
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REDISTRICTING**

Board Retreat, Jan 26, 2021

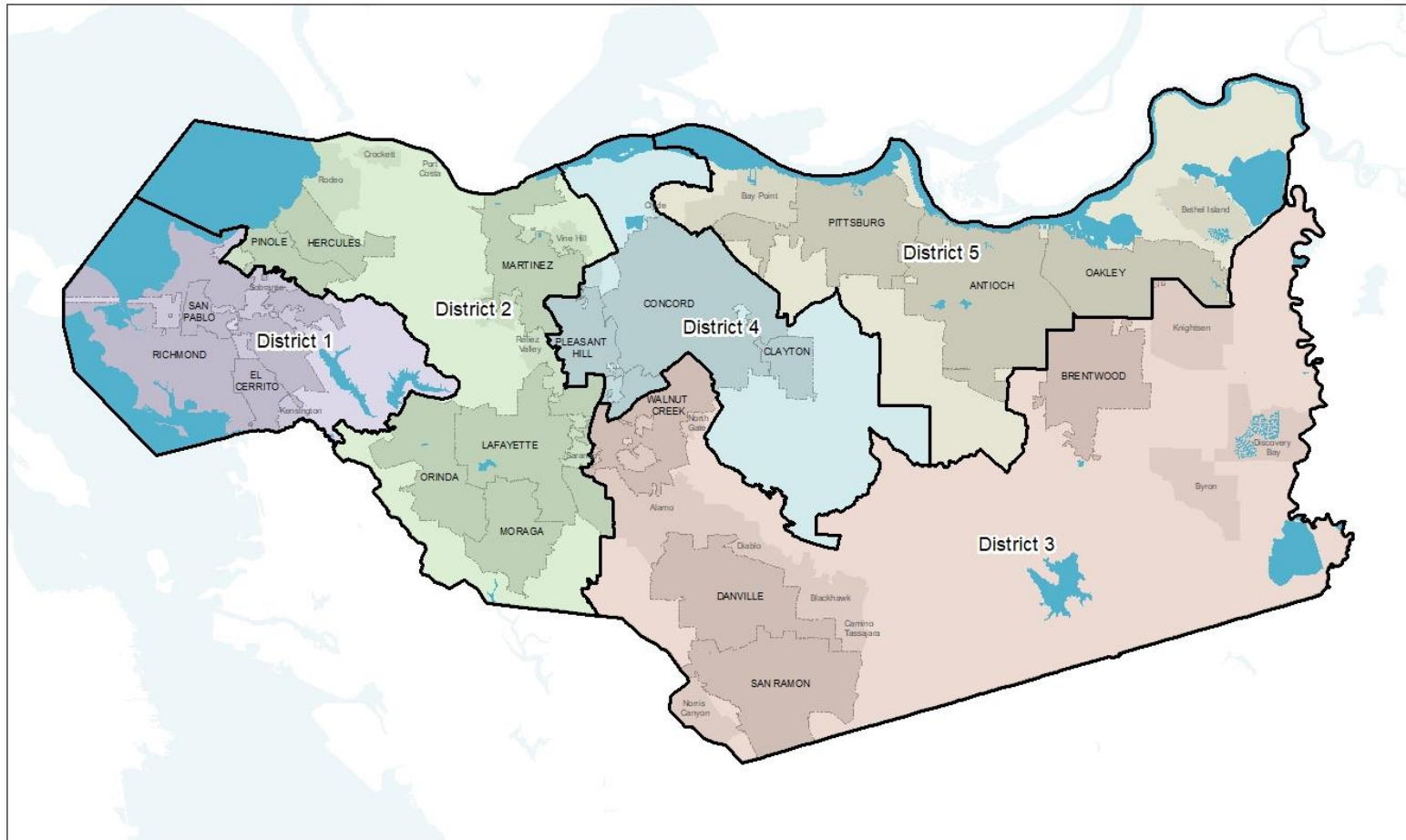
PURPOSE / MISSION

***CONDUCT A TRANSPARENT
REDISTRICTING PROCESS,
PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL
PUBLIC ACCESS TO
INFORMATION, LEADING TO
ADOPTION OF THE
REDISTRICTING ORDINANCE
THAT COMPLIES WITH ALL
APPLICABLE LAWS***

