



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

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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

Date: November 12, 2021, 3:00 p. m.

Place: Planning Commission Room, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara (and via Zoom)

Call to Order – Roll Call

Commission Convened at 3:02 p. m.

Commissioners Present: Bradley, Bray, Hartman, Kaseff, McClintock, Morris, Ochoa, Rios, Trosky, Turley,
Twibell

Commissioners Absent: None

Informational Items (Items 1-2)

1. Commissioner disclosure of [ex parte communications](#) pursuant to County Ordinance Code Sec. 2-10.9A(5)(h) are posted on the commission website at www.DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org.
2. Community-Based Organizations for Outreach Information.

To submit the name of a community-based organization that the Commission should consider contacting with outreach information, visit www.DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org. Please review the existing the "suggest outreach" list; and, if the organization is not already listed, submit public contact information for the organization using the outreach form. Questions, suggestions, or other information can be emailed to redistricting@countyofsb.org.

Consent Calendar (Item 3)

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless an item is removed by a Commissioner for separate consideration.

3. Approval of Minutes of November 3, 2021.

Motion to approve the Minutes of November 3, 2021.

Motion Carried: 11 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent

Discussion Items (Items 4 - 6)

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- Email: redistricting@countyofsb.org
- Website: www.DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sbcredistrictingcommission>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sbcredistricting/>

4. Accept all draft maps received by the Commission and posted on the Commission's website as the Commission's draft maps.

Attorney Ordin summarized the process and recommended accepting all maps submitted.

NDC is working on posting all maps received by the deadline (November 12, 2021, 12 p.m.), and the Commission to acknowledge and accept all draft maps received by the deadline earlier today.

Motion to accept all draft maps received by the Commission.

Motion Carried: 11 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent

Commissioner Discussion:

Commissioners discussed reading the written comment received from Frances Romero after November 10, 2021, clarified that no maps will be excluded today, and Ms. Romero's written comment will be posted on the website and available to the public before the meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021.

5. Presentation of draft maps to Commissioners, and discussion of draft maps by Commissioners and legal counsel regarding issues of voting rights compliance.

Chair Morris anticipates reviewing approximately half of the maps today, the remaining maps on Monday, November 15, and begin the first-round cuts on Thursday, November 18.

Dr. Phillips presented the following:

- Rules for Drawing the Lines (Federal Laws, State Law and Measure G Requirements, Other Traditional Redistricting Principles)
- What do the Plan Numbers Mean?
- How Many Plans Were Submitted?
- Was My Plan Included?
- How Can I Check if the Plan I Submitted is Population Balanced?
- A Note about District Numbering
- What Key Stats are Shown on the Map of Each Plan?
- Communities of Interest – 8 Submissions, 1 of Which has multiple: 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307 and 308
- Nonviable Plans:
 - 1 Partial Plan: 201
 - 4 Not Close to Population Balance: 101, 108, 115 and 125
- Viable Plans Grouped as so:
 - Group A (today): Join Guadalupe with Santa Maria (39 plans)
 - Group B (today): Join Guadalupe with Santa Maria and Orcutt (4 plans)
 - Group C (11/15): Join Guadalupe with Orcutt (24 plans)
 - Group D (11/15): Join Guadalupe with Lompoc (8 plans)
 - Group E (11/15): Join Guadalupe with Goleta (3 plans)

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- Group F (11/15): Guadalupe with Isla Vista (6 plans)
- Considered on 11/18: Late arriving submissions
- Viable Plans Grouped as so:
 - Subgroup 1: Join Isla Vista with Carpinteria (6 plans total)
 - Subgroup 2: Join Isla Vista with Santa Barbara (31 plans total)
 - Subgroup 3: Join Isla Vista with Goleta (6 plans total)
 - Subgroup 4: Join Isla Vista with Lompoc (30 plans total)
 - Subgroup 5: Join Isla Vista with Guadalupe (6 plans total)
 - Subgroup 6: Split Isla Vista Between Two Districts (5 plans total)
- Maps for Discussion on Monday, November 15, 2021:
 - Group C – Join Guadalupe with Orcutt (24 plans): 109, 109B, 113, 114, 114B, 118, 118B, 118C, 118D, 124, 133B, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 408B, 704, 806, 811 and 819
 - Group D – Join Guadalupe with Lompoc (8 plans): 103, 106, 106B, 120, 128, 130, 701 and 705
 - Group E – Join Guadalupe with Goleta (3 plans): 126, 132 and 805
 - Group F – Join Guadalupe with Isla Vista (6 plans): Current, 133, 601, 602, 808 and 816
- Thursday, November 18, 2021 Meeting:
 - Presentation of DistrictR submissions (after 11/10/2021) and 1 MOR submission
 - Commission deliberations and identification of focus maps

David Becker gave an overview of the Federal Voting Rights Act requirements.

