

From: [Yareli Cruz-Arreola](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: SB County Citizens Independent Redistricting Committee Position
Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 4:56:34 PM

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To whom it may concern,

Good Afternoon, I hope all is going well.

I am writing to you on behalf of Kevin Ilac. It has been brought to my attention that he has been selected to interview for the Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Committee. I have known Kevin Ilac for four years now, and I believe he would fit this position perfectly. Mr. Ilac is a selfless person and has dedicated a lot of his time to the community. As a teacher and coach, he has guided, motivated, and supported many, serving as a mentor to all. One of the courses he teaches is government, in which he is passionate in making others knowledgeable on its workings. As an AVID student of his, he has taught me and many others various valuable life lessons and always pushes us to our full potential. Overall, he is a pillar to the community and he has the dedication it takes for this role. I hope you will take this into consideration when choosing someone for the position.

Thank you,
Yareli Cruz Arreola
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Daisy Basulto](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Public comment for 12/9/2020
Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 4:59:51 PM

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Hello,

I am unable to attend this evening's meeting, but I would like to submit the following as a public comment:

My name is Daisy Basulto. I am a nonprofit professional and a resident of Santa Barbara County. I am writing to express support for a more inclusive and diverse for the Santa Barbara Independent Redistricting Commission of Santa Barbara County. The inclusion of young people of color and women on this commission is important as this group is underrepresented within our county. I believe educator and Santa Maria resident, Jannet Rios, a candidate for the Santa Barbara Independent Redistricting Commission is representative of the commission requirements. Ms. Rios has a background like many residents of our county. As an educated daughter of immigrants that came back to her community to give back and help improve her community, this commission will help contribute to Ms. Rios' goals for her community. Ms. Rios is bilingual. She is able to speak, read, and write fluently in Spanish and English, but also understands that there are barriers that other Latinx folks face such as the high number of Mixteco speaking families in Santa Barbara County. This is a unique perspective she is able to offer due to the work she does everyday with her students.

As a woman of color whose value's align with the community, Ms. Rios would be able to work with the other commissioners to bring people's perspective from the community to this work. It is imperative for this commission to be inclusive and diverse in age, gender, race, and geographic diversity. Oftentimes young professionals such as Ms. Rios are overlooked and not given opportunities to get involved which is why I highly recommend to you all to consider appointing Ms. Rios to the Santa Barbara Independent Redistricting Commission.

From: [Francesca Carrillo-Diaz](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Comment on behalf of Kevin Ilac
Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 5:03:13 PM

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Kevin Ilac is a great choice to serve on the Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission. His commitment as an educator to teach his students about the importance of democracy and using their voices to stand up for their communities has changed the lives of hundreds of students. He has helped foster civic engagement in younger generations beyond just teaching them things from a government textbook. Mr. Ilac has always emphasized how important it is for their students to exercise their civic duties and him applying for this position proves how he is a great example of walking the walk when it comes to being an active member in his community. I think it is important for the Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission to show an accurate portrayal of the diversity in Santa Barbara County to ensure our community's voice is fairly represented.

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Best,

Francesca Carrillo-Díaz
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From: [Candice Joy Corpuz](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Candidate Kevin Ilac
Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 6:09:39 PM

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Hello,

My name is Candice Joy Corpuz, former AVID student of Mr. Kevin Ilac! I am extremely honored to be writing this for his candidacy in the Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission. Mr. Ilac has been a tremendous helping hand to me during my educational journey. He was not only just my teacher, but a role-model that I strived to make proud. His dedication and passion towards encouraging young students to fulfill their educational dreams has been an inspiration to many. He is the effect candidate because he is reliable, compassionate, and eager to help anyone in need. He has always worked so hard to make sure those around him are well taken care of and know that they can do anything they set their minds to. He is the epitome of a hard worker and dedicated individual and I am proud to know him.

Thank you.

With All Regards,
Candice Joy Corpuz
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From: [Antonio Ramirez](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Jannet Rios and Lupe Alvarez
Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 8:46:12 PM

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Dear Commissioners:

My name is Antonio Ramirez and I would like to show support to both Jannet Rios and Lupe Alvarez for the Redistricting Commission.

I have been able to work with Jannet Rios as an educator at Allan Hancock College. As a student of mine, she worked hard to provide multiple perspectives and discussed tough conversations surrounding intersections between race and class just to name a few identities.

