

County of San Joaquin 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 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 County of San Joaquin, the Board of Supervisors is responsible for drawing supervisorial districts. Redistricting is done using U.S. Census data, which is released around March 31, 2021. For the County of San Joaquin, 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.

You can contact the County Clerk at rdebord@sigov.org or (209) 468-2350 to find out more about how the process works.

What do the existing supervisorial districts look like?

You can find a map of the County's current supervisorial districts here:
https://sjmap.org/mapdocs/SupervisorialDistricts2011Countywide_Official_Adopted.pdf

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.), and (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 our Board of Supervisors notify the public about redistricting?

The Board of Supervisors will reach out to local media to publicize the redistricting process. Also, we will make a good faith effort to notify community groups of various kinds about the redistricting process. Our public hearings or workshops will be provided in applicable languages if residents submit a request in advance. The Board of Supervisors will notify the public about redistricting hearings or workshops, post maps online before adoption, and create a dedicated web page for all relevant information about the redistricting process.

How can I get involved?

The Board of Supervisors will be holding hearings or workshops to receive public input on where district lines should be drawn. Those hearings or workshops will be held on:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	PURPOSE
June 9, 2021	3:00PM	Virtual	RAC Introduction
June 30, 2021	3:00PM	Room 430	RAC Training Session #1
July 14, 2021	3:00PM	Room 430	RAC Training Session #2
July 27, 2021	1:30PM	Chambers	BOS public hearing, to receive status report regarding the RAC's efforts.
July 28, 2021	3:00PM	Room 430	RAC Training Session #3
August 10, 2021	1:30PM	Chambers	BOS public hearing, to receive status report regarding the RAC's efforts.
August 17, 2021	5:30PM	Chambers	RAC Outreach Workshop #1, to receive public comment and collect community of interest testimony – prior to map formation.
September 15, 2021	3:00PM	Tracy	RAC Outreach Workshop #2, to receive public comment and collect community of interest testimony – prior to map formation.
September 28, 2021	1:30PM	Chambers	BOS public hearing, to receive status report regarding the RAC's efforts.
September 29, 2021	4:00PM	Lodi	RAC Outreach Workshop #3, to receive public comment and collect community of interest testimony – prior to map formation.
October 12, 2021	1:30PM	Chambers	BOS public hearing, to receive status report regarding the RAC's efforts.
October 13, 2021	6:00PM	Chambers	RAC Meeting #1, to present draft maps and receive public comment.
October 26, 2021	1:30PM	Chambers	BOS public hearing, to receive status report regarding the RAC's efforts.
October 27, 2021	6:00PM	Chambers	RAC Meeting #2, to present draft maps and receive public comment.
November 2, 2021	9:00AM	Chambers	BOS public hearing, to receive status report regarding the RAC's efforts.
November 10, 2021	6:00PM	Chambers	RAC Meeting #3, to present draft maps and receive public comment.
November 16, 2021	1:30PM	Chambers	BOS public hearing, to receive final scenarios from RAC, and set December 7, 2021 at 1:30PM as the date for a public hearing to adopt an ordinance to revise the existing supervisorial district boundaries.
December 7, 2021	1:30PM	Chambers	BOS public hearing, to adopt an ordinance to revise the existing supervisorial district boundaries.

Key to abbreviations:

BOS: Board of Supervisors

RAC: Redistricting Advisory Committee

Key to locations:

Room 430: SJC Administration Building, 44 N San Joaquin St, 4th Floor, Suite 430, Stockton, CA 95202

Chambers: SJC Administration Building, 44 N San Joaquin St, 6th Floor, Suite 627, Stockton, CA 95202

Lodi: Hutchins Street Square – Kirst Hall, 125 S Hutchins St, Lodi, CA 95240

Tracy: Tracy City Hall – Council Chambers, 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy, CA 95376

You can also submit public comments, including suggested draft maps, by emailing: redistricting@sjgov.org

Where can I find out more?

The County maintains a webpage on the redistricting process here: <https://wedrawthelines.sjgov.org/>