

San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors

PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

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DATE March 9, 2021

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AGENDA ITEM #: New Mandates of AB849 Fair Maps Act

OTHER: with regards to Transparency and public engagement of the Redistricting of the Board of Supervisor

Please, No Personal Attacks.

From: Ronnelle Howell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12:33 PM
To: sjcpubliccomments [COB] <sjcpubliccomments@sigov.org>
Subject: Local Redistricting

Good morning
My name is Ronnelle Howell
A member of CV-UP = Central Valley United for Power

Central Valley United for Power is a coalition of organizations that builds inclusionary
And transformative people power across eight counties.

Member's organization include:

The Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment
Community Water Center
Leadership Counsel for Justice & Accountability
Californians for Justice
Faith in the Valley
Hmong Innovating Politics
Dolores Huerta Foundation
Power California/99Rootz

As you are aware, because of the growth in population from 2010-2020, the boundaries of San Joaquin County Board of supervisor will require significant change per the 2020 Census.

The purpose of this presentation is to ask, on behalf of members of CV-UP how the County of San Joaquin is going to comply with the New Mandates of AB849 Fair Maps Act with regards to Transparency and public engagement of the Redistricting of the Board of Supervisor. Which includes;

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 - Five
 - public hearings; up to two conducted prior to lines drawing, at least two more held for public input and changes after maps have been made public, and one final hearing for adoption of a map that has been ad public for 7 days prior to adoption.
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In addition we would want to ask:

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- Schedule meetings regarding
- BOS redistricting from 8:30 am until after 6 pm to ensure community participation. Moving forward redistricting conversations be made a special timed item in the agenda to respect community members.
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- Create a dedicated portal
- on the redistricting process. Place explanation of the redistricting process, links to materials, calendar of all public hearings/meetings open to the public to County of San Joaquin homepage
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- Apply Traditional Redistricting
- Principles in the proper order
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 - Equal Population
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 - Compactness
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 - Contiguity
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 - Preserving Communities of Interest
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 - Preserving Local Political Subdivisions and new Census designated places. CDP
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 - As required by this law exclude
 - the home address of incumbents as a consideration in the creation of new board of supervisor lines.
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- Have demographer available
- to receive direct input from individuals and/or community organizations to discuss proposed maps. From this input have demographer create community generated maps for consideration.

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- Make all data and shapefiles
- for all proposed maps available for download off the website, make website in Spanish and English.
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- Simultaneous Spanish translation
- by a professional interpreter during the board meetings is a common practice by public boards.
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- Translation of all printed
- materials distributed during board meetings and forums in Spanish.
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- Live stream redistricting
- meetings in remote areas, with the opportunity for real-time participation (testimonies, questions, and/or comments) by community members.
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- Preserve video and place
- on redistricting portal, including the time stamp on the video when redistricting matters are being discussed.
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- The specific time designation
- of redistricting matters on the board meeting agenda to facilitate meaningful community participation.
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We look forward to your timely response.