

State of California, County of Siskiyou
Board of Supervisors
Minute Order, October 19, 2021

Public Hearings - County Clerk - Public hearing to review proposed redistricting Supervisorial District boundary maps and possible selection of a Draft Plan containing draft maps with which to proceed. Presentation and discussion only; Redistricting Partners to develop a Draft Plan 3 incorporating various boundary line comments for consideration at a later public hearing.

This was the time set for a public hearing to review proposed redistricting Supervisorial District boundary maps and possible selection of a Draft Plan containing draft maps with which to proceed.

Vice Chair Valenzuela opened the public hearing.

County Clerk Laura Bynum appeared before the Board and introduced Redistricting Partners representative Chris Chaffee who participated via ZOOM/teleconference phone.

Ms. Bynum provided comments from GIS Specialist Holly Baun related to the proposed Supervisorial District boundaries in each Draft Plan, suggesting the use of physical features (i.e. Shasta River Road, Highway 263, etc.) for boundary lines and the use of school district and/or Tax Rate Area boundaries for consistency.

Mr. Chaffee presented a powerpoint, including a brief overview of the redistricting timeline, the process for County residents to submit input regarding where Communities of Interest exist and the option to view proposed District boundary draft maps online. Mr. Chaffee advised that the current Supervisorial Districts boundaries are not compliant with the Fair Maps Act as the current lines indicate a total deviation of 19.9% (a deviation percentage not higher than 10% is allowed) due to population changes in each District following the 2020 Census. Mr. Chaffee provided an overview of the proposed District boundaries in Draft Plan 1, advising of the need to increase Supervisorial District 1's area to take in additional population, the need to decrease District 4's area as the District is over-populated, and similar modifications made to the remaining three Districts. Mr. Chaffee additionally summarized the proposed District boundaries in Draft Plan 2, advising that both Draft Plans are compliant with the Fair Maps Act with regard to total deviation percentage.

The Vice Chair opened the item to public comments and no public comments were received.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff's request regarding the proposed Supervisorial District 3 boundaries in each plan, Mr. Chaffee advised of the efforts made to keep cities within District boundaries whole and to distribute population changes (increases or decreases) by modifying the District boundaries.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Mr. Chaffee regarding Districts 2 and 3 boundaries drawn to include both sides of Interstate 5, the inability of Redistricting Partners to consider where an incumbent Supervisor lives during the process of drawing boundaries, minimal public interest in the redistricting process and the inability of the Board to adopt the current District boundaries due to the population deviation percentage (greater than 10% deviation).

Supervisor Valenzuela suggested that the boundary between Supervisorial Districts 2 and 3 remain the same as the current boundary lines for consideration at the next public hearing.

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Mr. Chaffee advised that District 2 was in need of additional population in order to rebalance the District's population.

Supervisor Ogren spoke in support of Draft Plan 2, requesting that the western border of Supervisorial District 4 be modified to incorporate streets within Yreka not currently with the Draft Plan.

Further discussion followed regarding using Pony Trail as road/location in order to increase population in Supervisorial District 2 and the need for development of one additional Draft Plan for the Board to review at the next public hearing.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office had not received correspondence related to this item.

There being no public comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

No action was taken.

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