

# Monterey County

Monterey County Government Center  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor



## Meeting Agenda - Final

### Special Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

5:30 PM

<https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/224397747>

## **Joint Board of Supervisors and Advisory Redistricting Commission of Monterey County**

*Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew - District 4*

*Vice Chair Supervisor Mary L. Adams - District 5*

*Supervisor Luis A. Alejo - District 1*

*Supervisor John M. Phillips - District 2*

*Supervisor Chris Lopez - District 3*

*Members of the Advisory Redistricting Commission*

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**PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public may address comments to the Board concerning each agenda item. The timing of public comment shall be at the discretion of the Chair.**

Pursuant to AB361 some or all Supervisors may participate in the meeting by telephone or video conference..

**1. 5:30 P.M. - Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Additions and Corrections by Clerk**

The Clerk of the Board will announce agenda corrections and proposed additions, which may be acted on by the Board as provided in Sections 54954.2 of the California Government Code.

**4. Overview of redistricting and demographic update:**

Presented by Lapkoff & Gobalet Demographic Research, Inc.

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**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)

Presented by Rosemary Soto, Management Analyst III from the County Administrative Office

**5. Summary of COI Public Hearing Testimonies**

Presented by Commissioners:

District 1  
District 2  
District 3  
District 4  
District 5

**6. Overview of redistricting process timeline and next steps:**

- a. Public hearings on Draft Plans by District and future Joint BOS/ARC public hearings

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**7. Adjournment**



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### SUMMARY:

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### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On May 13, 2021, the Board approved the formation of the 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission (Commission). On July 27, 2021, the Board appointed three (3) representatives for their respective districts for a total of a 15-member Commission. On August 31, 2021, the Board appointed alternates for the Commissioners in Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5. District 3 did not appoint an alternate. The Advisory Redistricting Commission meets on the first and third Thursday each month and has held a total of five (5) public meetings. Due to a resignation for District 3, as of August 25, 2021 the Board also appointed a Commissioner for District 3. The pool of applicants representing District 3 had been exhausted and there were no alternate options for an appointment to fill the vacancy.

### **Communities of Interest**

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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

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FINANCING:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Receiving the update supports the 2021 redistricting process for supervisorial districts in Monterey County.

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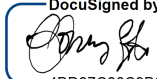
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