



2021 REDISTRICTING

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

County Administrative Office

May 18, 2021



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Purpose:

Elections Code Section 21500 et seq.:

“Following each federal decennial census, and using that census as a basis, the board shall adjust the boundaries of any or all of the supervisorial districts of the county so that the supervisorial districts shall be substantially equal in population as required by the United States Constitution.”

Census data allows county officials to realign supervisorial districts in their jurisdiction, accounting for shifts in population growth since the last Census and assuring equal representation for their constituents.



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Governing Law

- 14TH Amendment, Equal Protection Clause, U.S. Constitution – “one person, one vote”
- California Elections Code, Sections 21500-21509
- Voting Rights Act of 1965
- Fair Maps Act (AB 849-Oct 2019; Modified By AB 1276-Sept 2020)



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2020 Census Data Timeline

Census Operations Concluded	October 15, 2020
Census Bureau Data presented to President of the United States	December 31, 2020
Data was to be provided to States	April 2021
Apportionment data released	April 28, 2021
Data will be provided to States	September 30, 2021
State will release adjusted data to counties	October 29, 2021
Deadline for Board adoption of new district boundary maps	December 15, 2021



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Requirements:

- 1) Districts must be geographically contiguous;
- 2) Districts must maintain the geographic integrity of neighborhoods and communities of interest;
- 3) Districts must minimize division of cities or census designated places;
- 4) Boundaries must be easily identifiable and, if possible, bound by natural/artificial barriers; and finally
- 5) Districts must not favor or discriminate against any political party.
- 6) Public input particularly from minority and language minority communities



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Community Engagement:

- 1) One public hearing/workshop must be held before draft maps are drawn;
- 2) Two public hearings/workshops must be held after draft maps are drawn;
- 3) One public hearing/workshop must be held on a weekend or after 6pm on a weekday;
- 4) All public hearings/workshops must be noticed to the public, accessible to the disabled and must provide live translation if requested 72 hours prior to the hearing/workshop; and
- 5) The County must publish the date, time and place of each hearing/workshop online at least 5 days prior.



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Elections Code 23000-23004

Process:

- 1) Advisory redistricting commission; would recommend to the Board of Supervisors placement of the Supervisorial boundaries, Board of Supervisors makes final decision
- 2) Hybrid redistricting commission; recommends to the Board of Supervisors two or more maps for the placement of the Supervisorial district boundaries, where the Board must adopt one of those maps without modification, except as may be required to comply with state or federal law.
- 3) Independent redistricting commission; is independently empowered to adopt the Supervisorial district boundaries.



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Advisory Redistricting Commission

- A. Commissioner application solicitation period,
- B. Selection process determined by the Board to finalize a fifteen-member slate of commissioners to be approved by the Board,
- C. The Board may determine the composition of the commission and the criteria for potential commissioners,
- D. The Elections Code prohibits members of the Board, their family members, staff members, or paid campaign staff of the Board from serving on the 2021 Redistricting Advisory Commission (“Commission”),
- E. The Board has the discretion to adopt additional qualifications for Commissioners.



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Proposed Timeline	Action Item
May 18, 2021	Board Consideration of Recommendations for the 2021 Redistricting Process
May 25, 2021	Board Consideration of Resolution
May 26, 2021 – June 16, 2021	Recruitment Period for 2021 Redistricting Advisory Commissioners
June-July 2021	Board Approval of 2021 Redistricting Advisory Commission
July 2021	Public Hearing: 2021 Redistricting Advisory Commission meeting- overview of process outlined by the Board, roles and responsibilities of commission, and mapping software training
July 2021	Launch community engagement process
August - September 2021	Public Hearing: 2021 Redistricting Advisory Commission meeting on Communities of Interest
September 30, 2021	US Census Bureau Releases Redistricting Data
October 2021	Public Hearing: 2021 Redistricting Advisory Commission meeting, Mapping Session(s)
October 2021	California Releases Redistricting Data for local government use
November 2021	Public Hearing: First Public Hearing on Draft Map(s) - Joint Meeting of the Board and Commission for review of mapping options: <i>Special Evening or Weekend Session</i>
Late November 2021	Public Hearing: Second Public Hearing on Draft Map(s) - Joint Meeting of the Board and Commission regarding mapping options: <i>Special Evening or Weekend Session</i>
December 7, 2021	Public Hearing: Final Adoption of the Updated Map



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County Staff Team

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- County Counsel
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