Dr. Megan Gall provided an example and information on racially polarized voting.

Chair Morris encouraged speakers to refer to maps using the 3-digit number assigned to make it easier for map identification during public comment.

Public Comments (Limited to two minutes per speaker)

- Speaker 1, Lee Heller: Concerns about the 100 level maps drawn using old data before the tools updated, and commented about Isla Vista and Carpinteria.
- Speaker 2, Andy Caldwell: Concerns that map 801, 804 and 817 were submitted with updated numbers, however, when compared on DistrictR, the maps aren't the same, and there's a difference in the final.

Dr. Johnson clarified that DistrictR inadvertently turned off the citizen voting age population data. NDC notified DistrictR of the error, it will be fixed next week, and the public should use the PDF documents posted on the website.

- Speaker 3, Frances Romero, Former Mayor of Guadalupe: Commented about Guadalupe, and referred to her written letter signed by over 100 residents, and submitted to the Commission.
- Speaker 4, Jorge Sanchez: In support of Frances Romero's letter.
- Speaker 5, Lorena Gonzalez: Opposes the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 6, Antonio Medina: Opposes the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 7, Tania: In support of Frances Romero's letter and opposes the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 8, Sullivan Israel: Isla Vista should be in the same district as Goleta or Santa Barbara.
- Speaker 9, Kennia Avila: Opposes the CAUSE map, and supports Frances Romero's letter opposing the CAUSE map.

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- Speaker 10, Juan Garcia: Opposes the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 11, Carlos Hernandez: Opposes the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 12, Janet Flores: Opposes the CAUSE map, and Latinos needs at least two or three majority districts.
- Speaker 13, Roy Reed, Santa Barbara County Tax Payers Association: Submitted map 404 that includes two majority districts.
- Speaker 14, JL Duncan, District 3: Commented about Isla Vista, Santa Ynez Valley, UCSB, Santa Barbara and Goleta, and in support of map 123, DistrictR map 76847, and 80240.
- Speaker 15, Hazel Davalos: In support of map 801 United Communities map, opposes Larry Ebenstein's map, Guadalupe and Orcutt don't belong together, and commented about racially polarized voting.
- Speaker 16, Rebecca Gowing: Isla Vista has nothing in common with the valley, and should be with Goleta or Santa Barbara and separate from the valley.
- Speaker 17, Dr. Karen Rice: In support of United Communities map 801.
- Speaker 18, Marell Brooks, Vandenberg Village: Suggests as few changes as possible to meet the VRA, referenced a letter she submitted, and in support of the existing District 3.
- Speaker 19, BL Borovay: Commented about confusing map updates, less changes are better and select as many maps that have the fewest changes, in favor of Goleta represented by 2 Supervisorial districts, and Isla Vista and UCSB should be kept together as a community of interest.
- Speaker 20, Lupe Aldecoa: Opposes the CAUSE map as it limits the Latino vote and other maps should be considered.

Dr. Phillips stated that narratives have been posted and are located on the website under **Calendar – Contact Us Entries**.

- Speaker 21, Spencer Brandt: In support of Isla Vista remaining with Western Goleta Valley where there's a large concentration of renters and the housing crisis.
- Speaker 22, Fernanda Montoya: Opposes the CAUSE map, and in support of Frances Romero's letter opposing the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 23, Shannon Sweeney: In support of the United Communities map 801, and commented about the housing crisis.
- Speaker 24, Thomas Widroe, Santa Barbara County Tax Payers Association: Commented on and in support of map 404, and a college district with Isla Vista and UCSB in District 2.
- Speaker 25, Tyree Byrd: Commented about the housing crisis in Isla Vista and it would be better represented if connected to Santa Barbara and Goleta.
- Speaker 26, Julie Bischoff: Recommended looking at some of the 400 series maps, Isla Vista and UCSB should be with Goleta, and keep agriculture together.
- Speaker 27, Esme Q.C.: Commented about Latino representation, UCSB, Isla Vista, SBCC, diluting Latino voters, and the need for a Latino super majority.
- Speaker 28, Maria Lopez: Opposes the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 29, Yolanda Rodriguez: In support of Frances Romero's letter opposing the CAUSE map.
- Speaker 30, Frank Rodriguez: In support of the United Communities map 801.
- Speaker 31, Ms. Blackwell: Commented about renters and in support of the United Communities map.
- Speaker 32, Anghie Mauricio, UCSB Student/Goleta Resident: In support of the United Communities map.
- Speaker 33, Stanley: In support of the United Communities map.

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The slide Dr. Phillips presented earlier listing the maps to be discussed at the meeting on November 15, 2021, will be posted as an agenda supplement.

6. Discussion of time, location and format of December 4, 2021 Commission meeting.

The in-person and Zoom meeting will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021, 10 a.m., in the Planning Commission Room, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara.

