

From: [Glenn Morris](#)
To: [Shelia Tinsley](#)
Cc: [CICR Independent RES](#); [Jim Bray](#); [Cindy Andino](#)
Subject: FW: urgent!!
Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 9:40:31 AM
Attachments: [pva0001.png](#)

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Can you add this to the record?

I have not yet responded. Let me know how best we acknowledge/respond.

Glenn Morris
SBC: Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission
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From: Andy Caldwell <candy@colabdc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 5:49 PM
To: Glenn Morris <glenn@sanitamaria.com>; Jim Bray <jimdenbray@verizon.net> <jimdenbray@verizon.net>
Subject: urgent!!!

This is current look at redistr. Website. Are you telling us that the DistrictR and Calier population totals are STILL not updated with official pop totals AND yet the deadline to submit maps is Monday????



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Draw A Map

Mapping tools #1 and #2 have now been updated with the official population totals. Mapping tools #3 and #4 still use unofficial population estimates, but will be updated soon.

Redistricting is different than most issues that come up in County government. Instead of being limited to saying you support or oppose a County-prepared ordinance or resolution, you can draw a map yourself! Check back here soon for ways to get involved by drawing a map.

There are different tools for different purposes, and different tools for different levels of technical skill and interest.

A variety of map-drawing tools will be available:

1. Paper-only maps

Tools needed:

- Public Participation Kit – Paper Map w/ Population Count (in [English](#) or [Spanish](#))
 - View a Street & Places Reference Map (in [English](#) or [Spanish](#))

2. Paper maps with a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet to calculate population totals

Tools needed:

- Public Participation Kit – Paper Map w/ Population ID#s (in [English](#) or [Spanish](#))
- Public Participation Kit – Excel Spreadsheet (in [English](#) or [Spanish](#))

3. DistrictR – a simple online map drawing tool to easily draw neighborhoods or communities of interest.

Tools needed:

From: [Shalice Tilton](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Flaherty, Catherine Isla Vista, UCSB, Student Housing in District 3
Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 1:11:17 PM

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Catherine Flaherty

Email

catherineflaherty@ucsb.edu

Message

Hi!

I'm Catherine Flaherty, a senior at UCSB.

I'd like to speak today in a personal capacity, and speak in favor of keeping the IV box, UCSB main campus, University apartments El Colegio, Student Family Housing on Los Carneros and the Ellwood apartments together in the third district.

As a student, I think that it is important that graduate and undergraduates are in the same district because we are a part of the same community and receive shared resources from the university and other local organizations. We also have similar values and visions for our community. Outside of our student community, the residents within these boundaries are incredibly interconnected (especially because the majority of us are renters).

Additionally, because we have limited markets in Isla Vista, students (including me) often shop at the Camino Real Marketplace (next to Ellwood). This is an area that is frequented by community members, and I think is important to keep all together.

Thank you for seeking community input!

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Shalice Tilton, Sr. Consultant
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From: [Lee Heller](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: A suggestion regarding anonymous narrative input
Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 8:37:18 PM

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Dear Chair Morris and Commissioners and NDC staff,

Here is a suggestion about how to allow map drawers to submit anonymous narrative accompaniment to their maps:

Your web designer can add a form to the website, similar to this one:

<https://drawsantabarbaracounty.org/contact/>

It would allow a map drawer to submit an accompanying narrative. Instead of a mandatory email field you could have a mandatory map number field. That way the narrative would be associated with the map to which it belongs. And you would not have fields for first and last name.

This seems to me to be the easiest, most efficient way to allow people to submit text to accompany their maps while preserving anonymity.

Thank you for your attention,

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

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Erin Chadwick](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Re-districting
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 8:42:52 PM

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Hello,

When you redraw the map of the Supervisorial Districts, I ask that you to remove Isla Vista and UCSB from District 3 and add them to District 2.

This has always been an issue.

The people who make up the demographics of UCSB and Isla Vista are much more of the same mindset as those in District 2 than those in the rest of District 3.

They eat at the same places, shop in the same retail, and have similar housing and rental rates as those in District 2. People in District 3 have higher rates of rural land ownership have extremely different eating, shopping, and belief systems.

Thank you,
Erin Chadwick

From: [Jennifer Perez](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Gerrymandering Issue
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 10:43:39 AM

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To whom it may concern,

In response to adjusting the map of voting districts to include Isla Vista and UCSB with Buellton, Santa Ynez, parts of rural Santa Maria and Guadalupe, makes absolutely no sense. Isla Vista and UCSB share zero of the same housing issues, they don't dine in the same restaurants. I.V. and UCSB's cultural issues and concerns are more closely aligned with Goleta (district 2) not district 3. I was born and raised in Goleta and moved to Buellton as an adult to raise my kids. I can attest that the needs of the Santa Ynez valley and those in district 3 are much different than district 2. Isla Vista and UCSB needs to be grouped with Goleta.

Thank you

Jennifer Perez

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Heathershelly](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Re: District 2 & 3
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 3:05:17 PM

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County of Santa Barbara & who it may concern,

The citizens living in UCSB and Isla Vista are socially and culturally more aligned with the citizens living in District 2 than those in the rest of District 3. They frequent the same restaurants, shop in the same stores, and have similar housing rental rates as those in District 2. Those in District 3 have higher rates of rural land ownership with quite different living, shopping and dining patterns. When the map is redrawn of the Supervisorial Districts, I request you to remove Isla Vista and UCSB from District 3 and add them to District 2. Which Makes much more sense for facts that I stated above.

Thank you,

Heather Shelly

Sent from ProtonMail for iOS

From: [Chuck Williams](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Isla Vista UCSB
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 9:51:49 PM

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Redistricting Committee

Isla Vista & UCSB are in line with district 2 socially and culturally more so than those in district 3 using the same eateries housing rates similar to district 2. While district 3 has a higher rate for country type land ownership. There is also a difference in eateries, as well as shopping. I would advise this committee to separate Isla Vista and UCSB from district 3. The correct way would be to include them in district 2 where they really belong.

Thank You,

Chuck Williams

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [diane.mazur](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:18:37 AM

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When re-districting, please move Isla Vista and UCSB into the 2nd district. We are a rural area where vineyards and farms abound. A better fit for the afore-mentioned all around is definitely in the 2nd district. We seem to be having this conversation every number of years and nothing happens. We in the North County have to live with the outcome of voting by a segment of the population that lives there less than 4 yrs and who moves on. We hope this re-districting will remedy this untenable situation.

Thank you,
Diane and Stefan Mazur

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Lisa Sloan](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: District 3 Map
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 9:11:47 AM

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Good morning,

As a resident of Goleta in Supervisorial District 3, I see that the citizens in UCSB and Isla Vista are socially and culturally more aligned with the citizens in District 2 than those in the rest of District 3. They use the same restaurants, shop in the same stores, and have similar urban housing rental rates as those in District 2. Those in District 3 have higher rates of rural land ownership with quite different shopping and dining patterns. When you redraw the map of the Supervisorial Districts, I request you to remove Isla Vista and UCSB from District 3 and add them to District 2.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Lisa Sloan
Goleta

From: [Justin Shores](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: redistricting
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 12:32:21 PM

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Thank you for your time and effort! Please consider putting Isla Vista in District 2 as they tend to have similar lifestyles and needs.

