

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Board of Supervisors Redistricting



Public Hearing #1 August 10, 2021

Contra Costa County Redistricting

- ❑ Redistricting is necessary to comply with Equal Protection Clause, 14th Amendment, U.S. Constitution, "one person, one vote"
- ❑ Board redistricting last occurred in 2011 (Ord. 2011-15)
- ❑ In Contra Costa County, the Board of Supervisors is responsible for drawing supervisorial districts. This must be done using Official U.S. Census data, which is anticipated to be released in September 2021.

What is Redistricting?

- ❑ Redistricting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for purposes of electing a board member.
- ❑ Interested parties are encouraged to submit maps and comments on how they think district boundaries should be drawn to best represent the communities of the County.

Governing Law

- ❑ 14TH Amendment, Equal Protection Clause, U.S. Constitution – “one person, one vote”
- ❑ California Elections Code, Sections 21500-21509
- ❑ Voting Rights Act of 1965
- ❑ AB 849 and SB 1108

California Law

Mandatory Requirements

- **Strict Time Limits** – Elections Code section 21501 requires that the boundaries of the supervisorial districts shall be adopted by the board no later than **December 15, 2021**
- Before adopting a final map, the board shall hold at least **four** (4) Public Hearings
- One before draft maps are drawn
- At least two (2) after the maps are drawn
- At least one on a Saturday, Sunday or after 6:00 PM Monday through Friday
- Public Hearings at a fixed time regardless of other agenda items, but Board may first conclude any item being discussed

Guidelines for Redistricting

- ❑ Population equality (deviation from the mean of not more than +/- 5%)
- ❑ Compliance with Federal law
- ❑ AB 1276 Fair Maps Act Ranked Priorities
- To the extent practicable, supervisorial districts shall be geographically contiguous. Areas that meet only at the points of adjoining corners, are separated by water and not connected by a bridge, tunnel or regular ferry service are not contiguous.
- Geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local **Community of Interest** (COI) shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.
- To the extent practicable, geographic integrity of a city or census designated place shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.
- Supervisorial district boundaries should be easily identifiable and understandable by residents. To the extent practicable, supervisorial districts shall be bounded by natural and artificial barriers, by streets, or by the boundaries of the county.
- To the extent practicable, and where it does not conflict with the preceding criteria in this subdivision, supervisorial districts shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness in a manner that nearby areas of population are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations.
- The Board of Supervisors shall not adopt supervisorial district boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

Community of Interest

- A “community of interest” is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single supervisorial district for purposes of effective and fair representation.
- A “community of interest” can be almost anything, but must be identifiable by a specific geographic area

Guiding Principals/Criteria

- When possible, maintain communities of interest together in a single district and avoid splitting communities.

- Communities of interest may be defined by existing boundaries for
 - Cities
 - School Districts
 - Special Districts
 - Unincorporated communities

- Examples of Community of Interests:

Examples of Communities of Interest

- Urban and rural interests
- Housing patterns and living conditions (urban, suburban, rural)
- Cultural, religious, and language characteristics
- Communication and transportation networks
- Transportation hubs / centers
- Redevelopment areas
- School districts / attendance areas
- Congressional or State legislative districts
- Income levels
- Educational backgrounds
- Age demographics, household size / family size
- Group quarters, housing owners vs. renters
- Policy issues (concerns about crime, education, etc.)
- Employment and economic patterns (How are community residents employed? What is the economic base of the community?)
- Health and environmental conditions
- Work opportunities
- Social interests
- Community centers
- Parks / dog parks
- Media markets
- Occupations / lifestyles

Population Growth

- Official 2020 U.S. Census data must be used as basis for the Board's redistricting
- The California Redistricting Database is responsible for redistricting data and will include incarcerated population reallocation numbers
- Census 2020 redistricting data was scheduled to be released by April 1, 2021 – however, the data currently is expected to be released sometime in September 2021

Data Analysis & Mapping

- Existing Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) staffing and resources, including GIS mapping program, will be used to map district boundaries
- Once Official Census Data is available, DCD will begin mapping district boundary alternatives, with an anticipated 3-6 map alternatives
- DCD will require 3-4 weeks to review new census data and geography and mapping of district boundary alternatives