Chair Morris reiterated that narratives should be submitted on the website under “Contact Us” and indicate the map number.

General Public Comments

The General Public Comment period is reserved for comments on items not on this Agenda and for matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission. The Commission may adopt reasonable regulations, including time limits, on public comments. The Commission may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during the public comment section, except to decide whether to place a matter on the agenda of a future meeting.

General Public Comments (Limited to two minutes per speaker)

- Speaker 1, Lee Heller: Commented about procedures, questioned why a separate contact page can't be added for narratives, and amending the agenda.
- Speaker 2, Andy Caldwell: Commented about the DistrictR mapping tool error, public noticing about incorrect numbers, map 817, lodging a protest, and wants a remedy.

Chair Morris reiterated that no maps have been disqualified, and encouraged map submitters to continue to advocate for their maps.

Jennifer, Tripepi Smith, stated that adding an anonymous comments feature would require creating a new page and would be technical, costly and time consuming. She indicated that name and email address are NOT required, and the website will be updated as follows:

- Add to the Contact screen that name and email address are NOT required.
- Under View Draft Maps tab, **bold** the paragraph beginning with “Narratives to accompany maps need to be posted...”

Dr. Phillips stated that on the website under Draw a Map, there is a notation about updated population data for DistrictR.

Written Public Comments

- Ron Faas: Wrote about proposed districts and in support of the United Communities map.
- Charles Bell: Requested correction to October 14, 2021 minutes to read “in support of Tom Martinez to fill the commission vacancy.
- Jose Jimenez, Carpinteria: Carpinteria’s commonalities with Santa Barbara, and to adopt a map that keeps Carpinteria in District 1.

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- Cathy Murillo, Mayor: Clarified that she did not sign the redistricting map/proposal by Mayor Alice Patino, City of Santa Maria, and that the City of Santa Barbara has not expressed any opinion on County redistricting.
- Celeste Barber: District 3 college students and residents have nothing in common with Santa Ynez residents, and place UCSB and SBCC in the same district.
- Lee Heller: Recommendations and suggestions to submit draft map narratives, and see DistrictR maps and not just PDFs.
- Jeff Havlik: Gerrymandering and remove Isla Vista from District 3.
- JL Duncan: Concerns about confirmation and acceptance of his map submission in DistrictR #65579, final version #65196, and #75237 (titled "Copy of 65579"), and requested a reply.
- Jennifer Fitzgerald: Concerns drawing district boundaries and protected political class.
- Mary Turley: Submission of map #75823, and inquired about deleting other maps.
- Lucy OBrien: Inquired about the process and interest in being informed and attend meetings.
- Todd Wilson: Inquired about submitting revisions to draft map titled Todd Orcutt, and commented about draft map goals and districts.
- Janet O'Laughlin: Try to keep Elementary schools in one district.
- Calvin Marble: Isla Vista should be part of Goleta, and not part of the Santa Ynez Valley.
- Ken Masuda: Orcutt should be in one supervisorial district, and not be divided into two or more pieces.
- John Duncan: Consider the Least Disruptive Redistricting map #65196, and problems with Maptitude.
- Douglas Scott: Compact districts represent the population with the most in common. Start with Carpinteria west along the South Coast to Gaviota, north through Lompoc and the Santa Ynez Valley and finally to Santa Maria and Cuyama.
- Ash Valenti: Isla Vista is a community.
- Mark Vukceovich: Advocate for Isla Vista and greater area rental properties inhabited by students, faculty and community members be kept together, and in one district.
- Catherine Flaherty: In favor of keeping Isla Vista, UCSB main campus, University apartments El Colegio, Student Family Housing on Los Cameros and the Ellwood apartments together in District 3.
- Connie Alexander: How the CAUSE map benefits Lompoc and Guadalupe.
- Tracy Johansson: Address the potential for voting for Santa Barbara County citizens living in Noleta, and Noleta should be within the Santa Barbara city limits for voting and local election purposes.
- Michael Whinnery: Commented about drawing district boundaries and the process.
- Mary Turley: Attempted to submit two maps and inquired about getting copies of submitted maps in DistrictR.
- Renee Bischof: Inquired about adjusting the calendar for adoption due to the delay in the release of Census data.
- Cliff Solomon: Request for Zoom presentation on September 28 at 6:30 p.m.
- Ron Rogers: Connect the Santa Ynez Valley to parts of Lompoc, possibly Vandenberg Village, and not Isla Vista.
- Charlie Uhrig: Requested a Zoom link to the Solvang meeting at noon.
- Ron Rogers: Suggested that the Santa Ynez Valley be joined with Vandenberg Village.
- Jeff Havlik: Gerrymandering and don't include Isla Vista in District 3.
- Jill Rivera: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Lindsey Baker: Invitation for Chair Morris or designee to speak at a Community Forum on September 15.
- Karen Miller: In support of Tom Martinez.

