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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

November 3, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Virtual Zoom Meeting

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Call to Order - Roll Call

Public Comments

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Informational Items (Items 1-2)

- 1. Commissioner disclosure of <u>ex parte communications</u> pursuant to County Ordinance Code Sec. 2-10.9A(5)(h) are posted on the commission website at <u>www.DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org</u>.
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organization using the outreach <u>form</u>. Questions, suggestions, or other information can be emailed to <u>redistricting@countyofsb.org</u>.

Consent Calendar (Item 3)

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3. Approval of Minutes of October 6, 2021, and October 14, 2021.

Discussion Items (Items 4-7)

- 4. Authorization to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act as allowed by AB 361.
 - Recommended Action: (1) Consider the circumstances of the state of emergency or measures to promote social distancing; and (2) Approve findings that, under existing circumstances, local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, and it is in the public best interest to continue teleconferencing without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code 54953.
- 5. Discussion and action regarding process for adjustments to draft maps submitted by the public, and new deadline for submission of draft maps.
- 6. Presentation and discussion of draft maps submitted by the public and draft maps prepared by NDC.
- 7. Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items, including adding an additional meeting to consider draft maps.

General Public Comments

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Reports from Legal Counsel, Demographer and Communications Consultant

Commissioner Comments

Adjournment

Attachments

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Item 3 Minutes of October 6, 2021, and October 14, 2021 Item 4 Health Officials Social Distancing Recommendation



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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Date: October 6, 2021, 6 p.m.

Place: Betteravia Hearing Room, 511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria, CA

Call to Order - Roll Call

Commission Convened at 6:00 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: McClintock

Chair Morris announced with heavy heart the sudden passing of Commissioner Kate Adams, and observed a moment of silence in honor of her memory.

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Consent Calendar (Items 3–4)

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- 3. Approval of Minutes of August 4, 2021, and August 12, 2021.
- 4. Approval of the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws to allow for travel reimbursement.

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Attorney Ordin clarified the difference between "Will" and "Shall", and stated the law supports "Shall" as mandatory, and "Will" can be acted on as mandatory.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar items 3-4

Motion Carried: 9 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent

Discussion Items (Items 5-8)

5. Update on the 2020 Official California Prisoner-Adjusted Census Data and review of existing supervisorial district boundaries for population balance.

Mrs. Tilton presented information received from the Census. Maps will be in PDF format and listed on the website.

Commissioner Comment:

Are there any pending developments that may have an impact on population numbers?

Staff can check with the Planning Department. The option to offset future growth can be considered after meeting County, State and Federal ordinance requirements, but Census numbers can't be adjusted.

Public Comment:

- Lupe Alvarez, District 3: Commented about new home development and sales in Guadalupe, and condolences to the family of Commissioner Adams.
- 6. Discussion and possible action regarding Communities of Interest.
 - a. Report from staff on input received through public hearings and public outreach.

Jennifer Fitzgerald Cowan, Tripepi Smith, provided an update on public outreach activities.

Public Comment:

- Spencer Brandt: Condolences to the family of Commissioner Adams, workshops are valuable, frustration with the lack of engagement of Isla Vista in the process, how valuable the workshops are and dissatisfied they were in-person only and no virtual access, and the newspaper article containing comments from Dr. Johnson about Isla Vista.
- Francis Romero, District 3: Hispanic representation on the Commission.
- Denise, Solvang Resident: Lack of diversity on the commission, and outreach has been last minute and not equitable in minority communities.
 - b. Report from commissioners on input received from the community.

Mrs. Tilton read a list of public comments and input received.

Public Comment:

