

From: [Denice Adams](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Support for Tom Martinez
Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 4:08:41 PM

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Commission:

I am writing in strong support of Tom Martinez to be added to the Redistricting Commission. He will prove an asset and also expand essential diversity to Commission composition.

Sincerely,
Denice S Adams
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District 1
41-year resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Justin Shores](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 4:20:57 PM

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Please add Tim Martinez to the redistricting commission.

Justin Shores

From: [Josh Munsch](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Redistricting members
Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 4:41:39 PM

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Hello,

Please add Tim Martinez to the redistricting commission.

Thank you for your time, and allowing input!

Sincerely,
Joshua Munsch

From: [Marisol](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Please add Tim Martinez to the redistricting commission
Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 5:44:18 PM

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Hello,

Please add Tim Martinez to the redistricting commission.

Thank you,
Marisol Gutierrez

From: [mikeys](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Re-District the 3rd
Date: Thursday, August 5, 2021 9:49:46 AM

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To Whom it may Concern:

The huge over balanced and unfair 3rd district must be changed! The transient population of Isla Vista is affecting the northern part of the district unfairly.

You need to break up this area by dividing Isla Vista into two parts and move ½ to the second district.

What responsibility do the students share with the Santa Inez, Solvang, etc. (northern) citizens, when I.V. influences long term tax paying residents – when the students leave?

(Personally, I would require students to vote absentee from where their homes are, not the “temporary” apartments while in school).

Thank you,

Michael C. Schaumburg
805 679-3068

From: [JJ](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Tim Martinez
Date: Thursday, August 5, 2021 10:04:15 AM

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Please add him to the Commission. He will do a great job

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From: [Jeff Havlik](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: 3rd District should not include Isla Vista
Date: Saturday, August 7, 2021 8:10:22 AM

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Including Isla Vista in the Third District is gerrymandering of the worst sort.

From: [Douglas Johnson](#)
To: [Ellestad, Reese](#)
Cc: [SB CIRC NDC Email address](#)
Subject: Fwd: New submission from Contact Us
Date: Saturday, August 7, 2021 3:03:37 PM

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Reese,

This message is clearly about Santa Barbara County redistricting but oddly came into another NDC email address. Can you add it to the usual correspondence file and circulate it as usual?

Thanks!

- Doug

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Date: Sat, Aug 7, 2021 at 2:47 PM

Subject: New submission from Contact Us

Name
RON ROGERS
Email
ronnpat@verizon.net
Message
I suggest the Santa Ynez Valley be joined with Vandenberg Village as we have MUCH more uncommon than with the Students in Isla Vista.

From: [Lee Heller](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: comments by Doug Johnson in the News Press
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 1:37:15 PM

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Dear Chair Morris and Members of the Commission,

I just came across the article (pasted in below) from the Santa Barbara News Press, in which Mr. Johnson offers his opinions as to where different communities should be placed in the upcoming redistricting process. I was shocked to see this, as it is not appropriate for him, as demographer and consultant to the CIRC, to be offering opinions as to how future maps should or will be drawn. He is not a resident of this County nor is he an appointed Commissioner. For him to express views along these lines is both inappropriate and unprofessional.

Mr. Johnson can play a useful role in the media, educating the public about the nature of the redistricting process, the details of how our CIRC operates, etc. But for him to offer an analysis of how the maps will or should be drawn is simply out of bounds. I hope you will point this out to him, and instruct him accordingly.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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

Santa Barbara County sees slow population growth, census reveals

by [Madison Hirneisen](#) August 14, 2021

Results will impact redistricting efforts

While California is set to lose a congressional seat in the House of Representatives due to sluggish population growth, the slow and steady growth Santa Barbara County saw in recent decades largely remained intact, according to the results of the 2020 census released Thursday.

According to the census results, Santa Barbara County had a population of 448,229 as of April 1, 2020. This is a population shift of about 24,300 people when compared to 2010 census data, which recorded a population of 423,895.

While additional data, such as population breakdown by age, sex and race, is still forthcoming, the small population increase largely mirrors what the census has tracked in the county in years past, said Douglas Johnson, the president of the National Demographics Corporation, a consulting firm that assists local jurisdictions with redistricting.

“Historically, much of Santa Barbara County has (seen) very slow growth,” Mr. Johnson told the News-Press on Friday. “Santa Maria and other areas of the county are exceptions

to that, but the county as a whole has relatively slow growth, and now the rest of the state has kind of slowed down. It's not necessarily that Santa Barbara is growing any faster, it's just that the rest of the state is joining Santa Barbara in having slow growth."

Sluggish overall growth statewide is playing out primarily in Los Angeles County, where the state is likely to lose a congressional district as a result of slow growth, and in the Bay Area, Mr. Johnson added.

The census results released Thursday will have implications both state and county-wide.

Statewide, a group called the California Citizens Redistricting Commission is preparing to redraw political boundaries for congressional, state Senate and Assembly districts. Countywide, a group of county residents on the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission are set to draw new supervisorial district boundary lines along the Central Coast.

Though the release of the census data lagged due to COVID-19 complications, the county's commission is still required to have the new district map drawn by the Dec. 15 deadline.

This new commission was the first in the state to be formed ahead of the redistricting process, according to Mr. Johnson, though a number of other counties have formed similar oversight bodies in recent months.

The commission will be responsible for redrawing what has long been regarded as a "controversial supervisorial district map," according to Mr. Johnson. For months, the commission has collected input from members of the public regarding what the map should look like, and the new map has the potential to look very different, Mr. Johnson added.