Best Regards,
Justin Shores

From: [EB Hevanet](mailto:EB.Hevanet)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: EBrunner1 Map
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:03:45 PM

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Dear Redistricting Committee Members,

I created a district map using the DistrictR tool called EBrunner1 that I uploaded. I wanted to provide some comments about the map I created.

I tried to create districts with as close as possible to the 89,300 population in each of the five districts while also thinking about what each region might have in common. The challenge I noticed is that we have these dense population centers in Santa Maria and the South Coast and that the urban areas need to be partitioned to get a balanced 89,300 in each district. Furthermore, I tried as best I could to have a reasonably balanced white and latino mix. Another goal of my maps was to “bind us together” in the north and south county. This is why I had my region 3 go all the way from Montecito, Carp, New Cuyama, up to the outskirts of Santa Maria. Furthermore, I did not want to have Montecito, SB, Hope Ranch be together since there is too much money and power centered at the south coast.

Santa Maria is more heavily latino and for the same reason that I believe it to be important to divide the south coast up, Santa Maria needs to be broken up into different districts to balance the population. My hope is that by including rural, urban, wealthier areas (presumably more white) and more predominantly latino areas into districts is that we all will look at SB County as “our home” where we pull together and have to compromise.

One area that I tried to include into the south coast urban areas was IV and UCSB. I have heard complaints that its inclusion into the current district that reaches all the way up to Guadalupe has not been ideal. I created a new district that includes Gaviota through Goleta (region 1); primarily all of Santa Barbara (region 2); two very large areas with one coastal (region 3) and one primarily interior (region 5); and the last one that includes a lot of Santa Maria (region 4).

The most well balanced regions from an ethnicity standpoint are regions 3 and 5 which relatively closely resemble the county as a whole. Regions 1 and 2, are unfortunately still more white, while region 4 that includes Santa Maria is roughly equally split between white and latino. Asians appear to be most prominent in region 1 (Goleta) and region 4 (Santa Maria); black are a very small minority and roughly evenly distributed.

To summarize, my overall goal was to respect the differences in regions (rural vs. urban), achieve 89,300 population per district, balance the ethnicities as best I could, and lastly extend the regions such that “hopefully” we can think of of SB County as our home no matter where we live and that we ought to vote to help each other in the various parts of our rather large county.

The only way to achieve a more well balanced ethnic distribution that comes closer to the county averages, is to break regions into “islands” that allow a region near Santa Maria to be included with say Santa Barbara. Since I am relatively new in SB County (my wife and I moved here in 2017/2018), I am not sure why there are five districts.

Some questions that I have:

- Would it be better to have only one for the whole county?
- Should we have more districts?
- How can we ensure that wealthy districts don’t dictate everything through their monetary power?
- Are “islands” an option? This could potentially be solved through more districts.

For questions you can reach me via my email (eb@hevanet.com) or on my cell phone (503-481-6899) or at home (805-770-2678).

Regards,

Eberhard Brunner
452 Fellowship Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93109
USA

From: [Reed](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Redistricting Map Submission- Santa Barbara Taxpayers Association
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 12:15:30 PM
Attachments: [SB County Taxpayers.csv](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)
[f_kuspw14s0.png](#)
[ATT00002.htm](#)

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Chair Morris and Redistricting Commissioners:

I am Roy Reed, Board President of the Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association. It is my pleasure to submit our proposal for revised District maps pursuant to the 2020 census.

I am a lifelong resident of Santa Barbara County, except for 15 years during my employment in management in the pharmaceutical industry. It is interesting to note that this process is remarkably similar to that which we used to map out pharmaceutical territories throughout the nation.

I have a deep knowledge of the communities and demographics of our County, and I feel that our suggested map, so far as possible, preserves historic community relationships. It also represents a rather minimal departure from the former Districts and corrects some of the former alignments which created disparate District communities.

As the representative organization for all taxpayers of the County, we believe that this proposed map affords fair, equitable, and just representation for all residents and communities of Santa Barbara County. For the last decade, communities such as Guadalupe and Cuyama have been marginalized in terms of their representation at the County level. This map corrects that and restores their voice in County government.

Below is a summary of the cities and regions included in each District.

District 1: Carpinteria, Toro Canyon, Summerland, Montecito, Northwest Santa Barbara, Mission Canyon, Eastern Goleta Valley

District 2: Santa Barbara, Goleta, Eastern Goleta Valley, Isla Vista

District 3: Santa Ynez, Solvang, Ballard, Los Olivos, Buellton, Lompoc, and portions of Northwest Eastern Goleta Valley and Northern Goleta

District 4: Orcutt, Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Vandenberg Village, Vandenberg Space Force Base, Mission Hills, and Los Alamos

District 5: Santa Maria, Garey, Sisquoc, Cuyama

Please confirm receipt of this email to ensure our map will be considered throughout this independent process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Roy Reed
Board President
Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association

Rnsnsn@comcast.net
805 448-4648

From: [Chloe Kendall](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Please consider-
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 3:38:23 PM

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The citizens in UCSB and Isla Vista are socially and culturally more aligned with the citizens in District 2 than those in the rest of District 3. They use the same restaurants, shop in the same stores, and have similar urban housing rental rates as those in District 2. Those in District 3 have higher rates of rural land ownership with quite different shopping and dining patterns. When you redraw the map of the Supervisorial Districts, I request you to remove Isla Vista and UCSB from District 3 and add them to District 2.

Best, Chloe Kendall

From: [Christina Kerr](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Redistricting SB County
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 6:00:55 PM

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Good evening,

I live in Buellton and wanted to weigh in on the redistricting conversation. As a graduate of UCSB and former resident of IV, I have a pretty good understanding of the social and cultural differences between that area of SB County and my current home in District 3. I spent over 20 years between campus/IV, Goleta and SB, before moving up here. And it was specifically because I wanted a different environment and pace of life. My kids began their education in Goleta Union School District, of which IV Elementary is a part of, before moving and joining the Buellton Union School District. There are other stark differences from the IV community and SYV community...as I said we have a slower pace, less urban feel since we are distinctly more rural, and because of proximity IV shares more resources and community engagement with their neighbor Goleta. As you review the district map, please consider removing UCSB/IV from District 3 and adding to the more aligned District 2.

Thank you,
Christina Kerr

From: [Desiree Rew](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: COI Map Submission
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:24:05 PM

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Good evening,

When is the deadline for submission of recommended Maps to the redistricting commission?