Contra Costa County Dedicated Redistricting Website

- **Kristine Solseng, Conservation & Development GIS**
- Dedicated Website allows members of the public to:
 - Submit their communities of interest
 - Explain why Communities of Interest should not be split between supervisorial districts
 - Availability to draw proposed Supervisorial District maps will be available once Official Census Data is released in late September 2021
 - Make comments on maps submitted by others

www.CoCoRedistricting.org

Public Outreach

“insure transparent process, providing exceptional public access to information”

- **GOAL:** to encourage public participation through
 - Media outreach
 - Good government, civil rights, civic engagement & community groups
 - Live translation, if requested 72 hours in advance of meeting
 - Publication of notices on the internet
 - Publication of notices of required public hearings five days before hearing
 - Publication of a draft map at least seven days before adoption
 - Publication of relevant demographic data
 - Receipt of maps or testimony from the public in writing or electronically

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- ❑ Establish Redistricting webpage on County website as primary portal for public information/access with up-to-date information and ability for public to provide feedback and comments
- ❑ Subject to any modifications required by COVID 19 The County Administrator’s Office and DCD will support virtual or in person County wide public workshops to provide background, present boundary changes, answer questions, and receive input
- ❑ Other outreach efforts will include: press releases, public notice in newspapers, CCTV, civic engagement and community groups active in the County as well as other strategies

PROPOSED Public Hearing & Workshop Schedule

AUGUST 10, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Redistricting Public Hearing #1

September 2021

Scheduled release of 2021 Census Redistricting Data Release date estimated to occur in September

October 5, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Redistricting Public Hearing #2

October 19, 2021 @ 6:15 PM

Redistricting Public Hearing #3

October 20 – 29 Dates & Times TBD

Redistricting Workshops

November 9, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Redistricting Public Hearing #4

November 23, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Redistricting Public Hearing #5