"It's likely to lead to a big change in the map," Mr. Johnson said. "One thing that has already been said many, many times is that the current map has this very unusual linking of Goleta and Isla Vista with Guadalupe in one supervisorial district. It even carves through you know, separating Lompoc from the unincorporated communities that literally share the border. So that kind of thing is very unlikely to be drawn by an independent commission, under the fairly strict rules that the Commission has to follow, for how the lines get drawn."

"We never know how the map will turn out until they actually draw it."

The rules for redrawing district boundaries prioritize keeping communities together with nearby cities and ignoring where incumbent supervisors live, Mr. Johnson added.

With this year being the first time in history that the lines have been drawn by an independent group of citizens, Mr. Johnson said local residents have the chance to be involved in drawing district boundaries unlike ever before.

"Between the county Independent Commission and the new state rules for local redistricting, there is more chance for the public to participate in this process than ever before," Mr. Johnson said. "This is going to be, for those who want this, an unprecedented chance to draw the lines themselves."

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From: [Lucas Zucker](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#); [Rebeca Garcia](#); [Hazel Davalos](#); [Maricela Morales](#)
Subject: CAUSE Comments on Santa Barbara County Communities of Interest
Date: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 11:57:33 AM
Attachments: [CAUSE Comments on Santa Barbara County Communities of Interest.pdf](#)

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Dear Santa Barbara County Redistricting Commission,

Please find attached CAUSE's comments including data and maps on Communities of Interest in Santa Barbara County, particularly Guadalupe and Santa Maria. Feel free to reach out with any questions. Thank you.

Lucas Zucker
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August 31st, 2021

Dear Santa Barbara County Redistricting Commissioners,

The Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE) writes to you as a longstanding community organization representing working-class immigrant communities of color in Santa Barbara County. Throughout our organization's history we have been committed to voting rights for our communities, and have engaged in various city, county, state, and federal redistricting processes in the region since 2001. Protecting the political voice and voting rights of underrepresented communities is a central purpose of redistricting. Thank you for the opportunity to inform the redistricting process.

Like communities across the nation, Santa Barbara County has a long history of racial segregation that lives on in residential living patterns today. In Southern Santa Barbara County through the mid-20th century, people of color were historically segregated in small enclaves like the city of Santa Barbara's Eastside. In North County, large numbers of Asian and Latino immigrants migrated to the area to work in heavily industrialized agriculture, notably starting with the Japanese communities established in Guadalupe and West Santa Maria to work in the sugarbeet fields. These farmworker communities were connected by the Santa Maria Valley Railroad, which ran to the sugarbeet factory built between the two cities and the fields throughout the valley. As Japanese and Filipino workers were replaced by Mexican workers throughout the 20th century and as crops shifted to lettuce and strawberries, immigrant farmworker communities followed the same patterns of living in Guadalupe and on the western side of Santa Maria. This pattern is sharply visible to this day.



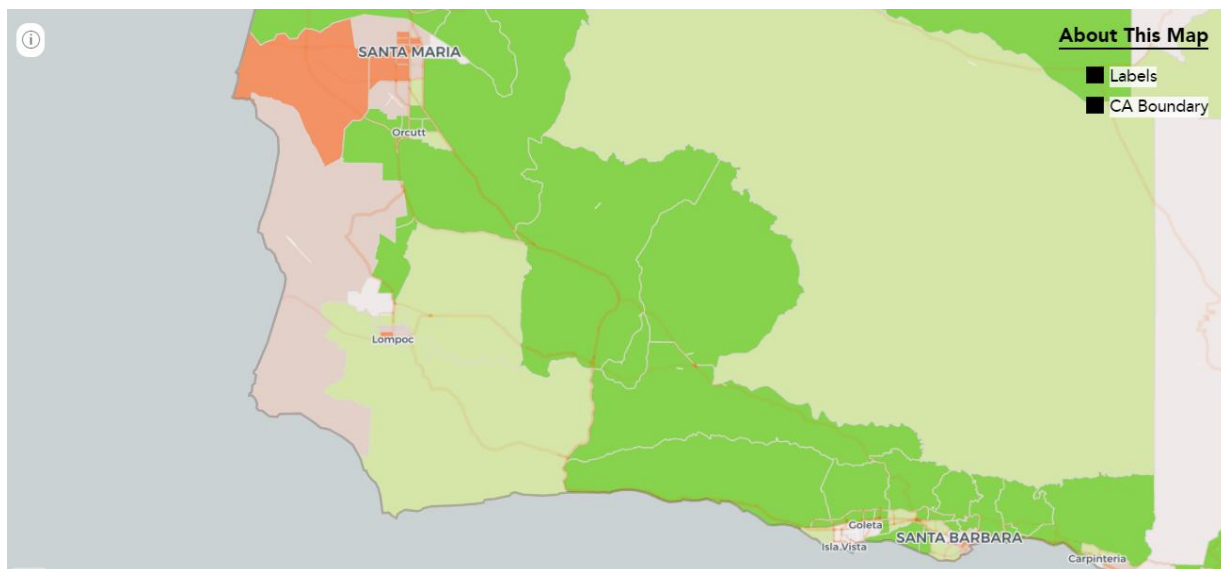
Guadalupe and Santa Maria are connected by their heavily immigrant communities, agricultural economies, and environmental challenges. They have by far the highest shares of Latino and