Lupe Alvarez has been working for decades to help bring the City of Guadalupe in being it's best version of itself. These experiences include being the Mayor of the city for over 7 years. He has worked tirelessly to improve the image of the City, both county and Statewide. I know he will represent the City of Guadalupe with integrity.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Antonio Ramirez
Mayor Pro Temp
City of Guadalupe

From: [Benjamin Olmedo](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#); [Shalice Tilton](#)
Subject: Public Comment - DEC 14th 2020
Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020 9:29:03 PM

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Dear Shalice and Redistricting CEO:

I will be in clinic on December 14th taking care of patients and will be unable to attend the meeting. I hope that my letter can be read aloud and commented on by the current Commissioners and legal counsel.

I hope that the redistricting commission can meet the requirements to have a transparent, equitable and fair process to build a commission that can be impartial in order to ensure that everyone in Santa Barbara County has a voice in the process.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Thanks!

Ben

Letter below:

Dear fellow Santa Barbara County Citizens and Redistricting Commission Members:

Hello! My name is Benjamin Olmedo and I am writing to offer public comment as a citizen of Santa Barbara County who cares deeply about equity, impartiality and transparency in ensuring equal representation for all citizens across the United States and, especially, within Santa Barbara County.

I am not writing to advocate for myself. In fact, **I want to offer my full endorsement and support for the selection of James Hudley as the 3rd district representative for the Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Commission.** I feel he is extremely well qualified and would bring needed demographic representation, strong social advocacy experience and well-honed analytical skills to the redistricting commission.

I am writing to ensure appropriate discussion and scrutinization of the current decision-making process of the redistricting commission that is tasked with being impartial, transparent and free from preconceived opinions. During the meetings on December 8th, 9th and in watching videos from prior commission meetings, I do not feel that there has been impartial decision-making nor full understanding of the charges given to the redistricting commission.

My concerns are as follows:

1) Words have meanings. Commissioner Glenn Morris has neither the authority or ability to determine which candidates are "qualified" or "not qualified" as the current candidate pool has been determined to be qualified by the Santa Barbara County Clerk. **The charge**

of the commission in selecting additional members is to determine how well they meet the criteria outlined in the state elections code and county ordinance with impartiality being a key factor. I was surprised that this was not challenged or corrected during the meeting by other Commissioners or legal counsel.

2) It was my understanding that the candidacy of Mr. Lupe Alvarez was concerning not because he was an elected official (Mayor of Guadalupe) but because of apprehensions regarding political partisanship influencing his ability to be impartial. However, it is difficult, if not impossible, to determine that without a candidate interview.

3) Intentionally or unintentionally, I believe the current process has perpetuated the long held observation that people of color, in the United States, have to "work twice as hard, to get half as far" as their white counterparts.

Evidence: Uproar over social media posts of Ms. Jannet Rios, concerns of partisanship of Mr. Lupe Alvarez, concerns for catering to special interest by Mr. Masuda or my "disqualification" for serving on a local school board, it is clear to me that different standards of evaluation are being employed. Current Commissioners and other candidates have served on numerous public service boards, influential non-profit organizations and have specific ties to multiple business interests in Santa Barbara county, so it seems inconsistent and biased to me to disqualify some applicants on those same grounds and not apply those equally to all candidates.

4) **It is clear to me that the County Ordinance and State of California Elections Code references to "local jurisdiction" are at the county level**, in this particular case, for redistricting purposes. It would then go against current elections code and represent bias to simply exclude certain candidates because they hold or held elected positions that would not impact the county level. **In contrast, a non-elected position that advocates for businesses or special interest at the county level would potentially constitute a serious conflict of interest.**

5) Given the focus on independence, "communities of interest" and impartiality I find it difficult to accept that Commissioner Morris will not be beholden to special business interests in the redistricting process given his role to specifically advocate for business interests in Santa Barbara County with the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce. **The redistricting process should be focused on people not businesses.**

The solution to these issues would be for Commissioner Morris and any other Commissioner who may potentially have significant conflicts of interest - as already identified by the current selected commissioners - to voluntarily resign after selecting the final slate of candidates.

This would allow the rest of the redistricting commission to continue interviews of the selected final pool of qualified candidates to ensure the integrity, transparency and impartiality of the redistricting commission going forward.

Thank-you in advance for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Benjamin Olmedo MMSc, PA-C
Veteran U.S. Army & U.S. Public Health Service
Solvang School Board Trustee
UCLA Executive MPH - Class of 2022

From: [Lee Heller](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#); [CARE CIRC Candidate Feedback](#)
Subject: public comment for Commissioners
Date: Friday, December 11, 2020 11:03:23 AM
Attachments: [State Voter Registration figures Oct 2020.pdf](#)

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Dear Chair Morris and Commissioners,

In the event that this comment reaches you before Monday, I wanted to share some information that I hope will help you as you consider how to choose your six additional colleagues.

