

County of Sacramento Redistricting Process

Every ten years, local governments use new census data to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. [Assembly Bill 849 \(2019\)](#) requires cities and counties to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and/or workshops and doing public outreach, including to non English-speaking communities.

What is redistricting?

Every ten years, districts must be redrawn in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 so that each district is substantially equal in population. This process, called redistricting, is important in ensuring that each board member represents about the same number of constituents.

In Sacramento County, the Board of Supervisors is responsible for drawing supervisorial districts. Redistricting is done using U.S. Census data, which was originally scheduled to be released around March 31, 2021. However, because of COVID, the data release is expected to be delayed until September 2021. For the County of Sacramento, the redistricting process must be completed by December 15, 2021.

Why does redistricting matter to me?

Redistricting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for purposes of electing a board member. The Board of Supervisors will seek input in selecting the next district map for our supervisorial districts. You have an opportunity to share with the Board of Supervisors how you think district boundaries should be drawn to best represent your community.

What do the existing supervisorial districts look like?

You can find a map of the [County's current supervisorial districts here](#). You can [view individual district maps here](#).

What criteria will our Board of Supervisors use when drawing district lines?

To the extent practicable, district lines will be adopted using the following criteria:

- (1) Geographically contiguous districts (each supervisorial district should share a common border with the next)
- (2) The geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division
- (3) Geographic integrity of a city shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division

- (4) Easily identifiable boundaries that follow natural or artificial barriers (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.)
- (5) Lines shall be drawn to encourage geographic compactness. In addition, boundaries shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

How will the Board of Supervisors notify the public about redistricting?

The County encourages participation by Sacramento County residents and will provide information through this webpage, on social media, via a Redistricting Info email distribution list, local media, and community-based organizations and partners. Information will include public workshops, public hearings, draft maps, how to draw boundary lines for your district, and more.

How can I get involved?

The Board of Supervisors will be holding hearings to receive public input on where district lines should be drawn. Residents may also submit public comments, including suggested draft maps, by emailing redistricting@saccounty.net.

Where can I find out more information?

The County maintains a webpage on its redistricting process here: www.SacCounty.net/Redistricting