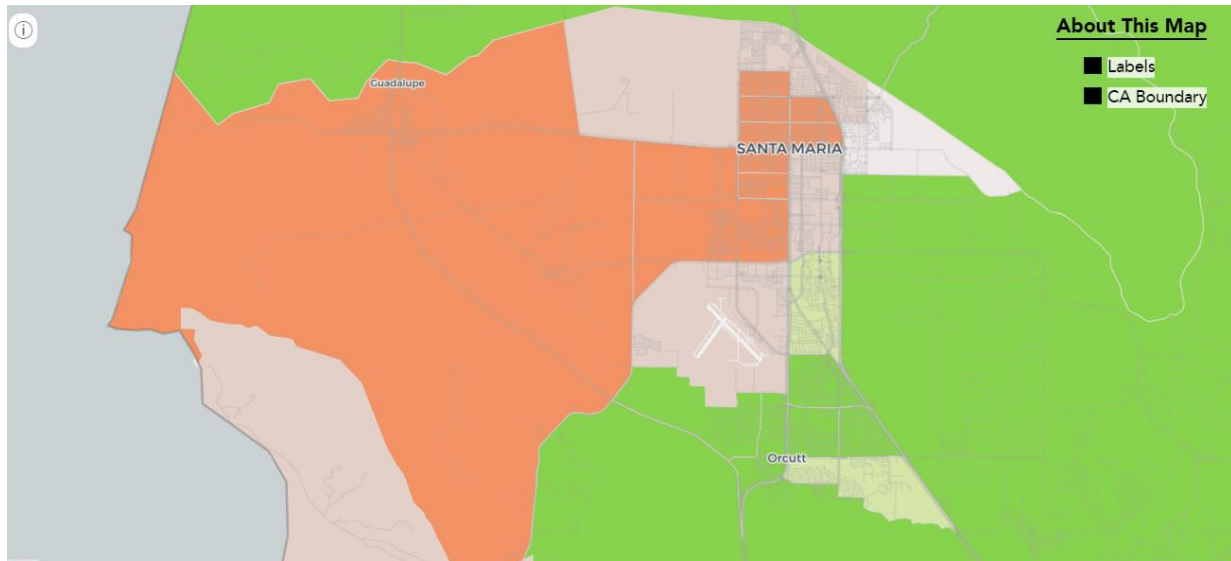
people of color population, agricultural workers, working-class residents without high school or college degrees, residents speaking a language other than English, and immigrant and non-citizen residents of any city in the county.

The County of Santa Barbara is 45% Latino, the largest racial/ethnic group in the county even slightly surpassing the Non-Hispanic White population. Yet Santa Barbara County shamefully currently lacks a single Latino County Supervisor. This is due to the heavily racially polarized voting patterns in North County, where the vast majority of the county's Latino population is concentrated, yet often outvoted by more affluent predominantly white communities like Orcutt and the Santa Ynez Valley. This is due to low levels of voter eligibility, registration and turnout among Latino residents of North County, especially during low-turnout June elections for county supervisors. Although the current 5th district is majority Latino, during June supervisorial elections, the majority of the actual electorate is white.

Because Guadalupe and Santa Maria residents face so many barriers to political representation compared to other Santa Barbara County communities, their farmworker and immigrant neighborhoods should be joined together in a district rather than divided in order to maximize their representation.

The statewide Redistricting Equity Indicators mapping tool created by the civil rights research center Advancement Project ranks census tracts throughout California according to social, economic, and environmental factors that indicate disadvantaged communities in need of voting rights protection. There are 11 census tracts in Santa Barbara County given the highest rank, 9 of which are in the Santa Maria and Guadalupe areas, which could form the core of an ideal district.





CAUSE recommends the creation of a Latino supermajority district, joining the western and northern bulk of Santa Maria with Guadalupe. This would allow Latino voters to elect the representatives of their choice even during low-turnout June elections for county supervisor. This would align with objective measures of demographic communities of interest and improve diverse representation at the county level. It is a critical matter of voting rights and fair representation to allow Santa Barbara County's Latino communities a district where we can effectively elect a supervisor of our choice.