The table that was discussed at the end of the Wed. night meeting is impressive in outlining the demographic representation of the current Commissioners and candidates, as well as the 'target' to match the County's demographics. However, I wanted to caution you about using the target as a formula to adhere to in choosing your slates.

Mr. Churchwell did a great job explaining the legal parameters meant to guide your choice. (In addition to a Ph.D. in literature I hold a J.D.) I am pasting the key section in below, to address the requirement and the likely legislative intent it indicates:

The six appointees shall be chosen based on relevant experience, analytical skills, and ability to be impartial, and to ensure that the commission reflects the county's diversity, including racial, ethnic, geographic, age and gender diversity. However, **formulas or specific ratios shall not be applied for this purpose.** [emphasis added] The five commissioners shall also consider political party preference, selecting applicants so that the political party preferences of the members of the commission, as shown on the members' most recent affidavits of registration, shall be as proportional as possible to the percentage of voters who are registered with each political party in the County of Santa Barbara, as determined by registration at the most recent statewide election. However, the political party preferences of the commission members are not required to be exactly the same as the proportion of the political party preferences among the registered voters of the county. [emphasis added.] For this purpose, voters registered without stating a party preference or registered with any party that had a total registration of less than five percent in the county at the time of the last statewide election shall be considered unaffiliated. Unaffiliated members shall also be appointed to the commission in rough proportion to the percentage of unaffiliated registered voters at the time of the most recent statewide election.

As Mr. Johnson pointed out at a previous meeting, you would be unable to exactly match the demographic distribution given the pool of candidates

approved by Mr. Holland. But beyond that, the language specifically precludes you from using a formula (that word 'shall'). The likely intent is to prevent the use of a formula where it would preclude the flexibility needed to incorporate the different criteria that the ordinance lays out. Those criteria, distilled from the paragraph above, are:

- Experience/skills/ability to be impartial
- Demographic representation including multiple categories (race, ethnicity, geography, age, gender)
- Party preference

The balance you will each try to strike is a challenge, for sure, but in a way, the preclusion of using a formula is liberating, as it allows you to balance demographics against experience/skills/impartiality.

I also wanted to correct a misstatement that was made by a public speaker on Wed. night. (I share Chair Morris's attachment to consistency, and add to it a passion for accuracy.)

Ms. McGinness, the local Republican Party chair, stated that Republican voter registration is 36% in SB County. That didn't sound right to me, so I checked the Secretary of State's website. As of October 2020, Republicans were just over 25% of registered voters in the County; Democrats are a hair over 46%; no party preference is 22.29%, and then there are other much smaller scattered party registrations. I am attaching that document for your review. (Full disclosure: I belong to one of those teeny tiny little parties.)

I believe strongly in redistricting commissions; I voted for the statewide ballot measure in 2010, and canvassed in support of this one in 2018. I believe that there should be appropriate representation based on the criteria outlined in the ordinance. But as with the demographic formula, the ordinance instructs you not to make party choices based solely on 1:1 representation. You are instructed ("shall") to consider party preference, but liberated from exact proportionality, presumably to give you the ability to select commissioners based on the other requirements of this section.

Thank you for your attention and for all your hard work!

Sincerely,

Lee E. Heller, Ph.D., J.D.
Santa Barbara CA

**Report of Registration as of October 19, 2020
Registration by County**

County	Eligible	Total Registered	Democratic	Republican	American Independent	Green
Alameda	1,092,044	966,809	574,959	106,702	19,331	5,249
Percent		88.53%	59.47%	11.04%	2.00%	0.54%
Alpine	924	869	375	219	40	8
Percent		94.05%	43.15%	25.20%	4.60%	0.92%
Amador	27,210	25,605	7,214	12,000	1,141	101
Percent		94.10%	28.17%	46.87%	4.46%	0.39%
Butte	151,237	124,793	44,489	44,733	4,960	715
Percent		82.51%	35.65%	35.85%	3.97%	0.57%
Calaveras	35,949	31,364	8,537	14,440	1,489	150
Percent		87.25%	27.22%	46.04%	4.75%	0.48%
Colusa	12,388	9,807	3,110	4,048	312	20
Percent		79.17%	31.71%	41.28%	3.18%	0.20%
Contra Costa	758,611	703,021	369,254	134,553	20,406	2,700
Percent		92.67%	52.52%	19.14%	2.90%	0.38%
Del Norte	18,366	15,904	4,747	6,263	792	100
Percent		86.59%	29.85%	39.38%	4.98%	0.63%
El Dorado	145,474	135,554	41,755	55,764	5,675	639
Percent		93.18%	30.80%	41.14%	4.19%	0.47%
Fresno	605,256	496,482	195,697	161,696	16,558	1,462
Percent		82.03%	39.42%	32.57%	3.34%	0.29%
Glenn	19,242	14,279	4,047	6,375	563	33
Percent		74.21%	28.34%	44.65%	3.94%	0.23%
Humboldt	103,224	85,183	39,744	20,335	2,797	1,339
Percent		82.52%	46.66%	23.87%	3.28%	1.57%
Imperial	99,790	84,676	40,381	17,017	2,201	229
Percent		84.85%	47.69%	20.10%	2.60%	0.27%
Inyo	13,707	11,016	3,707	4,382	433	34
Percent		80.37%	33.65%	39.78%	3.93%	0.31%
Kern	534,022	425,839	145,595	157,265	15,674	1,130
Percent		79.74%	34.19%	36.93%	3.68%	0.27%
Kings	82,674	60,100	19,995	23,874	1,981	147
Percent		72.70%	33.27%	39.72%	3.30%	0.24%