- Lupe Alvarez, District 3: Guadalupe students attend schools in Orcutt, and Guadalupe and Orcutt should be a community of interest.
- Frances Romero, Guadalupe: District 3 is too big, diverse and doesn't reflect communities of interest, North County communities need a bigger voice, Guadalupe should not be moved around every 10 years and should be in District 4.
- April Sargeant, Orcutt: Orcutt has several long-term projects (Orcutt Creek Trail, etc.) and should be kept together and not split into 2 districts.
- Steve S, Orcutt business owner: Orcutt should be kept in one district and not divided into 2.
- Denise: Commented about gerrymandering.
- Carol Greggor, Orcutt: Guadalupe and Orcutt should be together, and Orcutt should remain together and not be split.
- Laura Price, Cuyama Valley: Cuyama Valley is currently in District 1 (166 is the main highway) and should be in District 5.
- Thomas Widroe, Buelton-District 3: Isla Vista belongs in South County, District 2, Orcutt should remain together, Guadalupe and Orcutt should be in District 4, and District 5 should be North County (Santa Maria focus).
- Lee Heller, District 2: Keep communities of interest together and not create districts with a single community of interest, and each supervisorial district will have multiple communities of interest.
- Spencer Brandt, District 3: Concerns about maps submitted that split Isla Vista and UCSB into different districts, and mentioned he submitted a map keeping Isla Vista and UCSB together.
- Robert Mercado, Condolences to the family of Commissioner Adams, in support of Tom Martinez to fill the vacancy, and show fairness to everyone in how the lines are drawn.
- Anna Marie, Guadalupe: Guadalupe has nothing in common with District 3, and should be in District 4.
 - c. Commission guidance to staff on communities of interest and other mapping goals.

The Commissioners received the following input from written comments and attending public meetings and workshops:

Commissioner Bray:

 Public comment and testimony received mostly from North County, Guadalupe, Santa Maria, and Santa Ynez Valley. Not much feedback from Santa Barbara or Isla Vista regarding communities of interest.

Commissioner Twibell:

 Housing shortage in Isla Vista, Goleta and Isla Vista should be together, and District 3 should be the main focus.

Commissioner Hartman:

• Each district should have coastline access, and there's a clear agricultural theme in North County.

Commissioner Trosky:

North County has cohesive communities, is looking for greater voice and a representative who
understands the lifestyle. Keep towns and communities together, and use highway 101 as a
boundary line for Goleta. Group Isla Vista and UCSB with Guadalupe, Santa Ynez and
Lompoc in District 3, and don't split Lompoc.

Commissioner Kaseff:

 Specific ideas about forming communities of interest in District 3; How to equalize populations pursuant to requirements; Does there have to be 5 districts? Can the number of supervisors

be changed? Urged the public to make their ideas known and publish them.

Commissioner Ochoa:

• Doesn't make sense to divide Lompoc and Vandenburg AFB, and separate Lompoc from primary beach access points at Surf Beach (where there's a train), and Jalama. Agriculture in Lompoc currently split in District 3 and 4, and District 3 is too big.

Commissioner Bradley:

 Consolidation of Latinx communities of interest in general area of Santa Maria, Guadalupe and Cuyama Valley, and recognize the connection with Guadalupe and Orcutt. Complaints regarding past conclusions about Isla Vista and large student population in District 3. Maps submitted should show what is in the community, instead of what shouldn't be there. Encouraged the public to complete and submit a draft map that makes the numbers work.

Vice Chair Turley:

• The combined population of Santa Maria, Guadalupe and Orcutt is about 150,000 total, and how this can be fairly divided to achieve the 89,300 population criteria.

Chair Morris:

Santa Barbara county has 450,000 residents to be divided into 5 districts, of approximately 89,000 per district, District 3 needs attention, and examine the need to preserve a Hispanic majority opportunity in the County. When there is no other choice, minimize as much as possible, the need to divide cities in large unincorporated communities (example: Santa Maria population is 109k and has to be divided). Encouraged the community, especially District 1 and 2, City of Santa Barbara and Santa Maria communities to go to the website, share where to draw the lines and how the communities should look, and submit a draft map.

Map consideration will begin at the meeting on November 3, 2021. Commissioners will NOT submit any maps and will only consider the maps the community submits by the October 18, 2021 deadline.

Recessed the meeting at 7:52 p.m., and reconvened at 8 p.m.

7. Direction on filling vacancy of the at-large position.

Attorney Ordin extended condolences to the family of Commissioner Adams, and reviewed the criteria and available options to fill a vacancy.

Public Comment:

- Gerardo Gonzalez (via translation): Condolences to the family of Kate Adams, disillusioned that Latinos are not represented on the commission, the need to appoint someone who can relate and understands their community, and in support of Tom Martinez.
- Lupe Alvarez: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Juan Garcia: There should be more Latinos on the commission, and in support of Tom Martinez.
- Gerardo Banuelos, District 1: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Lee Heller: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Lata Murti: In support of Jannet Rios, and condolences to the family of Commissioner Adams.