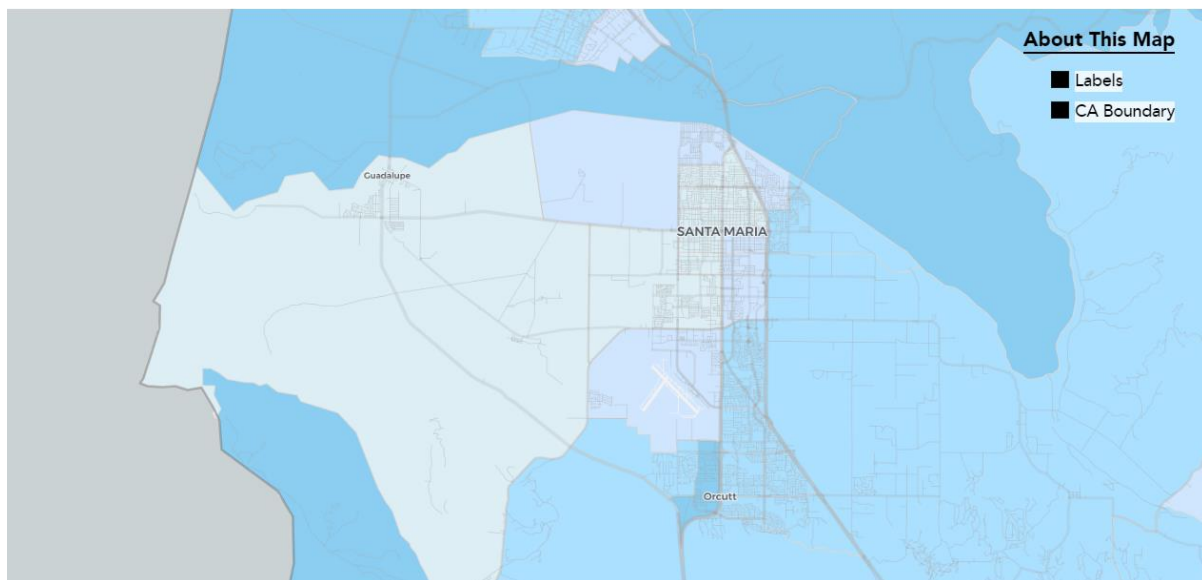
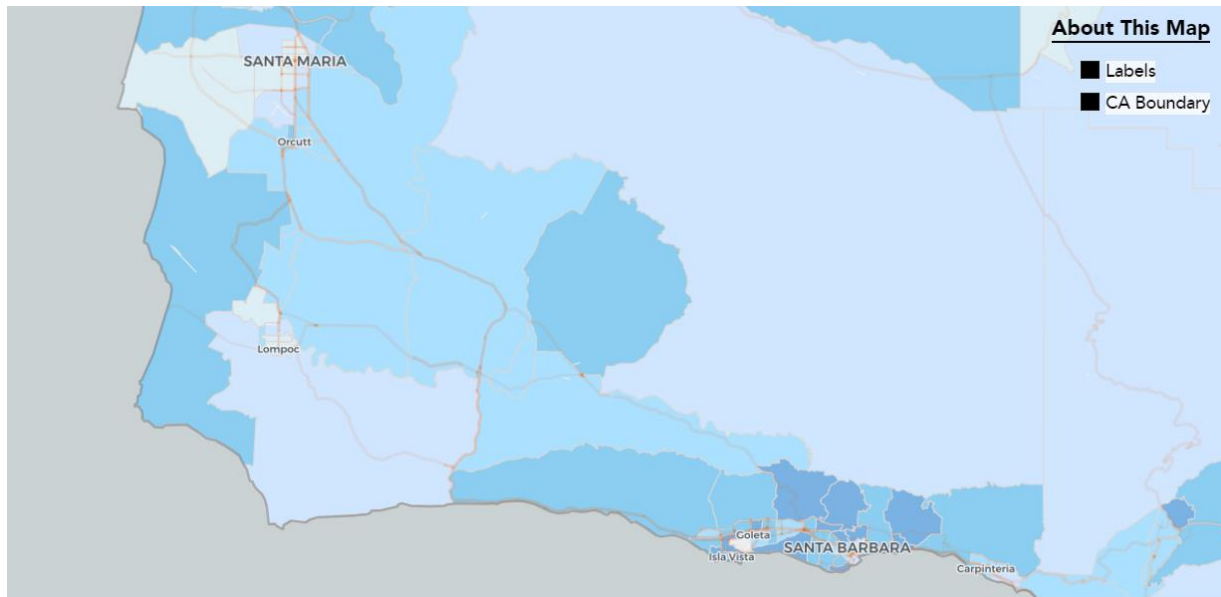
The following details some of the demographic data pointing to the connection of Santa Maria and Guadalupe as the most vital communities of interest in the county to protect from a voting rights perspective.

Social and Economic Characteristics	Santa Barbara County	Santa Maria	Guadalupe
Less than High School Diploma	19%	40%	45%
Non-Citizen Immigrant	15%	26%	29%
Linguistically Isolated	18%	34%	35%
Employed in Agriculture	9%	28%	30%
Families in Poverty	8%	12%	13%
People of Color	55%	84%	94%
Overcrowded Housing	11%	22%	23%

Source: 2019 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates, US Census Bureau