- Kevin Snow: Concerns about the redistricting process and meetings are too technical and not suited to the general public.
- Tonya Crandall: How to submit a map.
- Lisa Sloan: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Hillary Hauser: Separate Isla Vista and UCSB population from Santa Ynez, Solvang, etc., and include in District 2.
- Colleen Estrada: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Brett Marymee: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Bill Woodbridge: Inquired about public meetings for District 2 and 3.
- Sadie Stern: Map area of sovereign land is incorrect.
- Tonya Crandall: Inquired about map availability.
- Peter Marcuse: Commented about a proposal for replacing gerrymandering with Social Mandering.
- Celeste Barber: Concerns about gerrymandering, leave Solvang and Santa Ynez in District 3, as they are very different from Isla Vista and UCSB.
- JL Duncan: Commented about the misleading letter from Santa Maria, stated that the City of Solvang has not taken any position on redistricting, and supports retaining the current configuration of District 3, making the smallest changes necessary to rebalance the County's five districts.
- Jay Coslett: Farmers need to be represented by those who understand their needs and placed in a district with like communities.
- Bobbi McGinnis: In support of the 400 series maps, uniting UCSB, SBCC and Isla Vista, and dividing south county into two districts.
- PalmSB: Map submission CalSB – Name "PalmSB".
- Ed Fuller: Include SBCC and surrounding apartments with UCSB, Isla Vista, the Coal Oil Point/Devereux area, and faculty/family/student housing around University Village.
- Frances Romero: Request to distribute redistricting comment letter.
- Nelda Martin: Disparity in District 3, and in support of map 407.
- Melissa De Soto: Dissimilar communities in District 3, and in support of the 400 series maps.
- Sheridan Rosenberg: Unfair distribution of votes from Isla Vista/UCSB, and in support of map 407.
- Debra Cloud: Dissimilar communities in District 3, and in support of the 400-408 map series.
- Ciara Main: In support of map 407.
- Lisa Sloan: First choice is map 407, and prefers the 400 series maps.
- Barbara Batastini: In support of map 407.
- Mark Oliver: In support of DistrictR map #76847, and making the fewest revisions to rebalance the five districts.
- Sandi Neustadt: Dissimilar communities in District 3, and in support of the 400 series maps.
- Aimee Smith: In support of the 400 series maps, and the student and UCSB community in one district.
- James Fenkner: In support of the 400 – 408 map series, and if allowed support of only one map, it would be map 407.
- Michael Schaumburg: District 3 is unbalanced, and UCSB and Isla Vista should be consolidated into District 2.
- Michele Weslander Quaid: Isla Vista fits better in District 2, series 400 maps are best, and in support of map 402.
- Amy Blair: In support of map 407.
- Jill Rivera: UCSB (Isla Vista) and SBCC should be in the same category, and in favor of the 400 series maps.

- Toni Lane: Consider the letter of Santa Maria Mayor Alice Patino (dated November 11, 2021), expressing support of map #72487 VRA/Communities of Interest.
- Michelle de Werd: Interested in receiving emails on the redistricting process.
- Tami Bollay: Farming and manufacturing areas not well represented by the County, Santa Ynez and Buellton are mostly agricultural and have very little in common with Isla Vista, and remove Isla Vista from District 3.
- Theresa Reilly: Addendum to earlier email referencing DistrictR map #76847, Santa Ynez River watershed, and the Santa Ynez Valley not be divided or included with North County.
- Lee Rosenberg: Isla Vista should not be in District 3.
- Bill Woodbridge: In favor of the United Communities map.
- Alex Pujo: In support of the United Communities map.
- Marell Brooks: In support of DistrictR map #76847.
- Rosanne Crawford: Isla Vista should be moved out of District 3, in support of the 400 series maps, and particularly map 407.
- Michael English: Isla Vista and UCSB should be in District 2. Map 401 and 402 are acceptable, and map 407 is the best fit for representing the diversity in the region.
- Gerry Shepherd: Remove Isla Vista and UCSB from District.
- Pamela Baczuk: Request to be added to notifications list, and desire to speak at the November 12 meeting.
- Chris Hartman: Disparity in District 3, and in support of map 407.
- Susan Shehab: Isla Vista has nothing in common with the Santa Ynez Valley, and in support of map 407.
- Larry Ebenstein: Wrote about his map submission titled "CA VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT" #79817, that replaces an earlier map "Public 124" that should no longer be considered.

Reports from Legal Counsel, Demographer and Communications Consultant

None.

Commissioner Comments

- If only a few speakers, hear in-person public comment prior to Zoom speakers.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p. m. The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 6 p.m., in the Betteravia Hearing Room, 511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria (and virtually via Zoom).