Mrs. Tilton clarified that due to personal circumstances, former Commissioner Jannet Rios, who had previously resigned, had remained a resident of the County. Attorney Ordin reviewed the criteria and stated that Ms. Rios is an eligible candidate.

Maria Aldecoa (via translation): In support of Tom Martinez.

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- Alison Llamas: Condolences to the family of Commissioner Adams, the need for Latin representation, and in support of Tom Martinez.
- Kyra Solis: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Joe Pierre: Condolences to the family of Commissioner Adams, and in support of Jannet Rios.
- Gail Teton-Landis: Condolences to the family of Commissioner Adams, and in support of Jannet Rios.
- Cliff Solomon, District 4: Condolences to the family of Commissioner Adams, and in support of Jannet Rios.
- Lawanda Lyons Pruitt, NAACP: Condolences to the family of Commissioner Adams, and in support of Jannet Rios.
- Denise E.: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Nelda Martin, Los Alamos-District 3: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Rebecca, District 5: In support of Tom Martinez, and against appointing a candidate who resigned.
- Jim Byrne, District 4: Condolences to the family of Commissioner Adams, in support of Tom Martinez, and concerns about appointing a candidate who resigned.
- Jesus Velasco: Condolences to the family of Commissioner Adams, concerns about appointing a candidate who resigned, and in support of Tom Martinez.
- Tom Martinez: Condolences to the family of Commissioner Adams, looking forward to the opportunity to be of service to the community, and appreciates the support he's received.
- Jannet Rios: Condolences to the family of Commissioner Adams, the change of circumstances that resulted in her remaining in the County, and looking forward to the opportunity to continue and finish the work she started on the Commission.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioners discussed the short time frame and the need to make a selection. Available options include leaving the position vacant, or hold a special meeting to fill the vacancy, which requires public noticing 24 hours in advance. Following discussion, the Commissioners decided to hold a regular meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be virtual only, and the agenda posted at least 72 hours in advance.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items.

Upcoming Meetings/Public Hearings:

- Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 6 p.m., Betteravia Hearing Room, 511 E. Lakeside Pkwy., Santa Maria (In-person and Zoom)
 - Voting Rights Act Compliance (Legal Team Advice)
 - Presentation of Draft Maps
 - o Identify 3-5 Focus Maps (Round 1)
 - o Provide direction on any map modifications
 - o Business Meeting
 - Public Input
- Friday, November 12, 2021, 3 p.m., Planning Commission Room, 123 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara (In-person and Zoom)
 - Public Input on Focus Maps (Round 1)

- Business Meeting
- Monday, November 15, 2021, 6 p.m., Betteravia Hearing Room, 511 E. Lakeside Pkwy., Santa Maria (In-person and Zoom)
 - Public Input on Focus Maps (Round 1)
 - Business Meeting
- Thursday, November 18, 2021, 12 p.m., Virtual only (Zoom)
 - Public Input on Focus Maps (Round 1)
 - o Business Meeting

Vice Chair Turley suggested putting some of the marketing funds toward obtaining "sandwich boards" to put throughout the community as a reminder to draw and submit a map.

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General Public Comments

• Lee Heller: Written comments submitted expressing concern about observations made by Dr. Johnson in a news press article.

Written Public Comment:

- Maricela Morales, Executive Director, CAUSE: Representation of immigrant farmworker neighborhoods of Santa Maria and Guadalupe.
- Ron Rogers: Join Santa Ynez Valley and Vandenberg Village.
- Reese Ellestad: Including Isla Vista in District 3 would be gerrymandering.
- Michael Schaumburg: Isla Vista and UC population is irrelevant to Solvang, Buelton and other northern towns, skews the third district county vote and needs to be changed.
- Denice Adan: Commissioner appointment should reflect county demographic composition, Isla Vista and UCSB should be in District 2 with SBCC for student/renter representation, and resident voters in unincorporated South County areas reassigned to District 1 and 3 for homeowner and family's representation.
- Barbara Batastini, District 1: Correct the disproportionate size of District 3, and add Isla Vista and UCSB to District 2.
- Shelley Trost: Santa Barbara voters overrun by non-resident UCSB students, who should vote in their home town.
- Jannet Rios: Interest in reinstatement on the Redistricting Commission.