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Alameda	5,745	3,543	91	5,521	245,668
Percent	0.59%	0.37%	0.01%	0.57%	25.41%
Alpine	17	1	1	3	205
Percent	1.96%	0.12%	0.12%	0.35%	23.59%
Amador	381	72	34	88	4,574
Percent	1.49%	0.28%	0.13%	0.34%	17.86%
Butte	1,660	512	491	969	26,264
Percent	1.33%	0.41%	0.39%	0.78%	21.05%
Calaveras	520	100	143	270	5,715
Percent	1.66%	0.32%	0.46%	0.86%	18.22%
Colusa	121	44	0	4	2,148
Percent	1.23%	0.45%	0.00%	0.04%	21.90%
Contra Costa	5,529	2,545	2,809	2,178	163,047
Percent	0.79%	0.36%	0.40%	0.31%	23.19%
Del Norte	206	90	10	63	3,633
Percent	1.30%	0.57%	0.06%	0.40%	22.84%
El Dorado	2,202	373	13	867	28,266
Percent	1.62%	0.28%	0.01%	0.64%	20.85%
Fresno	4,252	2,542	2,304	4,197	107,774
Percent	0.86%	0.51%	0.46%	0.85%	21.71%
Glenn	169	56	13	41	2,982
Percent	1.18%	0.39%	0.09%	0.29%	20.88%
Humboldt	1,045	420	425	518	18,560
Percent	1.23%	0.49%	0.50%	0.61%	21.79%
Imperial	566	633	903	366	22,380
Percent	0.67%	0.75%	1.07%	0.43%	26.43%
Inyo	124	43	47	82	2,164
Percent	1.13%	0.39%	0.43%	0.74%	19.64%
Kern	4,539	2,303	3,902	1,280	94,151
Percent	1.07%	0.54%	0.92%	0.30%	22.11%
Kings	644	275	420	280	12,484
Percent	1.07%	0.46%	0.70%	0.47%	20.77%

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Lake	48,342	37,262	14,398	11,180	1,713	292
Percent		77.08%	38.64%	30.00%	4.60%	0.78%
Lassen	16,829	15,252	2,754	8,375	868	51
Percent		90.63%	18.06%	54.91%	5.69%	0.33%
Los Angeles	6,129,494	5,813,167	3,048,960	996,999	143,054	22,483
Percent		94.84%	52.45%	17.15%	2.46%	0.39%
Madera	90,184	67,909	22,342	26,916	2,428	191
Percent		75.30%	32.90%	39.64%	3.58%	0.28%
Marin	180,089	175,192	105,707	23,248	4,240	1,023
Percent		97.28%	60.34%	13.27%	2.42%	0.58%
Mariposa	14,893	11,918	3,406	5,449	501	48
Percent		80.02%	28.58%	45.72%	4.20%	0.40%
Mendocino	63,021	53,697	26,286	11,242	1,945	803
Percent		85.20%	48.95%	20.94%	3.62%	1.50%
Merced	161,916	117,174	50,327	33,523	4,176	366
Percent		72.37%	42.95%	28.61%	3.56%	0.31%
Modoc	7,293	5,338	1,136	2,900	288	20
Percent		73.19%	21.28%	54.33%	5.40%	0.37%
Mono	9,232	7,831	3,030	2,356	295	54
Percent		84.82%	38.69%	30.09%	3.77%	0.69%
Monterey	244,481	206,917	107,230	41,877	5,558	922
Percent		84.64%	51.82%	20.24%	2.69%	0.45%
Napa	90,729	84,845	41,749	18,434	2,773	460
Percent		93.51%	49.21%	21.73%	3.27%	0.54%
Nevada	77,628	74,299	29,330	24,549	2,817	620
Percent		95.71%	39.48%	33.04%	3.79%	0.83%
Orange	2,000,842	1,772,700	648,537	606,174	50,404	5,078
Percent		88.60%	36.58%	34.19%	2.84%	0.29%
Placer	287,216	270,599	82,925	112,511	9,595	889
Percent		94.21%	30.64%	41.58%	3.55%	0.33%
Plumas	14,751	13,655	3,928	6,103	666	55
Percent		92.57%	28.77%	44.69%	4.88%	0.40%