Education

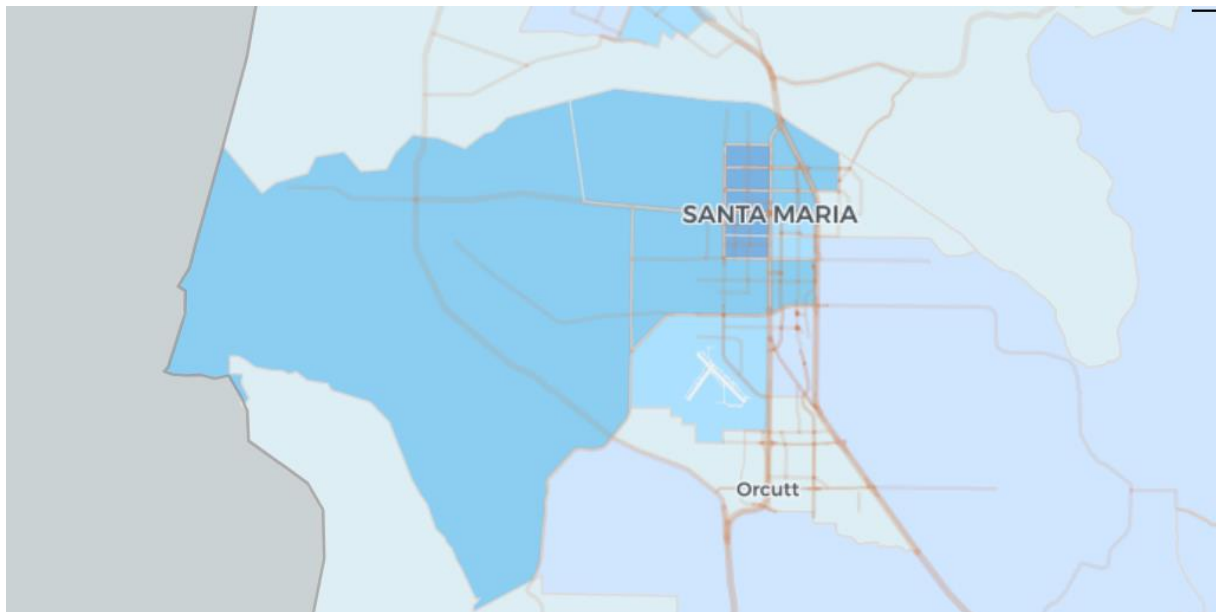
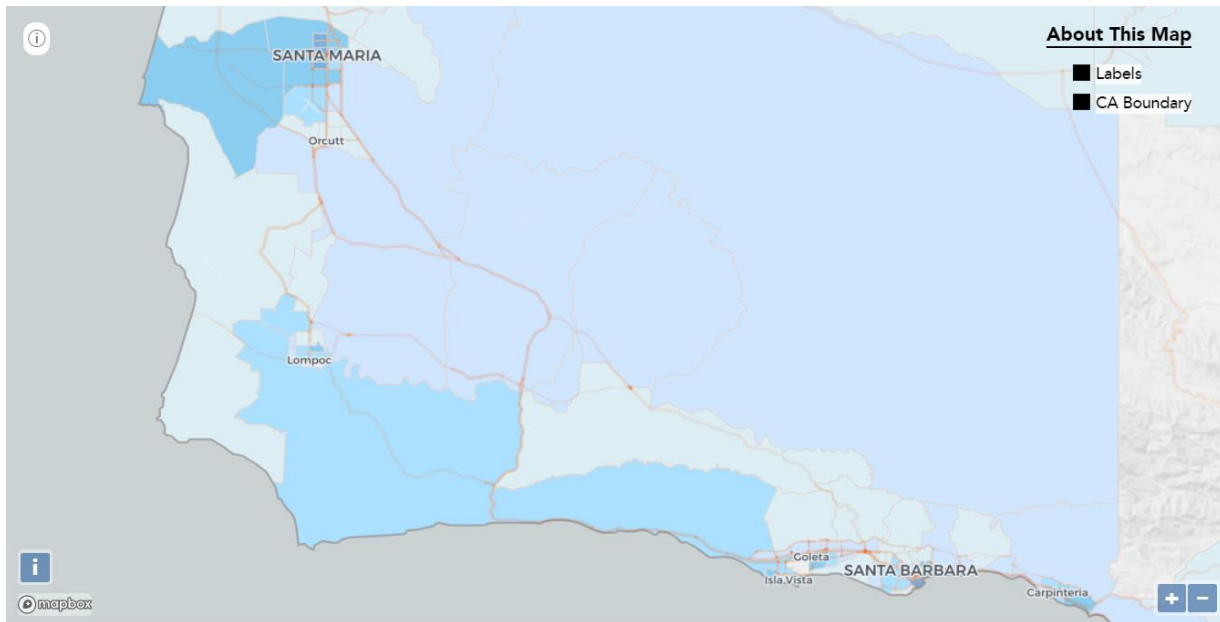
Voters with less formal education often face barriers to accessing highly technical information about local elections, candidates, and issues, reducing voter turnout. In Santa Barbara County, 19% of residents have less than a high school diploma. But in parts of Northern Santa Barbara County these numbers are more than doubled, with many families facing massive educational barriers to having their voices heard in the political process. In Santa Maria, 40% lack a high school degree, and in Guadalupe 45% do.



