

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:
June 8, 2021
Timed: 2:00 p.m.

To: Board of Supervisors

Through: Ann Edwards, Interim County Executive

From: David Villanueva, Deputy County Executive
Natasha Drane, Governmental Relations and Legislative Officer

Subject: Hearing On 2021 Redistricting Process, Overview Of Mapping Tools And Public Input On Communities Of Interest And Mapping Priorities

District(s): All

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- Receive staff updated on public outreach.
- Receive a presentation from National Demographics Corporation (NDC) on the 2021 redistricting process, timeline and overview of public mapping tools.
- Hear public comment on communities of interest and mapping priorities.

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Constitution requires that everyone residing in the United States be counted every decade. The resulting Census data is used for geographically defining state and local legislative districts. This process is called "redistricting."

The Census Bureau originally planned to deliver 2020 Census data to states beginning in February 2021 and would finish by March 31, 2021. However, due to COVID-19, all Census operations were significantly impacted, causing major delays in states receiving the necessary data. The Census Bureau estimates that it will deliver 2020 Census data to all states and the public by September 30, 2021, a nearly six-month delay.

Once California receives 2020 Census data, the statewide database will move into the 30-day process of building the State's redistricting database, which

will population adjust the dataset as required by Elections Code Section 21003 as well as incorporate historical election results to assist the State and local jurisdictions with Voting Rights Act compliance. Elections Code Section 21003 requires that the State adjust census data to reallocate the prisoner population by last known residential address at which the prisoner was last domiciled. This population-adjusted data is the dataset the County is required to use to draw its maps. This data will likely not be available until the end of October resulting in the County having approximately six (6) weeks to complete its redistricting work.

At this time, County staff and counsel advise that the Board must adopt its final maps no later than December 15, 2021. Staff recommends that if the Board adopts final district maps by ordinance, the first reading should occur on November 17, 2021, and the second reading on December 7, 2021.

While the County waits to receive the adjusted census data, staff will work on public outreach and engagement. The redistricting website includes dates for upcoming hearings and workshops, templates for community members to complete and mapping tools with instructions. Members of the public are encouraged to provide public comment and input on communities of interest, mapping priorities and draft maps. Additional resources are available at <https://www.saccounty.net/redistricting> by phone at (916) 874-5411.

Current accomplishments

- Jan 2021: Formed County Redistricting Project Team
- Feb 2021: Solicited professional redistricting services.
- Mar 2021: Finalized RFP process and selected consultant.
- April 6, 2021: Provided update to the Board of Supervisors on 2021 Redistricting.
- April 14, 2021: Held kick-off redistricting project planning meeting with NDC.
- April 16, 2021: Redistricting website went live with redistricting definition, current maps, information update subscription option, email contact information for submitting public comment and draft maps and additional resources related to redistricting.
- May 4, 2021: NDC and County staff gave a presentation to the Board on the 2021 redistricting process, requirements and the

outreach and communication plan. The Board opted to use a Board managed process for redistricting activities.

May – June, 2021: 90 plus alerts and invitations to participate in the redistricting process have been sent to the public, overlapping jurisdictions, and community organizations.

Upcoming timeline

June 8, 2021: First Redistricting Public Hearing

June 21, 2021: Virtual Public Workshop 6:05 p.m.

June 23, 2021: Virtual Public Workshop 9:30 a.m.

June – Sep: Receive initial population data analysis from 2019 American Communities Survey and conduct public outreach including hearings, community workshops and forums.

Aug. 10, 2021: Second Redistricting Public Hearing.

Oct – Nov, 2021: Draft map preparation and review.

Nov. 2, 2021*: Third Redistricting Public Hearing.

Nov – Dec, 2021: Map adoption.

Nov 17, 2021*: Fourth Redistricting Public Hearing and introduction of the County ordinance.

Dec 7, 2021*: Fifth Redistricting Public Hearing and adoption of the County ordinance.

*Dates and times subject to change based on delivery of official Census data.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The budget for the redistricting project is \$242,000, which includes consulting services, advertisement, materials, project management, GIS services and translation services. FY2020-21 costs will be paid out of the General Fund's existing Non-departmental Costs budget and FY2021-22 costs will be included in the Recommended Non-departmental Cost budget.