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Lake	457	220	76	104	8,822
Percent	1.23%	0.59%	0.20%	0.28%	23.68%
Lassen	207	60	13	67	2,857
Percent	1.36%	0.39%	0.09%	0.44%	18.73%
Los Angeles	41,081	35,228	39,687	35,505	1,450,170
Percent	0.71%	0.61%	0.68%	0.61%	24.95%
Madera	667	388	424	349	14,204
Percent	0.98%	0.57%	0.62%	0.51%	20.92%
Marin	1,261	333	528	614	38,238
Percent	0.72%	0.19%	0.30%	0.35%	21.83%
Mariposa	164	39	38	101	2,172
Percent	1.38%	0.33%	0.32%	0.85%	18.22%
Mendocino	648	294	362	107	12,010
Percent	1.21%	0.55%	0.67%	0.20%	22.37%
Merced	1,068	670	154	342	26,548
Percent	0.91%	0.57%	0.13%	0.29%	22.66%
Modoc	56	23	5	17	893
Percent	1.05%	0.43%	0.09%	0.32%	16.73%
Mono	104	36	5	20	1,931
Percent	1.33%	0.46%	0.06%	0.26%	24.66%
Monterey	1,614	908	1,941	193	46,674
Percent	0.78%	0.44%	0.94%	0.09%	22.56%
Napa	908	298	528	304	19,391
Percent	1.07%	0.35%	0.62%	0.36%	22.85%
Nevada	960	223	39	5,851	9,910
Percent	1.29%	0.30%	0.05%	7.87%	13.34%
Orange	17,899	5,961	2,257	4,955	431,435
Percent	1.01%	0.34%	0.13%	0.28%	24.34%
Placer	4,610	609	1,288	1,261	56,911
Percent	1.70%	0.23%	0.48%	0.47%	21.03%
Plumas	172	46	10	30	2,645
Percent	1.26%	0.34%	0.07%	0.22%	19.37%

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Riverside	1,492,076	1,241,552	492,967	404,400	44,128	3,578
Percent		83.21%	39.71%	32.57%	3.55%	0.29%
Sacramento	1,028,719	884,247	398,079	228,045	30,487	3,514
Percent		85.96%	45.02%	25.79%	3.45%	0.40%
San Benito	37,706	35,359	16,780	9,285	1,102	120
Percent		93.78%	47.46%	26.26%	3.12%	0.34%
San Bernardino	1,331,471	1,102,687	450,725	328,307	42,655	3,437
Percent		82.82%	40.88%	29.77%	3.87%	0.31%
San Diego	2,214,746	1,950,545	782,594	538,982	66,424	6,814
Percent		88.07%	40.12%	27.63%	3.41%	0.35%
San Francisco	668,567	521,771	325,362	34,989	8,202	2,659
Percent		78.04%	62.36%	6.71%	1.57%	0.51%
San Joaquin	466,484	366,394	158,590	105,540	11,974	1,019
Percent		78.54%	43.28%	28.81%	3.27%	0.28%
San Luis Obispo	206,297	183,746	68,853	64,199	6,330	932
Percent		89.07%	37.47%	34.94%	3.44%	0.51%
San Mateo	504,398	442,988	242,349	64,016	9,802	1,726
Percent		87.83%	54.71%	14.45%	2.21%	0.39%
Santa Barbara	291,962	235,198	109,182	59,601	7,071	1,020
Percent		80.56%	46.42%	25.34%	3.01%	0.43%
Santa Clara	1,205,945	1,019,309	504,474	172,323	22,686	3,524
Percent		84.52%	49.49%	16.91%	2.23%	0.35%
Santa Cruz	185,096	170,831	100,736	23,976	4,083	1,314
Percent		92.29%	58.97%	14.03%	2.39%	0.77%
Shasta	133,777	111,243	25,805	55,389	4,785	383
Percent		83.16%	23.20%	49.79%	4.30%	0.34%
Sierra	2,609	2,261	648	972	128	15
Percent		86.66%	28.66%	42.99%	5.66%	0.66%
Siskiyou	34,368	29,240	8,856	11,913	1,424	168
Percent		85.08%	30.29%	40.74%	4.87%	0.57%
Solano	294,407	259,161	124,706	58,473	8,579	944
Percent		88.03%	48.12%	22.56%	3.31%	0.36%