Population with a College Degree (AA or above), Redistricting Equity Indicators

Immigration Status

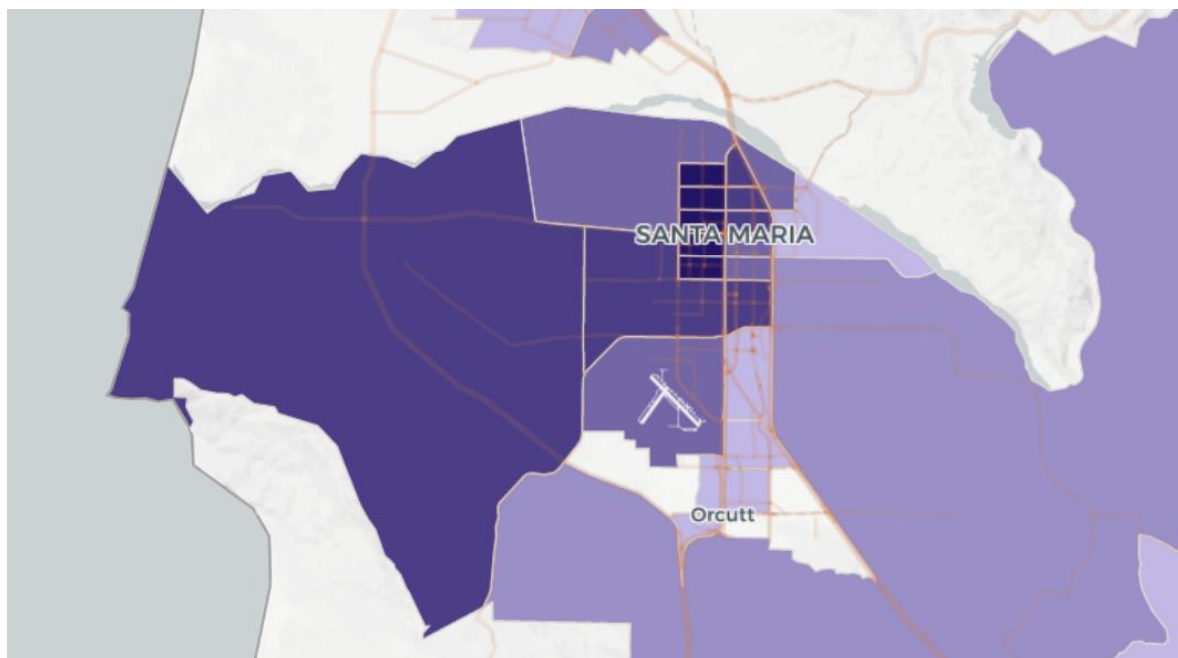
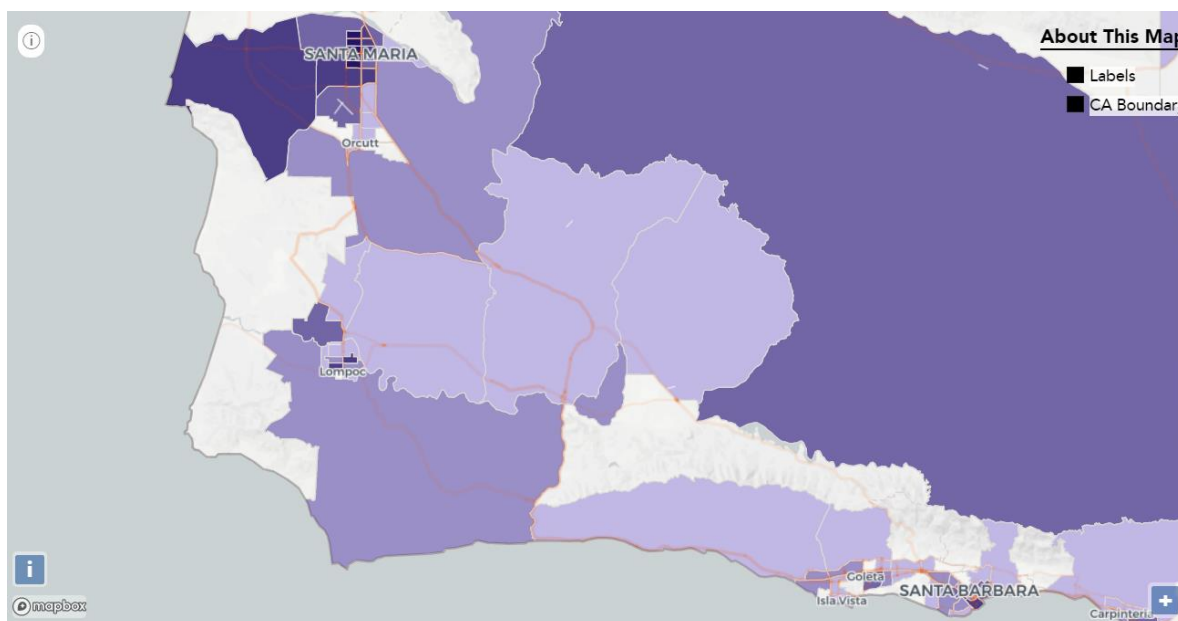
Countywide, 15% of residents are non-citizen immigrants. But again, in the farmworker communities of North County these numbers are nearly doubled: 26% are non-citizens in Santa Maria, 29% are in Guadalupe. The massive disparity in voter eligibility in North County communities means that when heavily immigrant neighborhoods are grouped with neighborhoods of predominantly US-born residents, they are easily outvoted and unable to elect the representatives of their choice. Even eligible citizen voters in immigrant communities are often young people or newly naturalized citizens who are registering and learning the voting process for the first time without a family history of voting in the US.



