

## Memorandum

**TO:** Chair Glenn Morris, Santa Barbara Independent Redistricting Commission  
**FR:** Tripepi Smith  
**RE:** SBIRC Earned Media Placement for Chair Morris, Vice Chair Turley Op-ed  
**DT:** October 15, 2021

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### Executive Summary

Tripepi Smith successfully placed an opinion article entitled “Redistricting in Santa Barbara County Hinges on Community Participation” in *eight* publications in the County of Santa Barbara during the first two weeks of October 2021. The potential online reach of these earned media placements is estimated at *680,000 unique website visitors*.

### Earned Media Placements

Drafted by Tripepi Smith on behalf of Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Commission Chair Glenn Morris and Vice Chair Megan Turley, the op-ed focused on promoting public engagement participation in redrawing district lines for the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors.

One or another variation of the op-ed appeared in each of the following publications on the following dates:

- [The Santa Maria Times](#), October 1, 2021
- [The Lompoc Record](#), October 1, 2021
- [The Santa Ynez Valley News](#), October 1, 2021
- [Pacific Coast Business Times](#), October 4, 2021
- [The Santa Barbara Independent](#), October 5, 2021
- [El Latino Central Coast](#), October 5, 2021
- [The Santa Barbara News-Press](#), October 10, 2021
- [The Montecito Journal](#), October 14, 2021

In aggregate, these eight publications have an online reach of approximately 680,000 unique visitors per month.

In addition to publishing the op-ed online, each of the above publications also published the op-ed, or a version of it, in their respective print editions.

Tripepi Smith modified the County’s op-ed to meet **The Santa Barbara Independent’s** request for a shorter, 250-word letter-to-the-editor due to space constraints. In print, The Independent, a weekly publication read by 62% of all residents in Southern Santa Barbara County, ran that letter in its October 7, 2021 edition. Online, The Independent has consistent month-to-month traffic of more than 383,700 unique visitors to its website.

**The Santa Barbara News-Press** published the full op-ed online and in print on Sunday, October 10, 2021. In print, the op-ed was featured in the paper’s weekly Voices section, starting on page C2 and jumping to C4.

**The Santa Maria Times, Lompoc Record, and Santa Ynez Valley News** are owned by one publisher and provide news coverage to an area spanning from the central part of the county in Santa Ynez to the northern part in Santa Maria. The commissioners’ op-ed was placed online on October 1, 2021 and in the papers’ print editions. Together, these three papers’ websites account for a potential reach of over 208,000 unique visitors per month.

**The Montecito Journal**, a weekly publication, published the op-ed in print under the Community Voices banner on page 11 of its October 14, 2021 edition. While the print edition could be viewed on the Journal’s website, a stand-alone online version of the op-ed had not been published as of October 14, 2021.

**The Pacific Coast Business Times** published the op-ed online on October 4, 2021 with a potential reach online of just over 11,000 unique visitors per month. The op-ed also appeared in the publication’s print edition.

Tripepi Smith also prepared a Spanish-language translation of the commissioners’ op-ed, which appeared online and in print in **El Latino Central Coast**. An English-language version of the op-ed was also published on the Spanish-language newspaper’s website.

**Noozhawk**, an online only publication with a 33,000-unique-visitor reach, is expected to publish the op-ed this week.

# **Santa Barbara** **Independent**

## **Redistricting in Santa Barbara County Hinges on Community Participation**

### **Now that the Census Is Done, What Will the County's Supervisor Districts Be?**

Tue Oct 05, 2021 | 11:48am

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# SANTA BARBARA NEWS-PRESS



## Redistricting in county hinges on community participation

October 10, 2021

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**Glenn Morris and Megan Turley**

*The authors live in Santa Barbara County.*

**ALERT**

Guest Commentary

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Oct 1, 2021 Updated Oct 5, 2021

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## Opinion: Santa Barbara County’s redistricting hinges on your participation

By [Guest commentary](#) / Monday, October 4th, 2021 / [No Comments](#)

**By Glenn Morris and Megan Turley**

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## Cartas al Editor: La Redistribución de Distritos en el Condado de SB depende de la participación comunitaria

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***Por Glenn Morris, Presidente de la Comisión Independiente de Redistribución de Distritos de Ciudadanos de Santa Bárbara, 5º Distrito, y Vicepresidenta, Megan Turley, 2º Distrito.***

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El derecho al voto es uno de nuestros derechos más fundamentales como estadounidenses: tenemos derecho a estar representados de manera equitativa y justa.