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Registration by County**

County	Libertarian	Peace and Freedom	Unknown	Other	No Party Preference
Riverside	11,757	6,049	5,660	6,322	266,691
Percent	0.95%	0.49%	0.46%	0.51%	21.48%
Sacramento	10,120	5,274	4,942	3,154	200,632
Percent	1.14%	0.60%	0.56%	0.36%	22.69%
San Benito	342	145	37	92	7,456
Percent	0.97%	0.41%	0.10%	0.26%	21.09%
San Bernardino	10,315	6,782	6,675	6,643	247,148
Percent	0.94%	0.62%	0.61%	0.60%	22.41%
San Diego	20,698	7,777	9,494	8,387	509,375
Percent	1.06%	0.40%	0.49%	0.43%	26.11%
San Francisco	2,902	1,605	4,076	1,077	140,899
Percent	0.56%	0.31%	0.78%	0.21%	27.00%
San Joaquin	3,414	2,001	3,352	1,597	78,907
Percent	0.93%	0.55%	0.91%	0.44%	21.54%
San Luis Obispo	2,201	509	794	1,549	38,379
Percent	1.20%	0.28%	0.43%	0.84%	20.89%
San Mateo	2,952	1,315	2,172	2,068	116,588
Percent	0.67%	0.30%	0.49%	0.47%	26.32%
Santa Barbara	2,161	856	1,518	1,357	52,432
Percent	0.92%	0.36%	0.65%	0.58%	22.29%
Santa Clara	7,822	3,685	253	2,742	301,800
Percent	0.77%	0.36%	0.02%	0.27%	29.61%
Santa Cruz	1,646	634	239	853	37,350
Percent	0.96%	0.37%	0.14%	0.50%	21.86%
Shasta	1,417	410	93	364	22,597
Percent	1.27%	0.37%	0.08%	0.33%	20.31%
Sierra	34	1	1	40	422
Percent	1.50%	0.04%	0.04%	1.77%	18.66%
Siskiyou	397	143	186	65	6,088
Percent	1.36%	0.49%	0.64%	0.22%	20.82%
Solano	2,468	1,197	1,017	1,453	60,324
Percent	0.95%	0.46%	0.39%	0.56%	23.28%

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County	Eligible	Total Registered	Democratic	Republican	American Independent	Green
Sonoma	340,306	300,840	168,614	54,084	8,324	2,088
Percent		88.40%	56.05%	17.98%	2.77%	0.69%
Stanislaus	346,686	279,644	107,472	99,322	9,584	746
Percent		80.66%	38.43%	35.52%	3.43%	0.27%
Sutter	61,601	52,096	15,941	21,309	1,931	122
Percent		84.57%	30.60%	40.90%	3.71%	0.23%
Tehama	44,759	37,023	9,034	17,543	1,818	62
Percent		82.72%	24.40%	47.38%	4.91%	0.17%
Trinity	11,173	8,204	2,618	2,856	403	82
Percent		73.43%	31.91%	34.81%	4.91%	1.00%
Tulare	267,962	199,725	65,955	76,457	7,270	534
Percent		74.53%	33.02%	38.28%	3.64%	0.27%
Tuolumne	42,620	35,042	10,278	15,558	1,553	145
Percent		82.22%	29.33%	44.40%	4.43%	0.41%
Ventura	537,055	500,442	212,552	145,457	14,981	1,721
Percent		93.18%	42.47%	29.07%	2.99%	0.34%
Yolo	150,850	119,218	60,378	24,069	3,535	582
Percent		79.03%	50.65%	20.19%	2.97%	0.49%
Yuba	51,819	39,626	11,118	15,756	1,897	147
Percent		76.47%	28.06%	39.76%	4.79%	0.37%
State Total	25,090,517	22,047,448	10,170,317	5,334,323	646,830	84,807
Percent		87.87%	46.13%	24.19%	2.93%	0.38%

