



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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Date: February 23, 2021

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,  
Establishing The Advisory Redistricting Commission And Adopting Rules And Procedures**

**Whereas**, following each decennial census, and using that census as a basis, the Board of Supervisors (Board) must adjust supervisorial district boundaries within the County so that the supervisorial districts remain substantially equal in population, as required by the United States Constitution; and

**Whereas**, in adopting the supervisorial district boundaries, the Board shall use the criteria set forth in California Elections Code section 21500 and following—including the recent amendments implemented by Assembly Bills 849 and 1276 and Senate Bill 1108—and such boundaries shall comply with the Unities States Constitution, the California Constitution, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

**Whereas**, California Elections Code section 23001 allows the County to establish by resolution an advisory redistricting commission composed of residents of the County to recommend to the Board changes to the supervisorial district boundaries; and

**Whereas**, California Elections Code section 23002 further provides that the County may determine the manner in which members are appointed to the advisory redistricting commission, but prohibits “a person who is an elected official of the [County], or a family member, staff member, or paid campaign staff of an elected official of the [County]” from being appointed to serve on the commission; and

**Whereas**, an advisory redistricting commission composed of \_\_\_\_ members as more fully described below will satisfy the provisions of California Elections Code sections 23001 and 23002 and may be established to make recommendations concerning redistricting to the Board; and

**Whereas**, the Board acknowledges and understands that, pursuant to California Elections Code section 21501(a)(2), the Board must act upon such recommendations from an advisory redistricting commission and adopt the Final Map to adjust the supervisorial districts on or before December 15, 2021.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the Sonoma County Advisory Redistricting Commission (ARC) with the duty of recommending to this Board its findings for the need, if any, to change supervisorial district boundaries based upon the 2020 Federal Decennial Census, with such recommendations to be acted upon by the Board after holding the requisite public hearings no later than December 15, 2021; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that the ARC shall consist of \_\_\_\_ members with each member of the Board recommending \_\_\_\_ member(s) from their respective Districts to be appointed by the full Board and \_\_\_\_ at-large members to be selected and appointed by the full Board; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that all members appointed to serve on the ARC shall be residents of Sonoma County; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that the ARC shall follow Elections code requirements as well as the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code §54950, et seq., [ and other rules and procedures the Commission will be required to follow], including the adoption of an order fixing the times and place of the ARC's regular meetings; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that the ARC shall dissolve automatically after the Board of Supervisors takes final action on the supervisorial district boundaries, but in no event later than December 15, 2021.

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**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**