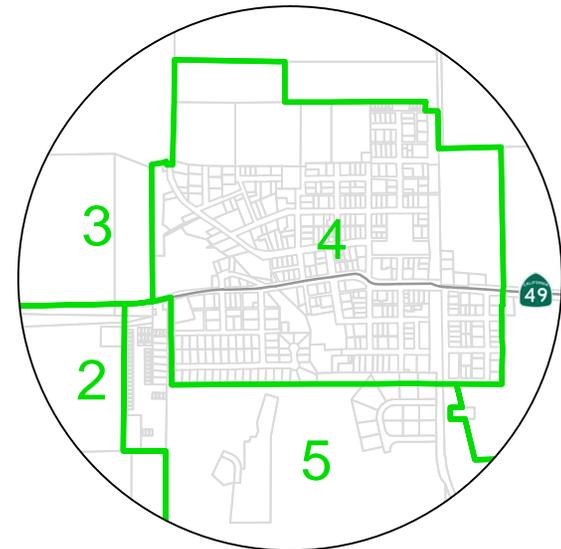
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## → Learn More about the Process online:

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



# SIERRA COUNTY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2011



\* DISTRICT 4 DETAIL