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Sonoma	2,996	930	1,763	1,385	60,656
Percent	1.00%	0.31%	0.59%	0.46%	20.16%
Stanislaus	2,641	1,271	1,911	2,144	54,553
Percent	0.94%	0.45%	0.68%	0.77%	19.51%
Sutter	566	210	318	3,756	7,943
Percent	1.09%	0.40%	0.61%	7.21%	15.25%
Tehama	494	158	34	164	7,716
Percent	1.33%	0.43%	0.09%	0.44%	20.84%
Trinity	133	57	98	82	1,875
Percent	1.62%	0.69%	1.19%	1.00%	22.85%
Tulare	2,005	1,002	1,755	873	43,874
Percent	1.00%	0.50%	0.88%	0.44%	21.97%
Tuolumne	516	118	8	51	6,815
Percent	1.47%	0.34%	0.02%	0.15%	19.45%
Ventura	4,765	1,757	3,939	4,984	110,286
Percent	0.95%	0.35%	0.79%	1.00%	22.04%
Yolo	1,198	477	8	108	28,863
Percent	1.00%	0.40%	0.01%	0.09%	24.21%
Yuba	552	225	361	212	9,358
Percent	1.39%	0.57%	0.91%	0.54%	23.62%
State Total	196,108	103,476	109,665	118,069	5,283,853
Percent	0.89%	0.47%	0.50%	0.54%	23.97%

From: [Benjamin Oakley](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Redistricting Commission Appointment - Olmedo
Date: Friday, December 11, 2020 2:13:34 PM
Attachments: [Olmedo Letter.pdf](#)

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To Whom It May Concern, please see the attached letter regarding the elimination of Mr. Olmedo from the Redistricting Commission's pool of applicants.

Regards,
Ben Oakley

Santa Barbara County
Citizen's Independent Redistricting Commission
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 406
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Members of the Commission,

I write today to express deep concern regarding the apparent elimination of Benjamin Olmedo from the pool of applicants you are considering for appointment to the remaining seats on the Redistricting Commission.

While I understand the concerns raised about elevating elected officials to a position on this commission, I am struck by the apparent misapplication of that standard to Benjamin Olmedo.

At the December 9th Commission Meeting, Chair Morris described that to be "intellectually consistent" with the decision to eliminate Guadalupe Mayor Lupe Alvarez from consideration, the commission should likewise eliminate Solvang Elementary School Board Trustee, Benjamin Olmedo.

There are numerous differences between Mr. Olmedo's situation and that of Mayor Alvarez and I strongly encourage you to separate the potential for conflict of interests between these two applicants.

Benjamin Olmedo has never appeared on a ballot for publicly elected office in Santa Barbara County. Mr. Olmedo was appointed to the Board of Trustees for the Solvang Elementary School District after multiple previous board members resigned. He then filed paperwork to retain his seat for a full term after no other candidate put their name forward.

When few others were willing to step up for their community, Benjamin Olmedo was present and ready to serve. That should not be a disqualifying experience for Mr. Olmedo; it should be one of the most unmistakable signs that he is the right person to do the work demanded of Redistricting Commissioners.

With respect to Mayor Alvarez, there are stark differences between the conflict presented by his candidacy and that of Mr. Olmedo. Mayor Alvarez is registered with a political party and has competitively run for elected office. Mr. Olmedo is an independent and accepted an appointment to his position. Mayor Alvarez has held countywide leadership positions such as serving on the Air Pollution Control Board and Council of Governments. Mr. Olmedo has held no such posts.

It is entirely intellectually and logically consistent to accept that the appointment of Mayor Alvarez would present unique conflicts while also recognizing the same does not hold true for Mr. Olmedo. Making such a distinction is imperative as Mr. Olmedo is the only candidate that can deliver representation in several unique ways.

Mr. Olmedo is the only applicant from the Santa Ynez Valley and the only applicant with a track record of working with our Native American communities. It would be inconsistent with the values of this commission and the spirit of Measure G to strike a commission applicant who brings such advantageous experience and community representation to the commission.

I respectfully request that the commission treats Mr. Olmedo as an equal applicant in this process and recognize the benefits his selection would bring to the redistricting process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Oakley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Ben Oakley

From: [Monique Collins](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Santa Barbara County Citizen's Independent Redistricting Commission
Date: Friday, December 11, 2020 2:14:57 PM

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To whom it may concern,

When the voters passed measure G in 2018, Santa Barbara residents put their faith in the idea that a group of everyday citizens, not politicians, are best suited to draw the lines that elect our county leaders. Unfortunately, it appears that political party interests are attempting to manipulate the voters' goodwill and make a mockery of this process through organized efforts to influence the commissioner selection process and achieve partisan outcomes.

As we watched the commission meeting unfold this past Wednesday, it became clear that the back-to-back testimony highlighting specific applicants was coordinated and strategic. On one side, there was an effort to discredit Janet Rios, and on the other, an attempt to promote Rios, along with Lati Murti and James Hudley.

Unfortunately, that suspicion became affirmed as evidence has emerged that the public comments on Wednesday were indeed a coordinated effort by a partisan political operative, Jonathon Abboud. In the attached email, you will see a call to action by a local activist group to engage in public comment on behalf of a "slate" of candidates applying to the commission. The email references that Jonathon Abboud is coordinating the effort.