Additional Hearings If Necessary

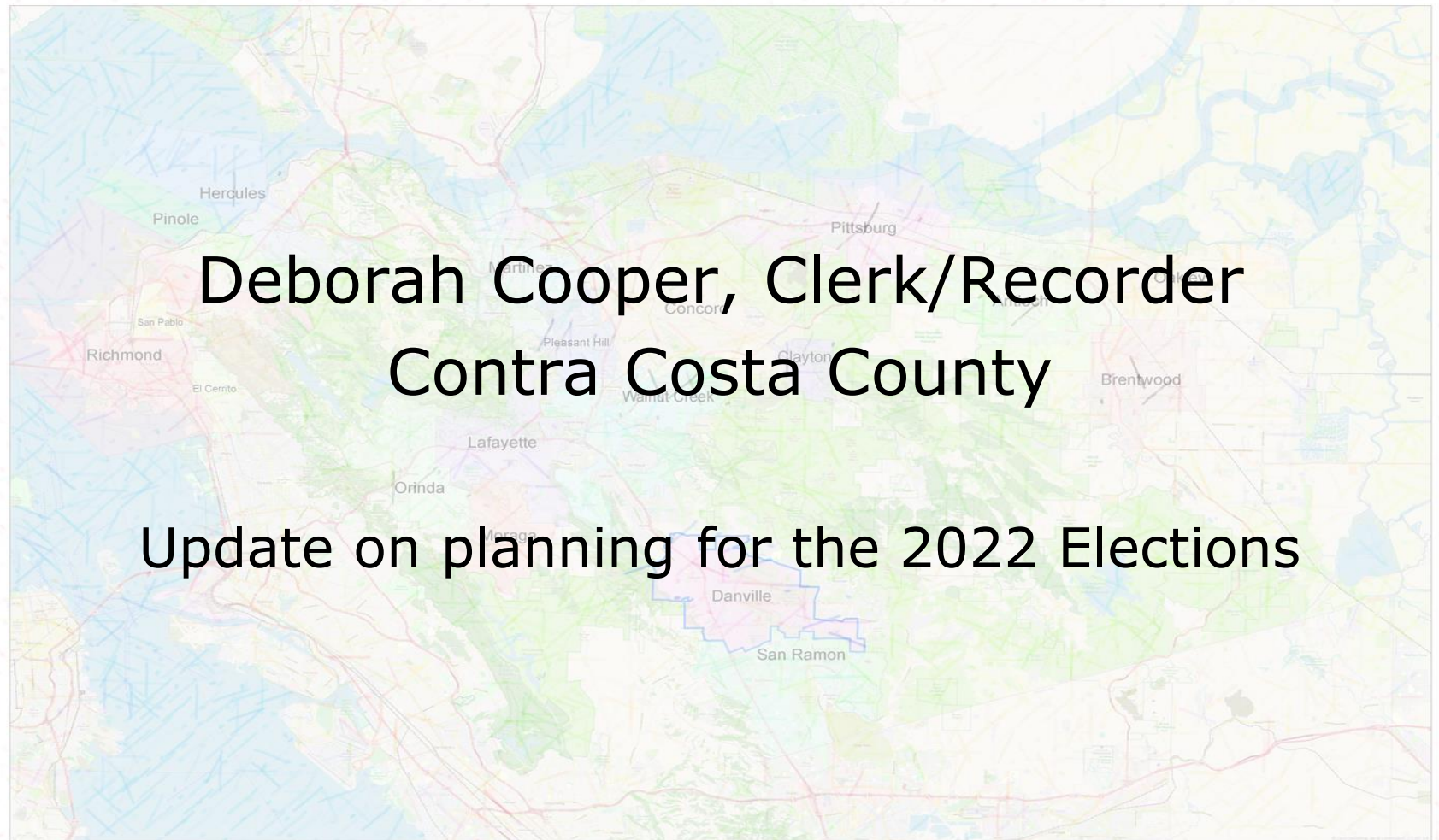
December 15, 2021

Statutory Deadline to complete Redistricting

December 15, 2021 Deadline

- ▣ Current legal deadline is December 15, 2021
- Issues
 - County cannot make signature-in-lieu-of-filing-fee petitions available until at least 28 days after maps have been adopted.
 - Elections signatures in-lieu period for the June 2022 Primary Election begins December 16, 2021.
 - Elections Office has to adjust all precincts to align with new supervisorial district boundaries prior to the June 2022 election and with all other district boundaries before the November 2022 election.

Redistricting 2021



Deborah Cooper, Clerk/Recorder
Contra Costa County

Update on planning for the 2022 Elections

Contra Costa Elections maintains boundaries of nearly 100 districts in the County.
 30 districts will be redistricting for the November 2022 elections.

June 2022	November 2022		
State/County December 15	Cities April 17	Special Districts May 12	School Districts March 1
Congressional	Antioch	Dublin San Ramon Services District	Contra Costa County Board Of Education
State Assembly	Brentwood	Contra Costa Water District	Contra Costa Community College District
State Senate	Concord	Diablo Water District	Chabot-Las Positas Com. College District*
Supervisory	Martinez	East Bay Municipal Utility District	Antioch Unified School District
	Oakley	Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection	Martinez Unified School District
	Richmond	Bay Area Rapid Transit District	Mt Diablo Unified School District
	San Ramon	Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District*	Oakley Union Elementary School District
		Byron Bethany Irrigation District	West Contra Costa USD
		East Contra Costa Irrigation District	San Ramon Valley USD
		East Bay Regional Park District	
	West County Wastewater District		

* Districts shared with Alameda County

Redistricting & Reprecincting

- Redistricting and reprecincting will be completed during the busy preparations for the 2022 Elections
 - Redistricting must be completed before candidates file to run for office.
 - The Elections Division goes through multiple processes to verify the integrity and accuracy of the lines submitted by the districts
 - Conformance with Tax Rate Areas
 - Comparison against current lines
 - Check for “parcel splitting”
 - Alignment with natural and physical features
 - Projection standardization

Other Election Considerations

- ❑ Once all districts are finalized, we move the data to our voter registration database and verify that it is correct for all 700,000+ voters.
- ❑ Once verified, we overlay the lines for all districts to see how they interact and if they form new precincts.
- ❑ The delay in receiving census data creates a very short time frame to complete and verify the process prior to the election.
- ❑ Redistricting is a time consuming two-way process, with district input and involvement throughout.
- ❑ Receiving changes from many districts near their deadlines complicates the process.
- ❑ We would love districts to get us their proposed lines early!

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QUESTIONS?