Thank you,

Desiree Rew

From: [Rhonda White](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Cc: [Jason Stilwell](#); [Toni Lane](#)
Subject: Redistricting Supervisorial Districts as it relates to the City of Santa Maria
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5:02:18 PM
Attachments: [4928_001.pdf](#)

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Redistricting Commission:

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, the Santa Maria City Council provided input to the County of Santa Barbara Redistricting Commission regarding the designation of District Boundaries, and adopted Resolution No. 2021-120 submitting Communities of Interest for consideration when drawing Supervisorial District Maps. A certified copy of the Resolution is attached for consideration.

Should you have any questions regarding the City Council's action, please do not hesitate to contact Santa Maria Mayor Alice Patino at 805-925-0951 x2204 or apatino@cityofsantamaria.org or City Manager Jason Stilwell at 805-925-0951, Ext. 2200 or jstilwell@cityofsantamaria.org.



Rhonda M. White, CMC

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-120

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA,
CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING INPUT TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
REDISTRICTING COMMISSION REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF
DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

WHEREAS, Redistricting is the regular process of adjusting the lines of voting districts in accordance with population shifts, and

WHEREAS, The Citizen's Independent Redistricting Commission is a commission designed to designate district boundaries for the County of Santa Barbara with the purpose of letting the citizens accurately represent the population every 10 years, and

WHEREAS, Fair, representative redistricting maps help ensure that elected officials will be responsive to the voters in their communities. Redistricting ensures every person has equal representation by drawing districts with approximately equal numbers of people – one person, one vote, and

WHEREAS, The Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Commission is proceeding with analyzing supervisorial districts to update them based on 2020 census data, and

WHEREAS, This process provides the opportunity for citizens to provide public comment and criteria to be considered, and

WHEREAS, The City of Santa Maria represents 109,707 residents and has the opportunity to provide Santa Maria specific guidance as it seeks the best representation from County officials, and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Maria, California, as follows:

1. Cities within Santa Barbara County should be considered Communities of Interest and wholly contained within a single Supervisorial District.
2. The City of Santa Maria, with its population exceeding that of a single Supervisorial District, should not be divided among more than two supervisorial districts and should predominately be within a single Supervisorial District.
3. Supervisorial boundaries in the City of Santa Maria should follow major thoroughfares.
4. Communities of common interest should remain together, and the Cuyama Valley should be included within one of the Supervisorial Districts containing a portion of the City of Santa Maria.

5. Consistent with a city being a community of interest, the City of Guadalupe should be included within one of the Supervisorial Districts containing a portion of the City of Santa Maria and at least the portion of Orcutt that contains Righetti High School.
6. The City Council authorizes the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and City Manager to engage in the Commission's accelerated map adoption schedule consistent with City Council policy guidance.
7. The Chief Deputy City Clerk is hereby authorized to make minor changes herein to address clerical errors, so long as substantial conformance of the intent of this document is maintained. In doing so, the Chief Deputy City Clerk shall consult with the City Manager and City Attorney concerning any changes deemed necessary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Santa Maria, California, held this 19th day of October 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/ ALICE M. PATINO
Mayor

/s/ RHONDA M. WHITE, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Department Director

City Manager

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF SANTA MARIA)

I, **Rhonda M. White, CMC**, Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of **Resolution No. 2021-120** which was duly and regularly introduced and adopted by said City Council at a regular meeting held **October 19, 2021**, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Escobedo, Waterfield, and Mayor Patino.

NOES: Councilmember Soto.

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None.





Chief Deputy City Clerk
City of Santa Maria

10/26/2021

From: [e Howard Green](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Cc: [UCSB.edu](#)
Subject: data are being provided for citizens to use
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:53:33 AM

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Hello,
What data are being provided for citizens to use for 'properly' drawing realistic (balanced) maps?

Please point me to a 'table of Contents' with short descriptions about its general usage and [LINKS](#)

Please supply BEFORE Wednesday public meeting.

Thanks
ehGreen@west.net
805-770-3363

From: [e Howard Green](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: OBJECTION to Placement of General Public Comment
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 1:14:23 PM

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I strongly OBJECT to Placement of General Public Comment BEFORE the STAFF/Consultants topic.

OK if BOTH, but the public should be able to easily comment whenever there is not an agenda topic underway.

PLEASE read into the record when the agenda is being reviewed/approved/etc

ehGreen@west.net
805-770-3363

From: [Lee Heller](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: comments for Nov. 3 agenda
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 2:38:15 PM

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Dear Chair Morris and Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong concerns about the status of the draft maps and the agenda for Wed. Nov. 3.

First: the promised dates by which District R and Maptitude were to have updated census did not materialize, from what map drawers have told me. This additional delay has made it harder for people to submit accurate maps in a timely fashion.

Second: the draft maps that are currently posted at the website are in PDF form, and lack the granular detail needed for County residents to assess district boundaries. Why aren't the maps available for review in the drawing tools, where those details should be available?

Third: there still appears to be no way for people to anonymously submit an accompanying narrative. I sent you an email after the last meeting, offering a simple solution: a form that allows anonymous submission. That has not been utilized.

Fourth: It is inappropriate for NDC to be drawing maps at this point. The public should be providing input to guide you, the Commission, as to which maps to focus on. If those maps need to be adjusted, then NDC can engage the skills of its staff to do so. But it should not be drawing original maps. The illogic of the maps that they have drawn shows that they are not residents of this County and do not understand how to map so as to reflect this County's characteristics. Please direct NDC to withdraw its maps and instead take direction from you as to maps to be adjusted after public input.

Fifth: The process of selecting focus maps is not clear, from the schedule currently posted on the website. Will new maps be permitted to be submitted, prior to the second round of selecting focus maps?

Given the delays with data updates to the drawing tools, and the inadequacy of the draft maps, I urge you to add another meeting, prior to which better draft maps should be made available and a mechanism should be provided for submission of narratives. It looks like the most logical date is next Wed., Nov 10. That will allow more time for map submissions as well, assuming that District R and Maptitude are FINALLY updated.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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

From: [Jose Valenzuela](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: SANTA BARBARA COUNTRY MAP JOSE VALENZUELA
Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 2:23:24 PM
Attachments: [Jose Valenzuela.csv](#)
[Valenzuela Screen Shot.png](#)

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Attention: Chairman Glenn Morris and Commissioners:

My name is Jose Valenzuela. I live in Cuyama. I greatly appreciate the work you are doing when it comes to redistricting and feel the need to do my part as a Santa Barbara County resident. I have attached a block file with new lines that I believe would make much more sense for my community as well as the County at large, and a screenshot of the district lines.

Here is a summary of my thoughts. Please reply to this message and let me know you've received this and there are no formatting issues.

D1: As a resident of Cuyama, I can tell you that our community has nothing in common with the South Coast or the City of Carpinteria. Nothing against the south coast, but we are just very different communities separated geographically as well as ideologically. This new district would create a community where everyone has a similar lifestyle and where people visit, shop and go to school within the same region.

