



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 23, 2021

TO: Chair Tom Patti
Vice-Chair Chuck Winn
Supervisor Miguel Villapudua
Supervisor Katherine Miller
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CC: Interim County Administrator Manuel Lopez
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RE: Revised Census Data Delivery Date and Implications for Redistricting Timeline

On January 26, 2021, the Board approved the 2021 Supervisorial Redistricting Plan (Plan). The Plan included a proposed timeline based upon the best available estimate for the delivery date of the required PL 94-171 Redistricting Data (Data) from the US Census Bureau.

Under normal circumstances, the US Census Bureau would have been expected to deliver the Redistricting Data to local jurisdictions no later than April 1, 2021. At the time the Plan was written, the expected delivery date had been pushed back to July 31, 2021, due to complications arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

On February 12, 2021, the US Census Bureau further revised the expected delivery date to September 30, 2021.

The US Census Bureau will initially deliver the Data to the State. The State will then perform additional data processing before distributing the Data further to local jurisdictions. This additional data processing is expected to include location adjustments for incarcerated populations (Elections Code § 21003).

Current indications are that data processing at the State Data Center (SDC) may require up to an additional 30 days before distributing the Data to local jurisdictions.

Based on all of the above, current expectations are that the Data will be received on October 30, 2021.

The latest date to adopt revised supervisorial district boundaries remains December 15, 2021. If the SDC takes the full 30 days to release the Data to local jurisdictions, current expectations are that the entire redistricting process may need to be completed within the 46 days between October 30, 2021 and December 15, 2021, unless a deadline extension to approve maps is granted to local jurisdictions.

On July 17, 2020 the California Supreme Court granted the Legislature's emergency petition (*Legislature v. Padilla*), extending the deadline to approve maps for the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) until December 15, 2021. The latest Data delivery date revision by the US Census Bureau potentially extends the CRC's deadline until February 14, 2022.

To date, no deadline extensions have been granted for local jurisdictions. SB 594 (Glazer), introduced February 18, 2021, is intended to address and mitigate the issue around the local redistricting deadline, though at present is only a spot bill/placeholder. Various Statewide Associations including the California State Association of Counties, the Urban Counties of California and our own Legislative Advocates are currently working with Legislative staff and leadership to see if an extension to the December 15, 2021 deadline can be achieved through Legislation or other Administrative actions. San Joaquin County staff have requested our representatives to pursue a deadline extension similar to the one provided to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Staff will continue to monitor conditions at the Federal and State levels. A revised Plan with an updated timeline will be prepared for Board approval, tentatively scheduled for the March 23, 2021 Board meeting. Please contact me at 468-9518 if you have any questions.