

## Santa Barbara County REDISTRICTING



#### What is redistricting?

- Every 10 years Census data are used to redraw election district lines.
- The new election lines determine which community members are placed in each supervisorial district, and voters within each district will elect one of their own as County Supervisor.





# Why should I get involved?

Sharing your unique point of view will help ensure that our diverse communities are fairly represented.





## What does redistricting look like?

- Community input via public hearings, workshops and public mapping tools
- Analysis of most recent census and other data
- Public review of all maps



#### Who draws the lines?

All residents of Santa Barbara County are encouraged to submit draft maps throughout the County's Redistricting process.

Mapping tools will be released soon.



#### Who approves the lines?

In 2018, Santa Barbara County voters approved Measure G, creating the "<u>Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission</u>" (CIRC).

• Requires an independent, transparent and nonpartisan process that creates the opportunity for everyone to be heard.



#### The Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission





## **Engaging Residents**

- Extensive public outreach
  - Online, traditional media, and face-to-face
- Seven hearings before drawing maps
- Residents define local communities of interest
- Residents draw initial draft maps
- Seven hearings to gather feedback on draft maps
- Deadline for final district map: December 15, 2021

#### **Rules For Drawing the Lines**



In accordance with federal, state, county law, the Commission must draw lines pursuant to the following criteria, which are listed in order of priority:

1. Federal Laws	2. State Law and Measure G Requirements	3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles
<ul> <li>US Constitution – reasonable equal population and no racial gerrymandering</li> <li>Federal Voting Rights Act</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>California Voting Rights Act</li> <li>Geographical-contiguity</li> <li>Undivided neighborhoods and "communities of interest"</li> <li>Undivided cities and Census designated place</li> <li>Easily identifiable boundaries</li> <li>Compact</li> <li>Topography, geography, and cohesiveness</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>Future population growth</li> <li>Minimize voters shifted to different election years</li> </ul>

In addition, the Commission is prohibited from considering the residence of any incumbent or political candidate and districts shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party.



#### **Communities of Interest (COI)**

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





## **Define Your Community**

- How do you define your neighborhood or community?
  - Around a park or a school, between major roads, or some other definition?
- What are the community's geographic borders?
- What shared issues, concerns and/or demographics tie the community together?
  - How is this community impacted by County policy decisions?

*Tell your community's story.* 



#### How you can participate



Provide your input today at: <a href="mailto:DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org">DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org</a>



#### Want to learn more?

- Visit our website: <u>DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org</u>
- Participate in one or more public meetings
  - See website for meeting schedule
- Forward contact information for community groups we should contact and urge them to contact us.
- Or email us at: redistricting@countyofsb.org





#### Who else should we contact?

DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org

Review the list of groups we are contacting.

 Provide the names and contact information of any additional community-based organizations we should contact.



#### County of Santa Barbara Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

#### Public Outreach to Community Organizations

Community-based organizations are invited to use this form to request public outreach materials from the County of Santa Barbara Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission.

PLEASE NOTE: All information submitted through this form will be made available to the public. Do NOT submit personal information.

Individuals and organizations personally interested in helping with outreach should NOT list their information here. Instead, please sign up for the redistricting outreach email list using the "Click to Subscribe" link at the top of the Commission website: <u>https://countyofsb.org/redistricting.sbc</u>

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