D2: A true college district: Now students and like-minded residents will have a true sense of community when it comes to county lines.

D3: Provides the Santa Ynez Valley, its cities and the southern portion of Lompoc with a district that makes sense.

D4: This places the Southwest portion of Santa Maria, Los Alamos, northern part of Lompoc, Vandenberg Space Force Base, the village, the unincorporated area of Orcutt and the City of Guadalupe together. This makes sense for the Santa Maria Valley basin and the heavy concentration of Ag in the region.

D5: Most importantly: This puts my community in a north county district along with a portion of the City of Santa Maria. This is actually a place my family goes and a community in which we are familiar.

General Thoughts:

- Every district has some incorporated cities and unincorporated areas
- Watersheds and geographic boundaries are evenly dispersed and make sense for the joined areas as well as their representatives
- School districts and connected communities when it comes to the education of our

children are combined

From: [Ian Baucke](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Lost maps on Maptitude tool
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 4:10:27 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

Several people, including myself, have noticed that when we sign in to Maptitude all of our submitted and draft maps are gone.

As the Commission is asking people to update their maps due to the delay in receiving the updated census data, I wanted to bring this to your attention. I hope we will be able to once again access our draft and shared maps before the commissions' second deadline for updates. Thank you for your time.

All the best,

Ian Baucke
Santa Barbara

From: [Yvonne Scolari](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Redistricting SB County
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 7:01:29 AM

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Although my husband and I have a Santa Barbara address, we live in “Noleta.” We are within a half mile of the Patterson Post Office and Goleta Cottage Hospital. We own our own home which we have lived it for 27 years. As citizens we are part of a very large community who pay huge property taxes but we cannot vote in either Santa Barbara or Goleta city elections. I can’t understand how it is that people who live in Isla Vista, for example (and not necessarily permanent residents, or even homeowners) are included in the city government voting process but our swath goes without representation?

Please give us a voice.

Thank you.

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From: [Jack Forinash](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Public comment submission, re: Cuyama Valley
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 11:36:07 AM

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Hello SBC Redistricting Commission

I am a resident of and worker in the Cuyama Valley, currently in District 1. In reviewing the maps for proposed redistricting, I am not sure which one to advocate for. I am comfortable remaining within District 1 and with the Cuyama Valley being in both Districts 1 and 5, as there are advantages for our representation. The communities within the Cuyama Valley are remote and unique within Santa Barbara County; it is important that our 1,100 residents living in what amounts to nearly one-third of the county's land mass are respected for the stewardship of this land. I am uncomfortable with some of the maps that show the Cuyama Valley with communities that are more than two hours away (by car), maps that seem to ignore the mountains that disconnect us from the Coast. In going to Santa Maria or Santa Barbara, we are the only SBC residents that have to leave the county to get to those locations, traveling on dangerous, winding, two-lane roads. My experience is that Cuyamans self-define first as a geography (a valley), which has the unfortunate political problem of placing "Cuyama" (as we call it) into four different counties and five different Census Tracts, contributing to Census data that is woefully incomplete with high margins of error. Again, I'm not sure which map to advocate for, but I want to advocate that Cuyama is represented and respected as a unique place full of abundance that needs continued county political representation that values the specificity of place and people that is the Cuyama Valley.

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From: [George Relles](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Redistricting in Santa Barbara County
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 1:14:58 PM

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TO: Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission
Re: Santa Barbara County Redistricting

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing regarding your mission of adjusting Santa Barbara County Supervisorial districts in a fair way, one that comports with the letter and spirit of the law while adjusting for our County's population shifts and increases.

I call on you to resist politically motivated efforts to split Isla Vista and UCSB from each other and/or from the Third District.

1. Isla Vista and the University (UCSB) should be in the same District because there could be no better expression of a community of interest by any definition of the phrase.
2. Isla Vista and UCSB should remain a part of the Third District. Both have been a part of the Third District even as long as anyone can remember, perhaps since the very beginning. They share major roadways, infrastructure and proximity to the Third District.

Thank you for your careful attention to and thoughtful consideration of these comments. And thank you for your hard work and diligence on this overall important redistricting task.

Sincerely,
George Relles
Goleta, CA

From: [BL Borovay](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: County Redistricting
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 1:58:17 PM

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Dear Members of the County Redistricting Commission,

As a resident of the South Coast and specifically of Goleta, I am writing to urge you in the strongest terms possible to

- (1) keep the residents of the University and of Isla Vista in the same district and
- (2) to keep them in the 3rd District.

As a 30 year resident of this area, I have spent a great deal of time in proximity to both the University and IV. When one talks about communities of interest, there is probably no single area that better exemplifies what that means. Unlike other areas where multiple communities of interest exist, IV and UCSB exist primarily in service to the same community. This area is as close to a singular community of interest as will be found anywhere in the County. Virtually every occupant of these two areas is there because of the University and all the residents are inextricably intertwined because of that.

By virtue of their location, IV and UCSB share the coast and coastal activities with the western portion of Goleta and the residents routinely do their shopping, driving, and recreation in the same areas as the residents of the western portion of Goleta. Even the University recognizes this direct and strong link by providing shuttle service between the University and Western Goleta's retail areas. Western Goleta has long been in the Third District, the University and Isla Vista have been in the Third District just as long and both should continue to stay in the Third District.

I hope you will listen to the voices of the people in these areas and not be swayed to make significant and unwarranted changes merely to meet the political goals of people from distant parts of the county.

Sincerely,

BL Borovay

From: [William Rosen](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Isla Vista/UCSB
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 2:30:21 PM
Attachments: [20211102_Bill Rosen 357 Pacific Oaks Road Goleta CA 93117 914-79.pdf](#)

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Comments on the Third Supervisorial District and the Isla Vista/UCSB area.

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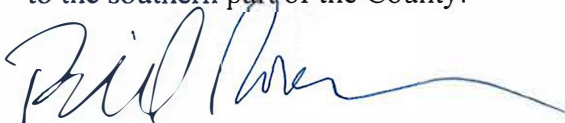
Redistricting Commission of Santa Barbara County

I am a resident of Santa Barbara County since 2004 and was a visitor since 1998. I have been involved in government as a Director of the Goleta Water District and also as a member of the Santa Barbara Democratic Party Central Committee.

I am writing in support of maintaining a districting structure that includes the Isla Vista and the UCSB communities remaining in the Third Supervisorial District. I know that dealing with these communities has been the focus of extensive discussion in the past and may in this new realignment of the districts. I suggest that the communities of interest should remain in place for the following reasons:

- Isla Vista and UCSB have been in the Third District for decades and there is no substantial reason for change
- The area is more akin to the Santa Barbara – Goleta community than other areas of the County and will have a significant impact on the voting patterns of the Third. As a member of the Goleta Water District Board, I represent Isla Vista and UCSB and know the impact that voting has on small special district elections. In all likelihood the Isla Vista/UCSB area will make up a separate election district not only in the Goleta Water District but also in other special districts providing services to the area. The community includes a diverse demographic that is different from other areas and is compact and united by common interests.
- To place the Isla Vista/UCSB area in other areas might involve fracturing the community of interest represented by the common area. Isla Vista/UCSB is a huge diverse community with special common needs.