Nuestro condado está redistribuyendo distritos, lo que significa que estamos evaluando los límites actuales de los distritos de supervisión, y rediseñando los cinco distritos en función del Censo federal de 2020, para tener en cuenta los cambios en la población del condado y cumplir con la Ley de Mapas Justos de California.

Este proceso se basa en que los miembros de la comunidad evalúen cómo deberían ser los Distritos de la Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Santa Bárbara.

La redistribución de distritos ocurre cada 10 años después del censo federal y requiere que todos los distritos electorales sean aproximadamente iguales en población.

La Medida G, una ordenanza del condado aprobada en 2018, requiere que este proceso decenal sea dirigido por la Comisión Independiente de Redistribución de Distritos de los Ciudadanos del Condado de Santa Bárbara (SBCIRC): una comisión no partidista compuesta por 11 residentes del Condado de Santa Bárbara.

La misión del SBCIRC es determinar las fronteras del distrito de supervisión del condado basándose en mapas enviados por la comunidad, y así satisfacer los requisitos legales del estado y para representar y otorgar derechos de voto a las diversas comunidades de nuestro condado.

Es un honor para nosotros ser el presidente y el vicepresidente de esta Comisión.

La prioridad principal del SBCIRC es involucrar a nuestras diversas comunidades. Sabemos que lo mejor para el condado es que los residentes de cada vecindario y comunidad compartan sus opiniones sobre cómo deberían verse sus distritos de supervisión.

¿Cuáles cree que son sus “comunidades de interés,” es decir las áreas en todo el condado donde la población comparte prioridades sociales o económicas comunes?

Este podría ser un vecindario que rodea un distrito comercial o una escuela, un área con intereses comunes en un hito geográfico o ecológico, o un vecindario que comparte un idioma que no sea el inglés.

Al definir sus comunidades de interés, su aporte ayudará al SBCIRC a considerar adecuadamente los impactos de los cambios en los límites de un distrito.

Envíe sus opiniones sobre las “comunidades de interés” locales por correo electrónico a [redistricting@countyofsb.org](mailto:redistricting@countyofsb.org) o el sitio web de SBCIRC en [drawsantabarbaracounty.org](http://drawsantabarbaracounty.org).

También puede participar dibujando mapas y solicitando a otros que hagan lo mismo.

Esto le permite tener un impacto aún más directo en este proceso.

Los residentes pueden usar las herramientas de mapas del Condado disponibles en línea en [drawsantabaracounty.org](https://drawsantabaracounty.org) o dibujar mapas físicamente usando plantillas de papel que están disponibles en nuestras reuniones o pueden descargarse del sitio virtual y enviarlas por correo electrónico a la Comisión.

**Además, los residentes pueden dibujar los cinco distritos del condado a solo uno.**

Estos mapas, junto con la explicación de por qué los residentes trazaron las líneas donde lo hicieron, ayudarán a informarnos de sus prioridades e identidades que deben conservarse y representarse en la Junta de Supervisores del Condado.

Desafortunadamente, las demoras en la publicación de los datos del Censo que informan estos mapas, limitan severamente el tiempo para revisar y adoptar un mapa final.

Recién recibimos los datos oficiales, pero pesar de estos desafíos, el estado estableció como fecha límite el 15 de diciembre de 2021 para que nuestro condado adopte un mapa final.

Será una carrera dura las próximas semanas, porque es todo el tiempo que tiene para dibujar y enviar mapas para que la Comisión los considere.

La fecha límite para la presentación de mapas es el 18 de octubre, para que la Comisión tenga tiempo suficiente para seleccionar un mapa final antes del 15 de diciembre de 2021.

El mapa final decidirá mucho, incluido como votan los residentes, con que comunidades votan y que Junta de Supervisores del Condado los representará después de las elecciones de junio de 2022 y en todas las elecciones de la próxima *década*.

No podemos lograr nuestro objetivo de crear el mapa de distrito del condado más justo y equitativo sin SU ayuda. Comience hoy visitando [www.drawsantabarbaracounty.org](http://www.drawsantabarbaracounty.org)





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