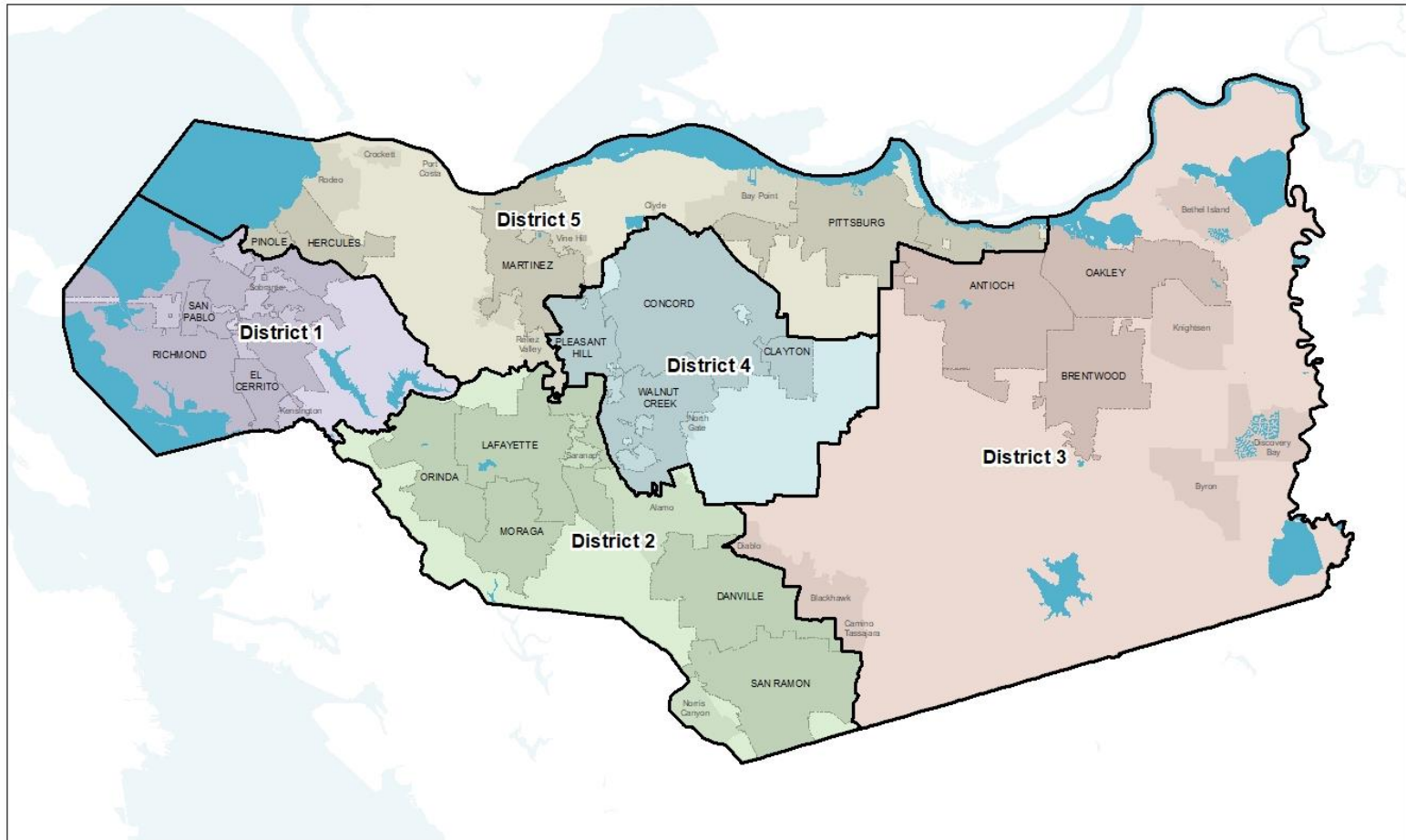
WHAT IS REDISTRICTING?