Please give consideration the needs of the Isla Vista/UCSB community and its relationship to the southern part of the County.



BILL ROSEN

From: [Elena Anderson](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: SB Redistricting
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 2:37:10 PM

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Dear SB County Commissioners on Redistricting,

First, thank you for all of your work. And I'm sorry for your loss of Kate Adams, she was a voice for mind to be reckoned with! And her leadership and heart will be sorely missed in CIRC and beyond.

I am writing as a constituent of the 2nd Supervisorial District, and former resident of Isla Vista (2000 - 2002) in support of maintaining the diverse character of the 3rd district. Isla Vista has been in the 3rd District for decades, and political empowerment of a disenfranchised community has come a long way. Our new maps should make necessary changes around the edges of the district but take care not to dramatically alter the unique balance and set back these communities by decades. UCSB & IV are communities of interest and represented by small districts with unique community characteristics, which are similar to other regions within the third district and that they are isolated from larger surrounding urban areas. For these reasons, I hope that the 3rd District maintains its character and does not lose Isla Vista.

Thank you for all of your work and leadership in this big task and for your time.

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From: [Robbie Jaffe](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: representation for the Cuyama Valley
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 2:44:58 PM

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November 2, 2021

Dear Commissioners:

We are small-scale family farmers and residents on the western end of the Cuyama Basin. We are currently represented by District 5 and have worked regularly with both District 5 and District 1 (who represents the eastern part of the Cuyama Valley) on many issues. In reviewing the mapping options our preferences are:

- 108 and 126 where the Cuyama Valley would be in District 1 only
 - 124 where the Cuyama Valley would be divided between Districts 1 and 5 as it is now.
- Both of these districts represent Santa Barbara County on the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and their continued leadership in the development of a sustainable groundwater management plan is essential. Their ongoing knowledge in the development of this plan will be critical to the future of the Cuyama Valley.

Please take into consideration that the Cuyama Valley is made up of three disadvantaged communities and small-scale ranchers and farmers. Our interests need to continue to be represented as they have been by Districts 1 and 5. The large corporate agribusiness interests in the Cuyama Valley are non-resident corporations based in Kern County. We need representatives who will speak for the people residing in this part of Santa Barbara County.

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,
Stephen Gliessman and Roberta Jaffe
Condor's Hope Ranch
Cuyama Valley
Santa Barbara County

From: faas@verizon.net
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Agenda Item #6, November 3 Meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:04:50 PM

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Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Commissioners,

My name is Ron Faas and I'm a resident of Sunnyhills Mobilehome Community in the unincorporated part of the County near Santa Maria.

Santa Barbara County is very socially and economically diverse. Our population is both majority people of color and majority renters. Our districts and our county supervisors should reflect that.

I urge the commissioners to move forward with the United Communities Map because:

- Cities within Santa Barbara County should be considered Communities of Interest and wholly contained within a single Supervisorial District to the extent possible given population limitations.
- The City of Santa Maria, with its population exceeding that of a single Supervisorial District, should not be divided among more than two Supervisorial Districts.
- The Cuyama Valley should be included within one of the Supervisorial Districts containing a portion of the City of Santa Maria.
- Consistent with cities as a community of interest, the City of Guadalupe should be included within one of the Supervisorial Districts containing a portion of the City of Santa Maria. However, Orcutt doesn't belong in the same district with Guadalupe.
- Most importantly: this map honors "communities of interest" by uniting communities with shared lived experiences and struggles. It creates ideal districts that ensure quality representation from their respective county supervisor.

The United Communities Map creates three districts countywide with a stronger voice for people of color, renters, young people, immigrant families, and working-class neighborhoods like Lompoc, Isla Vista, Old Town Goleta, and the Eastside and Westside of Santa Barbara.

Specific considerations by proposed districts.

SM and Guadalupe

- Guadalupe and Santa Maria are like sister cities, home to many immigrant farmworker neighborhoods that need a supervisor who will be a voice for Santa Barbara County's immigrant and farmworker communities!
- The two cities are already heavily connected through commerce and occupations, with heavy commuting occurring every day. With limited access to grocery stores and recreation, Guadalupe residents regularly travel into Santa Maria on Main Street/Route 166 heavily impacted by traffic congestion for years with heavy ag equipment and trucks.
- Santa Maria, the county's biggest city, is too big for one supervisor district. But the northern and western parts of the city are most similar to Guadalupe as heavily immigrant and farmworker neighborhoods, while the southern and eastern ends of the city are more similar to Orcutt as more middle-class racially mixed areas with higher rates of homeownership and college education.

Proposed District 5: Guadalupe and Latino majority of Santa Maria, includes Tanglewood and Casmalia.

Concentration of working-class and immigrant farmworker neighborhoods, majority renter, supermajority Latino, most historically underrepresented communities in county. Voice of Latino majority of North County for immigrant and farmworker rights.

Orcutt w/Vandenberg (and why Orcutt doesn't belong with Guadalupe)

- Orcutt and Guadalupe are not similar demographically. Orcutt has much higher levels of college education, homeownership, and income and is majority white while Guadalupe is majority Latino
- In the Hancock College board of trustee districts, Orcutt is put with southern and eastern Santa Maria while Guadalupe is with northern and western Santa Maria. Unlike high school boundaries, these election districts are actually based on voting rights considerations
- Southern Santa Maria shares a lot of commerce with Orcutt due to geographic proximity, but also middle class neighborhoods whose residents regularly go to stores in Southern

SM, Target, Walmart shopping center etc.

- Many middle class military families live in Orcutt and commute to the Vandenberg Airforce Base for work

Proposed District 4: Orcutt, Vandenberg, Mission Hills, Cuyama, Los Alamos, and whiter/middle-class parts of Santa Maria and Lompoc.

Rural communities and agriculture, with high share of homeowners and military middle-class. Voice of conservative North County for small government and low taxes.

Other Proposed Districts

Proposed District 3: Lompoc, Isla Vista, and Old Town Goleta.

Cross North/South County swing district, but with shared commonalities between low-income and majority renter historically underrepresented communities, most racially diverse district with largest Black and AAPI populations and majority people of color overall. Strong voice on racial and economic justice.

Proposed District 2: Flatlands of Santa Barbara/Noleta.

Most urbanized part of the county, working-class flatlands of South County, majority renters and high share of public transit users. Strong voice on urban issues like housing/transportation and economic justice issues.

Proposed District 1: Carpinteria, Montecito, Summerland, foothills of Santa Barbara and Goleta, and Santa Ynez Valley.