Reports from Legal Counsel and Demographer

None.

Commissioner Comments

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, October 14, 2021, 5:30 p.m., and will be virtual only.



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Date: October 14, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Place: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Call to Order - Roll Call

Commission Convened at 5:30 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: Trosky (Excused)

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Item 3 was pulled from the consent calendar and heard as a regular item.

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3. Authorization to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act as allowed by AB 361.

Recommended Action: 1) Consider the circumstances of the state of emergency or measures to promote social distancing; and 2) Approve findings that, under existing circumstances, local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, and it is in the public best

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interest to continue teleconferencing without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code 54953.

Commissioners discussed whether a state of emergency still exists and considered the necessity to continue to hold teleconferencing meetings. Attorney Ordin and Nancy Anderson explained the State of California requires this item be on the agenda for all Brown Act meetings, and that the Body vote every 30 days to continue with the virtual process based on the recommendation of the Public Health Officer.

Motion Carried: 9 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent

Discussion Items (Items 4-5)

4. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action regarding the commissioner appointment for the At-Large Position and administer oath of office.

Public Comments (Limited to two minutes)

- Lee Heller: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Krya Solis: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Hazel Davalos: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Frances Romero: The need for Latino/Hispanic representation, and in support of Tom Martinez.
- Gail Teton-Landis: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Antonio Ramirez: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Sarah Hewit: Importance of the redistricting process, and in support of Tom Martinez, and Lupe Alvarez.
- Nadia Lee Abushanab: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Ian Baucke: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Rebecca Isabel Garcia: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Jovany: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Debi Cloud, District 5: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Jim Byrne: Importance of impartiality, concerns about appointing a candidate who resigned, and in support of Tom Martinez.
- Nelda Martin, Los Alamos-District 3: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Connie Alexander, Lompoc: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Alice Patino: In support of Tom Martinez.
- Rebecca Gowing: Concerns about appointing a candidate who resigned, and in support of Tom Martinez.

Motion to appoint Jannet Rios to the At-Large Position.

Motion Carried: 9 Aves 0 Noes 1 Absent

Ms. Alexander administered the Oath of Office to Jannet Rios.

- 5. Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items.
- Consideration of a second map submission deadline (November 3)

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General Public Comments (Limited to two minutes)

- Spencer Brandt: Frustration with NDC receiving updated data.
- Lee Heller: Inquired about adjusting maps, and submitting an accompanying narrative to explain a map.

Mrs. Tilton stated the best way to include a narrative is to use the send feedback option on the website and indicate the map number to identify your map.

- Hazel Davalos: Concerns about receiving updated data, and requested extending the map submission deadline.
- Lindsey Baker: Concerns about the map deadline and informing the community of the delay in receiving Census data.
- Gail Teton-Landis: Inquired about submitting a narrative with the map.

Written Public Comments

- Joshua Moran: Hope Ranch and More Mesa should be included in the Santa Barbara city limits, and developers and special interests would destroy Santa Barbara.
- Lee Heller: In support of reappointing Jannet Rios.
- Irene Cooke: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Michal Lynch: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Pamela Bury: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Pamela Wilkinson: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Julie Sullwold: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Ann Shaw: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Jackie Le Guellec Dearth: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Catherine Gautier-Downes: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Maureen Ellenberger: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Jane Fehrenbacher: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Marilyn Kandus: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Jana Zimmer and Richard Solomon: In support of Jannet Rios.