- **Every ten years the Board of Supervisors redraws supervisorial district lines to account for population growth and shifts during last decade based on U.S. census data**
- **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)**
- **Official 2020 U.S. Census data must be used as basis for the Board’s redistricting**

2001 BOARD REDISTRICTING MAP



2011 BOARD REDISTRICTING MAP



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

Changes to the Population Counted

□ State Prisoners

- Inmates in facilities administered by the state Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation must be included among the population counted if they have a last known residence in Contra Costa County. It is expected that the Statewide Database Center will have that information available, but **the State may need “an extra month” to provide the data.**

Guidelines for Redistricting

- Population equality (deviation from the mean of not more than +/- 5% between districts)
- Compliance with Federal law
- Districts shall be contiguous
- Geographic integrity of neighborhoods shall be respected
- Geographic integrity of a city should be respected by the county
- District boundaries should be easily identifiable and understandable by residents
- Geographic compactness of populations
- *At least* Four (4) public Hearings with specific meeting requirements
- Specific timelines for adoption of a plan

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 will not be available until a later date.
- ❑ General growth trends over last decade suggest population growth in San Ramon and East County

PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM

- **Guiding Principles / Criteria**
- **Data Analysis and Mapping**
- **Public Outreach**
- **Public Hearings and Ordinance Adoption**
- **Interdepartmental Leadership Group**

GUIDING PRINCIPLES / CRITERIA

Using existing district boundaries as the starting point, Board will redraw district boundaries that to the extent possible:

- **Achieve near equal population for each district – within +/- 5% between Districts**
- **Use easily identifiable geographic features and topography to achieve compact and contiguous district boundaries**

GUIDING PRINCIPLES / CRITERIA - continued

- **Maintain communities of interest 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**

DATA ANALYSIS & MAPPING

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

PUBLIC OUTREACH

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

- ❑ 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

INTERDEPARTMENTAL LEADERSHIP GROUP

DEPARTMENT

County Administrator's Office

ROLE

Facilitate the redistricting process, Provides oversight and, direction to DCD in the development of the maps and public outreach

Conservation & Development

Provides data analysis, prepares mapping, coordinates public outreach efforts (maintains website and prepares outreach material)

County Counsel

Provides legal advice and assistance to County staff

County Clerk-Recorders Office

Provides information and procedural guidance

PROPOSED TIMELINE/MILESTONES

Milestone: February 9, 2021

Board adopts work program

Milestone: March – June, 2021

Census Bureau scheduled release 2021 Census Redistricting Data with Summary File to states and local government agencies. **Release date uncertain due to COVID 19**

DCD staff reviews new geography, reviews data, and prepares draft maps. It will require a minimum of 3-4 weeks to complete this process.

Milestone: TBD

Board Public Hearing #1 Must be held before the Board draws a draft map or maps of the proposed supervisorial district boundaries

PROPOSED TIMELINE/MILESTONES - continued

Milestone: TBD

Board Public Hearing #2: Draft map alternatives (scenarios) and confirm public workshops/meetings. **Draft map cannot be released to the public until at least three weeks after the Legislature makes block-level redistricting data publicly available**

Milestone: One/two Week period TBD

Subject to COVID 19 restrictions, virtual or in person County wide Public workshops to review redistricting process, present map alternatives, and receive comments.

Milestone: TBD

Board Public Hearing #3: Redistricting Map Proposal(s)

PROPOSED

TIMELINE/MILESTONES - continued

Milestone: TBD

Board Public Hearing #4:
Redistricting Ordinance introduced

Milestone: TBD

Redistricting Ordinance set for adoption

Milestone: TBD

Statute of limitations to challenge adopted district boundaries expires (30 days after adoption)

Milestones: December 15, 2021

Statutory deadline to complete redistricting (CA Elections Code section 21501) Not later than 174 days prior to the June 7, 2022 primary election. However, the Clerk-Recorder need to update their elections systems once the new maps are adopted, and has requested that they have the adopted maps by early Nov 2021.

BOARD REDISTRICTING 2021

QUESTIONS?