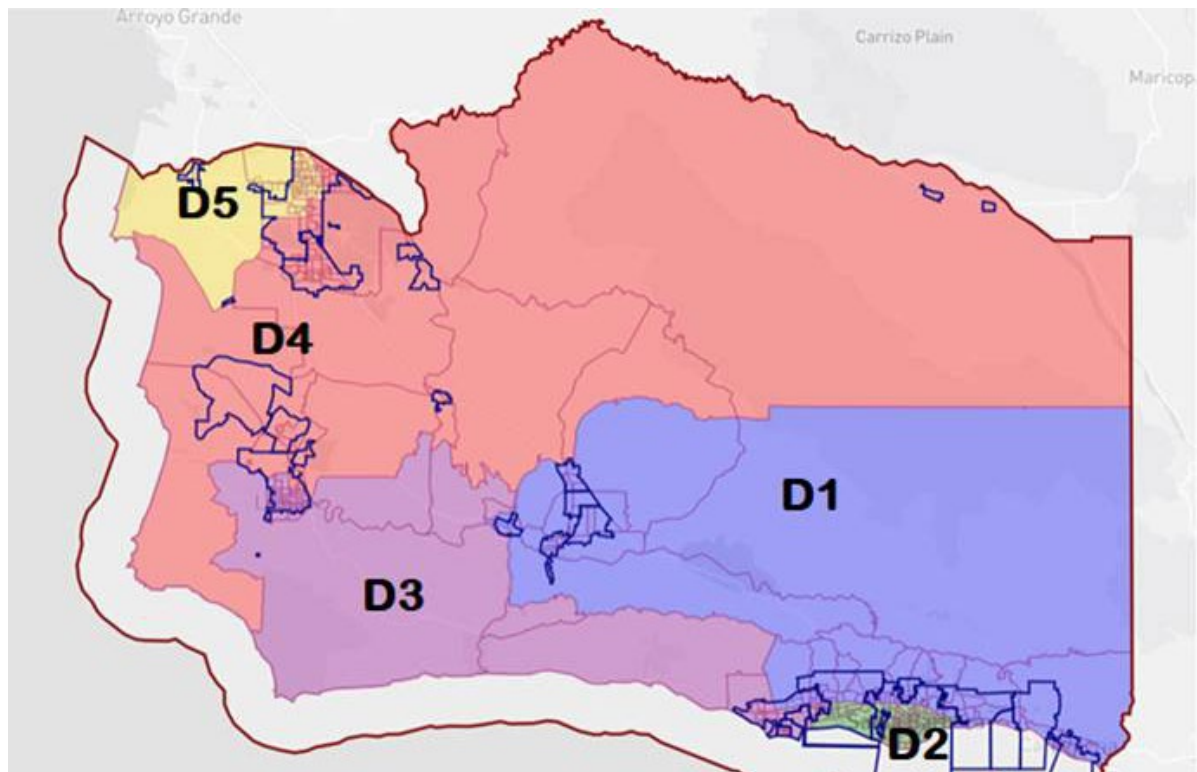
Communities with high share of middle-upper class white homeowners, mix of tourism and boutique agriculture. Strong environmental voice especially on wildfire/debris flow issues and development concerns

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the above points & those of others voicing support for you to move forward with the United Communities Map.

Thank you.

Ron Faas

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From: [Marian Shapiro](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Supporting Isla Vista remaining in the 3rd District.
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:10:29 PM

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I lived in Isla Vista in 1960-1963. From 1968-1971, my husband and I lived in Married Student Housing. We were sad to leave when he got his doctorate in 1971, and we spent the next 31 years teaching at a State University in Kansas. We couldn't wait to come back and for the past 20 years have lived 3 minutes from Married Student Housing. We hope Isla Vista can **remain** part of the 3rd district, together with the other small special districts with unique community characteristics. No big unnecessary changes are called for.

safe and well,

♥ *Marian and Martin Shapiro*

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From: [Jennifer Smith](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Redistricting feedback
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:25:42 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your service to SB County. I have resided in Western Goleta since 2012 and previously lived in Isla Vista from 1998-2002. I have worked in Santa Barbara, Lompoc, and Santa Maria.

I currently reside in District 3 and believe Isla Vista should remain in District 3. Isla Vista has been part of District 3 since my time living there, so at least since 1998. If you talk to people who live in the City of SB, they rarely venture out to Isla Vista or Western Goleta. We are our own unique region and community.

I also believe UCSB and Isla Vista should be in the same district. That is a logical choice.

Map 119B appears to be on the right track.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely
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From: [Patricia Fancher](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Redistricting: Keep IV and UCSB in 3rd Dist
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:27:37 PM

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Dear Redistricting Commission,

I'm writing in support of the notion that Isla Vista and UCSB, as communities of interest, ought to stay in the 3rd District. I'm a professor at UCSB and have been for 8 years.

Any proposed change that removes IV from the 3rd district would be too drastic and will disrupt community organizing in these areas. It is important that IV and UCSB remain in the 3rd district together since these communities are aligned and in many ways highly overlapping populations with parallel values and needs.

UCSB and IV are communities of interest and represented by small special districts and should remain together in the 3rd District - many other parts of the 3rd District are also represented by small special districts with unique community characteristics. In addition, Isla Vista is very similar to other regions of the 3rd district in that it is a geographically small region that is isolated from larger surrounding urban areas of our County.

Thank you!

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From: [Owen Bailey](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Comments on redistricting
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:28:20 PM

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for your efforts on redistricting for Santa Barbara County. As you make decisions, I would like to register my hope that you will keep Isla Vista and UCSB together and in the Third Supervisorial district. I have lived in Goleta for more than eight years and believe it makes sense to keep this community together and that there is no need to make changes in this area. Dividing this community after having it united for decades would do a disservice to IV and UCSB.

Thank you for all your work and consideration.

Owen Bailey
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From: [Lynn Carlisle](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Cuyama Valley representation in redistricting process
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:42:10 PM

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Hello,

I serve as the Executive Director of the Cuyama Valley Family Resource Center that provides social services to all residents of the Cuyama Valley. In addition, I staff the Cuyama Valley Community Association (CVCA), which is a 100-member group of residents and stakeholders who advocate for issues facing the Cuyama Valley.

To be clear, to my knowledge, none of the current draft maps were prepared with any consultation or input from members of the CVCA or with any of the organizations that work with or represent the community. While the U.S. Census data may be what your commission must rely on to draw new district lines, unfortunately the Census was not accurate due to the rural nature of the community. Having served on the Complete County committee for the County's Census effort, particularly to count HTC (Hard To Count) populations, the CVFRC was prepared to assist to the extent possible to get a more accurate county in Cuyama. The entire valley is considered an "update/leave" community by the U.S. Census as more than 90% of residents receive their mail via P.O. Box. Therefore, no one received the usual mailed reminders to fill out the Census. Instead Census workers were brought in to go door to door to complete the Census. As this occurred during COVID, results were poor at best. As a result, to my knowledge, none of the map creators reached out to individuals or organizations who could provide more accurate demographic information that might better inform their map-drawing activities.