Foreign-Born Population, Redistricting Equity Indicators

Language

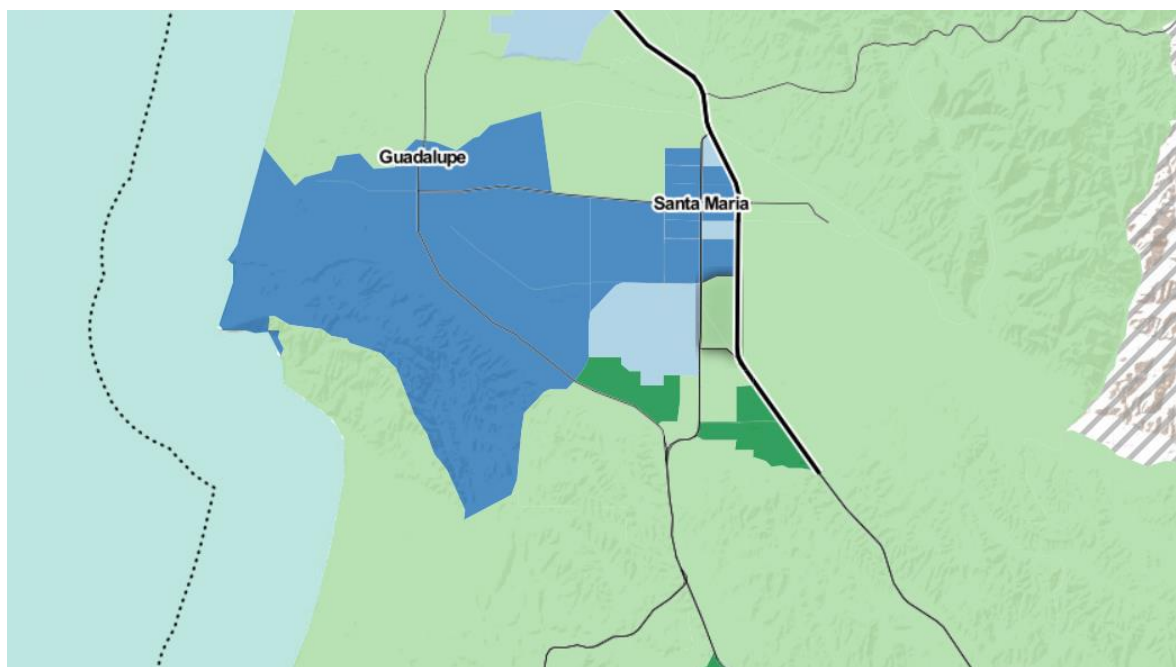
Language barriers also deeply limit civic participation, with many voter outreach campaigns, candidate forums, election news stories, and other information predominantly in English. In Santa Barbara County, 18% are considered linguistically isolated, meaning they reported that they speak English less than “very well”. Santa Maria and Guadalupe again have nearly twice the levels of linguistic isolation as the rest of the county, at 34% and 35% respectively due to their large immigrant populations.



Population with Limited English Proficiency, Redistricting Equity Indicators

Work and Poverty

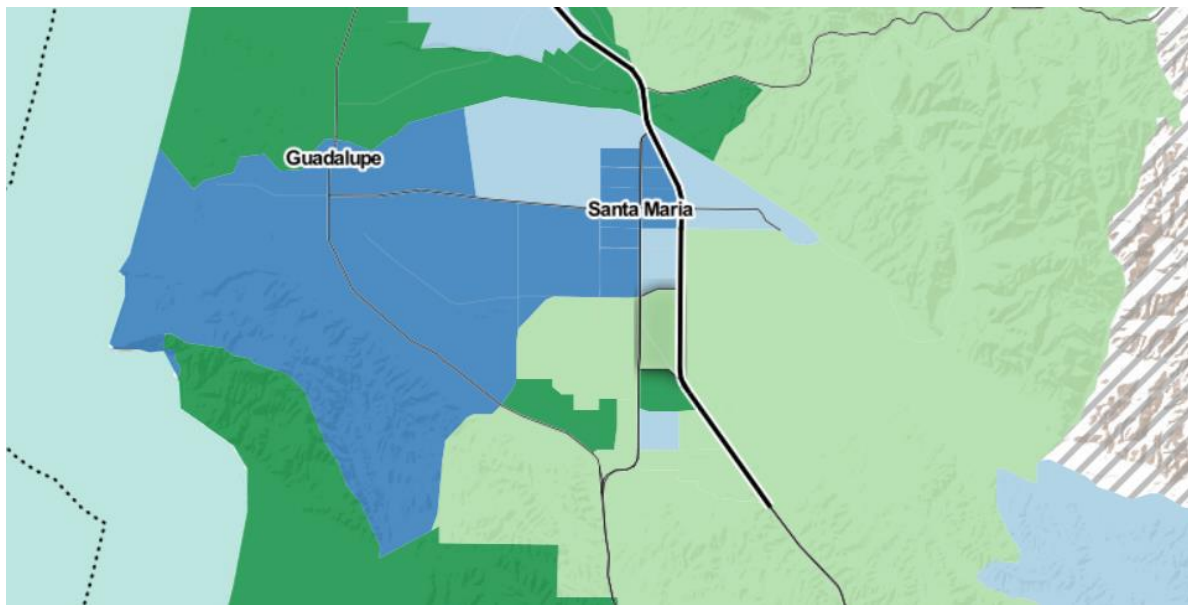
Agricultural workers face additional barriers to civic engagement due to migratory seasonal work and long working hours. Santa Maria (28%) and Guadalupe (30%) have over triple the share of workers employed in the Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting and Mining industry than the countywide average (9%). Due in large part to low wages in agriculture, Santa Maria (12%) and Guadalupe (13%) have well above the countywide share of families living in poverty (8%).



Population Below 200% of Federal Poverty Line, Healthy Places Index

Housing

Housing insecurity is also a major factor in limiting voter participation. Voters without stable housing have to re-register to vote when they move. Due to low wages and high housing costs in Santa Barbara County, many families double up with other families, living in living rooms or garages, where they are less likely to be able to register to vote and receive mail at that address or be reached by door-to-door voter outreach efforts. Throughout Santa Barbara County, 11% of housing units are considered overcrowded housing. Again, these statistics are nearly double in Santa Maria, at 22%, and Guadalupe, at 23%.



Overcrowded Housing, Healthy Places Index

Environment

In addition to social and economic disparities, Santa Maria and Guadalupe also face environmental injustice.

Santa Maria and Guadalupe are connected along the Santa Maria River, where community members are working to develop a multimodal trail to improve connectivity between the two communities and access the coast, which in Guadalupe has long been impacted by ongoing cleanup and restoration from California's largest oil spill which leaked beneath the dunes for decades, less known but significantly larger than the historic 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill.