- Sharon Broberg: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Cliff Solomon: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Phil Seymour: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Jonathan Abboud: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Daisy Basulto: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Hazel Davalos: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Lata Murti: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Sara Macdonald: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Janet Blevins: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Erica Reyes: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Mary Ellen Brooks: 1) Keep Vandenberg Village, Mesa Oaks, and Mission Hills together as they share
 the same water aquifer; and 2) District 3 should include Isla Vista, UCSB, Gaviota (and other coastal
 zones), agricultural properties (including Hollister Ranch), Harris Grade Road (South side of the crest),
 and the area of LOGP.
- Spencer Brandt: Concerns about the release of Census data, mapping tools update, and request the map submission deadline be extended.
- Kathy Sharum: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Audrie Krause: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Charles Bell, on behalf of The California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce: Hispanic representation and in support of Jannet Rios.
- David Dennis: In support of Jannet Rios.
- Vijaya Jammalamadaka, League of Women Voters: Concerns about the release of Census data, mapping tools update, and request the map submission deadline be extended.
- Jaime Flores: Flores Map submission.
- Daniel Gonzalez: In support of Jannet Rios.

The Report from Legal Counsel, Demographer and Communications Consultant, and Commissioner Comments were heard out of order after Item 5.

Reports from Legal Counsel, Demographer and Communications Consultant

Attorney Ordin stated although Commissioner may meet one-on-one with members of the public as well as with groups outside of public hearings. However, it is recommended that discussion of specific proposed maps be part of public meetings and accessible to everyone.

Mrs. Tilton stated on September 21, 2021, the State released Official Prisoner Adjusted data, however, NDC discovered flaws, and notified the State. The State corrected and released the revised information on September 27. District R will be updated with the corrected data by October 20, and Maptitude by October 27. The initial submission date is still October 18, however, maps will be accepted after October 20. The maps will be accepted and the numbers can be adjusted after the official data is released to ensure legal compliance. Paper maps are available at County offices, and will be available at the meeting on November 3 in Santa Maria.

Commissioner Comments

- Add the dates to the website that the Official data is expected.
- Under the paper map option on the website, include address of all locations to obtain a free paper map (i.e., Library).
- Update website to clearly state where to send feedback.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 6 p.m., at the Betteravia Hearing Room, 511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria.



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HEALTH OFFICIALS AB 361 SOCIAL DISTANCE RECOMMENDATION

Issued: September 28, 2021

COVID-19 disease prevention measures, endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, include vaccinations, facial coverings, increased indoor ventilation, handwashing, and physical distancing (particularly indoors).

Since March 2020, local legislative bodies-such as commissions, committees, boards, and councils- have successfully held public meetings with teleconferencing as authorized by Executive Orders issued by the Governor. Using technology to allow for virtual participation in public meetings is a social distancing measure that may help control transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Public meetings bring together many individuals (both vaccinated and potentially unvaccinated), from multiple households, in a single indoor space for an extended time. For those at increased risk for infection, or subject to an isolation or quarantine order, teleconferencing allows for full participation in public meetings, while protecting themselves and others from the COVID-19 virus.

Utilizing teleconferencing options for public meetings is an effective and recommended social distancing measure to facilitate participation in public affairs and encourage participants to protect themselves and others from the COVID-19 disease. This recommendation is further intended to satisfy the requirement of the Brown Act (specifically Gov't Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A)), which allows local legislative bodies in the County of Santa Barbara to use certain available teleconferencing options set forth in the Brown Act.

Henning Ansorg, MD Public Health Officer

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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

- 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.

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 National Demographics Corporation 714-308-0726 stilton@NDCresearch.com www.NDCresearch.com From: Lee Heller

To: <u>CEO Redistricting RES</u>

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: <u>diane mazur</u>

To: <u>CEO Redistricting RES</u>

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: <u>Lisa Sloan</u>

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 Suoervisorial 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: <u>EB Hevanet</u>

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: <u>CEO Redistricting RES</u>

Subject: Redistricting Map Submission- Santa Barbara Taxpayers Association

Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 12:15:30 PM

Attachments: SB County Taxpayers.csv

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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.

- 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:	Mayor	/s/ ALICE M. PATINO
/s/ RHONDA M. WHITE, CMC Chief Deputy City Clerk		APPROVED AS TO FORM:
	1	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



From: <u>e Howard Green</u>
To: <u>CEO Redistricting RES</u>

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: <u>e Howard Green</u>
To: <u>CEO Redistricting RES</u>

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

<u>ehGreen@west.net</u> 805-770-3363 From: Lee Heller

To: <u>CEO Redistricting RES</u>
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 <u>public</u> should be providing input to guide <u>you</u>, 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: <u>Jose Valenzuela.csv</u>

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