That said, we appreciate the opportunity to provide public comment now.

I am respectfully requesting that the Commission consider including the following maps in the group of final focus maps:

124

601

The following contributed to my recommendation:

Currently the Cuyama Valley is engaging in an historic process to protect and conserve its groundwater, the only source of water for the community. The Cuyama Valley is one of the most critically overdrafted basins in the entire state of California. The groundwater issue will have the biggest impact on this community than any other single factor in the next 20 years. It will reshape the economics, land use, population, and the schools in a fundamental way. A Groundwater Sustainability Agency was formed in 2016 to oversee the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which requires that overdrafted basins are brought into balance by 2040. At this critical time in the planning and implementation of SGMA, the GSA now has representatives from D1 and D5 serving on the GSA. It is imperative that the expertise and knowledge that resides in these two seats is retained in the GSA as it enters a critical time in SGMA process. Shifting representation now to a different district would create a catastrophic break in the SGMA process and set back years of work with untold delays as new representation needs to come up to speed. Preserving representation on this issue in D1 and D5 is key to helping our

community create an equitable and effective Groundwater Sustainability Plan and preserve our groundwater for all stakeholders. We understand that those who drew the maps may not have been aware of this critical process unfolding in the Cuyama Valley, but we do feel that any of the two maps selected above will help retain continuity in the SGMA process.

Please accept my thanks for the work you are doing on behalf of all residents in the County and thank you for your consideration of my request,

Lynn

Lynn Carlisle

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From: [John Duncan](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Draft Map and Letter
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:52:58 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the citizens of Santa Barbara County.

Since my ancestors settled in the south of Santa Barbara County prior to the creation of Ventura County in 1873, I count myself as a Santa Barbara County native, even though it took 90 years for my family to relocate to Santa Barbara in 1963. So I have always considered Santa Barbara County my home. I have lived in Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, Santa Ynez, and Solvang.

I am very familiar with the County's history, geography, natural resources, architecture, economics, and ethnic diversity. I was privileged to serve as a County Planning Commissioner representing the Third District from 1995-2000. Since I made a point of visiting virtually every site considered, I saw a great deal of the County and met citizens from all over it, from Carpinteria to Guadalupe, from Lompoc to Siquoc and Cuyama, and almost everywhere in between.

You will hear from many regarding who they wish or do not wish, to be grouped with. Apart from balancing the populations within the county's five supervisorial districts however, there is no overriding reason to totally remake the constituencies that they have historically represented. Unless your intention is to somehow expand the franchise of one group at the expense of another.

The urban population of Santa Barbara and Santa Maria has historically required that each of them be represented by two districts, the First and the Second in the South, and the Fourth and the Fifth in the North.

The Third District has historically incorporated the Santa Ynez Valley and the largest number of residents in the unincorporated areas. In order for the population of the Third to equal the other districts it has always needed an urban population, and Isla Vista and UCSB have been in the Third for as long as I can remember. In order to keep pace with the growth of the Fourth and Fifth Districts, Mission Hills and Vandenberg Village have been added to the Third.

The idea that Isla Vista and UCSB voters are somehow inherently at odds with Santa Ynez Valley voters, is a false caricature. My brother lived in Isla Vista and his interests mirrored mine. One of my daughters grew up in Santa Ynez and attended UCSB and voted there on numerous occasions.

Please consider the map I submitted on October 17th using the DistrictR mapping site. The draft was #65196 and the Final was #65579 (Least Disruptive Final). I used the contact menu on your website to call your attention to them, but I did not receive a reply. The one area of the map that reflects a dramatic change in area, is the reincorporation of Cuyama into the Fifth District. Considering geography and access it makes little sense for Cuyama to remain in the First.

I hope you will consider my suggested map and if it needs readjustment due to the final census figures, make the necessary minor edits. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Once again, thank you for your efforts,

J. Lansing Duncan

From: [Toni Lane](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Cc: [Alice Patino](#); [Jason Stilwell](#)
Subject: FW: Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Commission - Mayors Letter of Support
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 5:07:07 PM
Attachments: [Redistricting Commission Mayor Support Letter 11-2-21.pdf](#)

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As it appears the submission deadline has now been extended, it will provide additional time towards obtaining the remaining confirmations and we will follow up with the finalized details once obtained.

Thank you,

[Toni Lane](#)

Toni Lane

Executive Administrator, City Manager's Office

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From: Toni Lane
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 5:02 PM
To: redistricting@countyofsb.org
Cc: Alice Patino <apatino@cityofsantamaria.org>; Jason Stilwell <jstilwell@cityofsantamaria.org>
Subject: Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Commission - Mayors Letter of Support

Good afternoon,

I am forwarding the attached Redistricting Commission Mayor Support Letter on behalf of Santa Maria Mayor Alice Patino for your review and consideration to meet the original submission deadline.

Thank you,

[Toni Lane](#)

Toni Lane

Executive Administrator, City Manager's Office

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November 2, 2021

County of Santa Barbara
Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission
redistricting@countyofsb.org

Dear Commission Members,

One overarching priority of City Councils across Santa Barbara County is for the Commission to consider cities as communities of interest. Prior to independent redistricting, we have seen Supervisorial districts splitting cities and not adequately representing cities and its residents. City Councils and I believe this has led to the underrepresentation of cities, a greater focus by the supervisors of unincorporated areas of the County rather than cities (even though more County voters live within cities), and sharp cost shifts to cities for county services such as law enforcement, animal control, and a number of other County provided services.

The Mayors throughout the County recognize the Redistricting Commission has a very aggressive schedule. The Commission plans to hold a hearing on proposed maps this week and through November with a goal of selecting one map by the end of the year. We commend you on your efforts and appreciate the opportunity to provide input and suggestions and how this process can culminate in County supervisorial representation best for all County residents.

We have reviewed the many submitted maps. A number of them seem to have city communities of interest as afterthoughts, carving the cities up seemingly just to balance countywide population numbers without a focus on city needs or representation. This unfortunately is consistent with past practice, and we count on the Commission to take a more holistic view.

The map we found that most aligns with city priorities and keeping cities intact as communities of interest is Map #72487 named VRA/Communities of Interest.

The Mayors like this map and believe it is best for the cities in the County because:

1. It creates two minority-majority districts by both population and Voting Age Population by Race which comports with the priorities of the Voting Rights Act;
2. It divides districts primarily by major thoroughfares rather than gerrymander;
3. It maintains Communities of Interest including:

- A) It comports with the City of Santa Maria City Council resolution to keep cities whole and to not divide Santa Maria into more than two supervisorial districts, as practical as possible;
- B) It keeps Vandenberg Space Force Base, Lompoc, Mission Hills, Vandenberg Village, and the Federal Prison in the same District;
- C) It keeps the entire Santa Ynez Valley together including the Lake Cachuma Watershed;
- D) It keeps the Cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara as a whole as possible;
- E) It puts the two medium-sized cities (Lompoc and Goleta) together for the first time ensuring they will have direct representation on the Board of Supervisors. These two communities “share” some 10,000 commuters each and every day;
- F) It restores Guadalupe with both Santa Maria and Orcutt districts, and it restores Cuyama into the district with the City of Santa Maria;
- G) Four of the five districts encompass coastal territory.