Guadalupe and Santa Maria share the Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin, which was adjudicated due to longstanding issues with groundwater depletion and saltwater intrusion due to heavy usage for industrial agriculture. Both communities depend on this groundwater basin for drinking water, which is continually at risk of contamination from large amounts of agricultural chemical runoff and advanced oil extraction in the Santa Maria Valley.

Guadalupe and Santa Maria also share exposure to being one of the state's largest hotspots of high levels of the most hazardous pesticide use, particularly due to fumigants used in the strawberry industry.

They are the highest ranked communities in Santa Barbara County according to the California Office of Environment Health Hazard Assessment's Cal Enviroscreen tool for mapping disproportionately pollution-burdened disadvantaged communities.



Cal Enviroscreen 3.0, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

The Central Coast is a region with vast disparities between communities that are predominantly white and predominantly Latino, communities built on luxury tourism and those built on industrial agriculture, and communities that enjoy our region's greatest environmental assets and those that face our greatest pollution threats. Without unifying the voices of immigrant farmworker neighborhoods, underrepresented communities will be unable to elect our representatives of choice as more affluent communities with greater social advantages dominate elections.

We urge the Santa Barbara County Redistricting Commission to maximize the representation of the immigrant farmworker neighborhoods of Santa Maria and Guadalupe. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maricela Morales". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Maricela" and the last name "Morales" clearly distinguishable.

Maricela Morales
Executive Director
CAUSE

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Chairperson Morris and Counsel Ordin,

Please find enclosed my letter on behalf of the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce.

Contact me if you have any questions.

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October 4, 2021

Mr. Glenn Morris, Chairperson
Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Commission

**Re: Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission Matter
Agenda Item # 7, Meeting of October 6, 2021**

Dear Chairperson Morris,

This is submitted on behalf of my client, The California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce. This is in reference to my previous letters on behalf of my client about replacement of resigned commissioners with vacancy replacement commissioners in a manner that complies with the mandates of Initiative Ordinance No. 5051, the governing measure. (See letters of December 19, 2020, January 17 and 28, 2021, April 21, 2021, and May 15, 2021) This letter is occasioned by the Commission's current agenda matter and deliberation tomorrow on the replacement of deceased Commissioner At Large Kate Adams.

The gist of my previous letters was the Commission's persistent, egregious failure to comply with the requirements of Ordinance No. 5051 in refusing to appoint a Hispanic individual from the qualified applicant pool. ***This persistent egregious failure has resulted in a clear record of denying the county's largest ethnic group of any semblance of fair representation on the Commission.*** This failure, if not remedied, will constitute a major factor in potential legal consideration of the Commission's work product – the production of a redistricting map that assures that the districting requirements of the Ordinance are followed and do not deny Hispanic citizens the protections of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C.A., §1973. Section 2 prohibits any standards, practices, or procedures that deny or abridge the right of citizens to vote on account of their race, color, or membership in a language minority group. *Ruiz v. City of Santa Maria*, 160 F.3d 543, 549 (C.A.9 (Cal.), 1998).

Ordinance No. 5051 makes clear that partisan composition is subordinate to ethnic representation, both ab initio and in the filling of vacancies. Section 2-10.9A(4)(j)(3) of Ordinance No. 5051: “[I]n filling a vacancy, the Commission *must follow* the provisions of 2-10.9(A)(3) described above to maintain racial, ethnic, gender and geographic balance [which the Commission must “ensure”] *and only to the extent practicable*, maintain district and partisan balance [which it must “consider” but must subordinate to the double “shall select mandate” in the preceding sentence and the (4)(h)(3) mandate reference]. In pertinent detail:

(1) Sec. 2-10.9A (4) (h) (3) of the Ordinance provides that in selecting the final six commissioners:

(a) “[they] *shall be chosen ... to ensure* that the commission reflects the county’s diversity, including racial, ethnic, geographic, age and gender diversity” without

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specific “formulas or ratios,” and,

- (b) “[t]he ... commissioners *shall also consider* political party preference ... *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” without requirement that the members “be exactly the same as the proportion of the political party preferences among registered voters of the county.”

Moreover, Ordinance No. 5051 makes clear that this subordination of partisan to ethnic representation applies to filling vacancies:

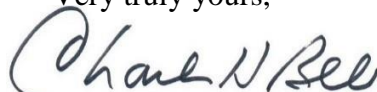
- (2) Sec. 2-10.9A(4)(j)(3), which specifies that in filling a vacancy, the Commission *must follow* the provisions of 2-10.9(A)(3) described above to maintain racial, ethnic, gender and geographic balance [which the Commission must “ensure”] and only to the extent practicable, maintain district and partisan balance [which it must “consider” but must subordinate to the double “shall select mandate” in the preceding sentence and the (4)(h)(3) mandate reference]:

TEXT: “(j)(3) If any vacancy occurs on the commission by reason of the death, removal or resignation of any commissioner, the remaining members of ***the commission shall select a replacement*** commissioner from the pool of most qualified applicants previously selected by the county elections officer, ***utilizing the criteria set forth in subsection (4)(h)(3).*** To the extent practical the replacement commissioner shall be selected to maintain the balance of district representation and political affiliations that existed prior to the vacancy.”

(Emphases added.)

To restore the egregious underrepresentation of Hispanics, from 9.9% *at present* to the 39.4% of the Commission’s membership to which they are entitled, the Commission should select either Tom Martinez or Lupe Alvarez, both Hispanics who are part of the original pool of applicants qualified by the Assessor-Recorder-Election Officer.

Very truly yours,


Charles H. Bell, Jr.

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Public Comment, Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

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