Mr. Abboud is a former Democrat State Assembly Candidate, a longtime partisan political operative, and a member of the Santa Barbara County Democratic Central Committee. Mr. Abboud epitomizes the very interests that Measure G sought to strip from the redistricting process in establishing this independent commission.

I will be blunt. Should Lati Muti, Janet Rios, and James Hudley be selected for this commission, it would cast serious doubt as to the non-partisanship and legitimacy of the redistricting process. It is clear that organized efforts are underway to influence this commission and back you into a corner of selecting specific applicants. If these candidates are chosen, it will provide unlimited fodder for those that disagree with any decision made by the commission. With a "slate" of candidates appointed, there will be a dark cloud cast on every action you take from now until maps are adopted.

I have no opinion as to which applicants are best suited for this commission. I believe you all are fully capable of making that distinction independently. My only request is that you uphold the integrity of this commission. Ensure that everyone can point to this process as fair and reasonable. Reject any organized slate of candidates that are being promoted by partisan interests, whether they be Republican or Democrat.

The reputation of this commission is now at stake in this applicant selection process.

With regards,

Monique Collins

From: [Brenda Carillo](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Santa Barbara County Redistricting Commission
Date: Friday, December 11, 2020 2:49:28 PM

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Good Afternoon Commissioners,

Much as I did ten years ago, I have been watching the redistricting process unfold this time around and want to thank you all for your participation and leadership in this effort. You have a tremendous depth of knowledge already represented on the commission with many promising additions in the pipeline.

That being said, I would like to share some thoughts on what I see as a dangerous trend that can be avoided this year to achieve fair and widely accepted district boundaries for the Board of Supervisors in the coming decade.

Those of us who followed the redistricting process ten years ago can recount the tension between UCSB and surrounding communities as the Board of Supervisors drew the current lines. There was a palpable fear during that process that if the North County and UCSB were placed in the same district, North County voters would be drowned out by the powerful interests of the University neighborhoods. Those fears were realized as the newly created District Three encompassed both UCSB and a slice of North County while Santa Maria was chopped into multiple districts.

There is resentment in North County to this day about how the maps were drawn.

Ten years later, history appears to be repeating itself. UCSB is dramatically overrepresented in the pool of applicants:

Commissioner Bradley is a lecturer at UCSB
Megan Turley is a fundraiser for the Kavli Institute at UCSB
James Hudley is employed in a full-time position at UCSB
and Daniel Montello is a professor at UCSB

That's not to say that these individuals will be inherently biased towards UCSB in their decision making. However, it will provide a valid argument for folks who want to discredit the work of this commission should a map favor UCSB over the North County or any other community in Santa Barbara.

Without a doubt, UCSB is a valuable institution in our community. It is not, however, a protected class. Should four commission members have professional ties to the same employer, it would open the commission up to serious questions about bias, favoritism, and disproportionality as the map-drawing process gets underway.

I strongly urge the members of this commission to avoid such a pitfall.

Sincerely,

Brenda Carillo

From: [Michael Garcia](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Support for Kevin Ilac
Date: Friday, December 11, 2020 4:10:22 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

Congratulations on your selection to serve our community on the Santa Barbara Redistricting Commission. This process has already shown itself to be challenging, and you all have handled it with grace and thoughtfulness.

Throughout this applicant selection process, two highly vocal groups of residents rightfully have expressed their lack of representation on the Redistricting Commission.

Young residents have pleaded with you for a seat at the table, and Guadalupe residents have decried not having a voice in the remaining applicant pool. I will remind you that over 600 residents of Guadalupe signed a letter stating they feel "disenfranchised by not having fair representation on the new Redistricting Commission." In addressing this predicament, one candidate's appointment would seem to achieve representation for both groups: Kevin Ilac.

As we all know, representation is about more than simply living in a particular region or identifying with a given demographic. True representation is about understanding and empathizing with the issues faced by the diverse residents of our community.

As a teacher in Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, Kevin Ilac has taught and mentored countless students who live in Guadalupe. With generations of Guadalupe students impacted by Kevin's good work as a high school teacher, his roots in the town run deep. Not to mention, his wife Robin is a teacher in Guadalupe Union School District and was recognized as the County's 2019 Teacher of the Year.

I am sure you all shared a deep sense of pride when Kevin told the powerful story of one of his most recent student's success as a first-generation college student earning a full-ride scholarship to Yale. Hundreds of students and young people have similarly been lifted to phenomenal new heights in part because of Kevin's mentorship, leadership, and commitment to helping the young people of Santa Maria and Guadalupe. That is the exact kind of applicant that can effectively advocate for young voices on the Santa Barbara County Redistricting Commission.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Mike Garcia