I have reached out to Mayors across the County and while the tight timeline prevents all from responding by today’s Commission deadline, I have included below a listing of those that have confirmed agreement with the above-requested priorities for the Commission to consider:

Buellton – Mayor Holly Sierra
 Carpinteria – Mayor Wade Nomura
 Goleta – Mayor Paula Perotte
 City of Guadalupe – Mayor Ariston Julian - **Confirmed**
 Lompoc – City Manager Jim Throop - **Confirmed**
 Solvang – Mayor Charlie Uhrig - **Confirmed**
 Santa Barbara – Mayor Cathy Murillo

Due to the short timeframe provided for this feedback, we were unable to obtain all of their signatures prior to submission of this feedback but can do so within the next several days. Thank you for your consideration, and feel free to contact me with any questions you may have in this regard.

Respectfully Submitted,



ALICE M. PATINO
 Mayor

From: [Vijaya](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: LWVSB comments for Nov 3 Meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 5:10:11 PM
Attachments: [2021-Nov-03 SB Co. Redistricting Maps.docx](#)

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Dear Commissioners,
Please find attached comments from the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara.

Sincerely,
Vijaya Jammalamadaka (she, her)
President
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November 2, 2021

Santa Barbara Citizen's Independent Redistricting Commission
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Via email: redistricting@countyofsb.org

SUBJECT: Request again that you operate in an open, public and transparent process

Dear Commissioners,

Since the start of the redistricting process the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara has urged your commission to act in an open, public and transparent manner. We continue to do so.

The updated information promised on October 20th for DistrictR was not provided until October 25th, the updated information to Maptitude was not provided until yesterday, November 1st. **We are baffled why this was so delayed**, when other districts, like the City of Goleta had updated information provided by NDC long before the County, when Goleta has a much longer time horizon before they must legally adopt new maps. We are also quite concerned that the **maps as presented on the website, do not have any explanatory narratives, and have very limited statistical information, and they lack necessary detail to even understand the actual boundaries in many cases.**

The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara is also concerned that **your consultant has provided their version of maps, rather than acting as support for the publicly drawn maps – or acting based on commission guidance.** The maps they drew show a lack of familiarity with the local communities, and/or bias, and do not reflect many of the comments received during public testimony.

We again urge you to operate in an open, public and transparent process, and provide the public with the information necessary to comment on draft maps. We also urge you to add as many additional meetings as necessary for you to give a full review of all the community drawn maps and defer the Round 1 narrowing of options until the public maps have been fully reviewed – along with the map drawer's reasons for the choices made. NDC should not be drawing maps until the public has been heard and the commission has given clear direction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vijaya Jammalamadaka".

Vijaya Jammalamadaka
President, LWVSB

From: [Fran Davis](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: 3rd district
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:28:28 PM

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As voters in the 3rd district, as it is now constituted, we would like to voice our support for retaining IV and UCSB in the 3rd district during the anticipated redrawing of districts. The inclusion of these geographically small areas has worked well for many years, and a dramatic alteration is both unneeded and unnecessary.

Roger & Fran Davis
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Goleta, CA 93107

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[Fran](#)

From: [Adriana Tejada-Sanchez](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: SB County: Redistricting Pubic Comment
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:10:25 PM

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Dear Redistricting Commission,

My name is Adriana Tejada-Sanchez and I am the Youth Organizer with Future Leaders of America. I work with students and their families in the Santa Barbara and Goleta areas.

I am writing in support of the United Communities Map submitted by CAUSE. This map is a great representation of mapping "communities of interest" together for quality representation. Santa Barbara County is home to many Latinx, immigrant, and farm working communities and I believe their districts should amplify their voices. The 5th District should unite Guadalupe with Santa Maria to highlight the working-class people - voices that have historically been underserved. The 1st District is also strong in that it creates a strong environmental justice voice for our families that have been and continue to be impacted by wildfires and debris flow. The 2nd District also represents the most urban communities that house renters and public transit users. These communities need representatives that reflect the population and will defend them against issues that will impact these citizens' everyday lives.

I support the United Communities Map to ensure the quality representation of communities with similar issues. This map is the first step towards creating that improvement.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Adriana Tejada-Sanchez, Santa Barbara Youth Organizer

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From: [Angel Lopez](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: SB County: Redistricting Pubic Comment
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:22:00 PM

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Dear Redistricting Commission,

My name is Angel Lopez, I am a Youth Organizer with Future Leaders of America. I was born and raised in Santa Maria and have been working with the youth and communities of Santa Maria for the past 2 years.

Santa Barbara County, specifically North County (Guadalupe, Santa Maria) has historically been a stronghold for Latinx, immigrant, and working-class farmworker communities and there is a sense of shared community and culture.

I'm here today to request that the commission adopt the United Communities Map submitted by CAUSE. The commission must keep the areas of Guadalupe, Tanglewood, Casmalia, and the North and West side of Santa Maria together in District 5.

In these areas, you will find a supermajority of Latinx folks who have mainly working-class and have a farm working background who also happen to be renters. We need to group Guadalupe and the Latino majority of Santa Maria, including Tanglewood and Casmalia, which should be grouped together in District 5 to ensure that communities who have historically been underrepresented in our county are allowed to have the proper representation they deserve at the County level. We support the United Communities Map because it keeps communities that share similar backgrounds stay together and also creates better representation for communities that have been denied in the past.

Thank you.

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From: [Daniel Gonzalez](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: SB County: Redistricting Pubic Comment
Date: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 11:14:20 AM

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Dear Redistricting Commission,

My name is Daniel Gonzalez, I am the Organizing Director with Future Leaders of America and have been working with the communities of Santa Maria and Santa Barbara for the past 4 years. Like many of the residents have surely commented, Santa Barbara County has historically been a stronghold for Latino, immigrant, and farmworker communities and there is a sense of shared community and culture. I'm here today to request that the commission adopt the United Communities Map submitted by CAUSE. The commission must keep the flatlands of Santa Barbara/Noleta together in District 2. These areas are the most urbanized part of the county housing many of our working-class communities who a majority are also renters and are a large share of public transit users. These communities care about urban issues like housing, transportation and economic justice issues. Guadalupe and the Latino majority of Santa Maria, including Tanglewood and Casmalia, should be grouped together in District 5. This community also consists of a working-class and immigrant farmworker community whose majority are also renters. Despite being a supermajority Latino community, they have historically been underrepresented in our county. We support the United Communities Map because it keeps communities that share similar issues together and also creates better representation for communities that have been rendered invisible in the past.

Sincerely submitted,

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