

Public Comment 11-15-21 10:00 AM through 11-19-21 3:00 PM

Date	Name	Notes
11/15/2021	City of Cotati	City council is unanimous that they are better represented in a district that reflects the history of the city of Cotati and close ties to Penngrove, Liberty Valley, and Petaluma. Asks that Cotati be kept in a single district.
11/15/2021	Eric Koenigshofer	Provides an explanation for the white area on the proposed map he submitted. (Map ID 81749)
11/15/2021	Tamara Boulton	Does not want Bennett Valley divided into separate districts.
11/15/2021	Estelle Rider	Requests to not move Cotati into a a district attached to Rohnert Park.
11/15/2021	Mark West Watershed	Submitted a letter with a consensus of agreement from their three organizations. Dividing them into separate districts is not desired. They prefer to be kept in a single community of interest and have identified with District 1 for many years.
11/16/2021	Mark Kirby	Requests to keep the existing districts maps in place.
11/16/2021	DJ	Requests to keep West County as a separate district, merging with Rohnert Park makes no sense.
11/17/2021	Concepcion Dominguez	CAO received a phone message from Spanish speaking resident who lives in district 5. Caller states she does not want Moorland included with Rohnert Park and feels Rohnert Park should be with Santa Rosa.
11/18/2021	Michael Nicholls	Requests the board adopt the minimally-disruptive map submitted by former Supervisor Koenigshofer at the Nov. 16th board meeting.
11/19/2021	Marina Harb	Requests to keep the current district map as it exists and do not put Rohnert Park in District 5.

From: [tboultb \(null\)](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Cc: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [district4](#); [district3](#); [district5](#)
Subject: Redistricting map-Bennett Valley (rural) divided up-NO!
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 3:43:30 PM

EXTERNAL

Hello Committee and Supervisors,

In researching the proposed map (and finally managing to enlarge it so that street details could be seen), my fear was realized - you are proposing to divide up rural Bennett Valley and put in separate districts. Bennett Valley has long had a Specific/Area Plan which has been the governing document since the 70's. Since one of the main goals in the redistricting is to preserve "neighborhoods", etc. I cannot, for the life of me, understand how you could even consider dividing up this rural enclave and putting the pieces in different districts. It appears that the committee did not consider the value of established areas, especially those with a county approved specific/area plan, as important as simply moving boundary lines so that numbers could theoretically be "equal" (numbers which are not equal as it is). Areas that a locale identify with and with which they have commonality is important.

Please do not adopt the lines affecting rural Bennett Valley as presented in this latest(?) map.

Having been in this area for many years and having been involved in local planning processes over the years, I am very concerned about the inequities and apparent skewed rationale for some of the proposed changes. Please do not accept this map!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Tamara Boultee

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November 15, 2021

Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
575 Administration Drive, Room 100A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Subject: 2021 Supervisorial Redistricting

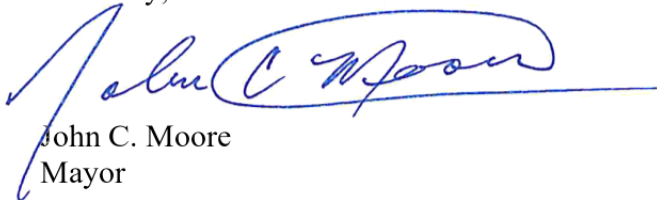
Honorable Supervisors,

On October 26 and again on November 9, the Cotati City Council (City Council) discussed the redistricting options being considered by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors (Supervisors). We recognize and commend the difficult work of the Advisory Redistricting Commission (ARC) and the Supervisors, including the difficulty of balancing districts, geographic integrity, communities of interest, and other goals to arrive at the best overall outcome for Sonoma County.

On this issue, the City Council is unanimous that we are better represented in a district that reflects the history of the City of Cotati (Cotati) and our close cultural ties to Penngrrove, Liberty Valley, and Petaluma. Cotati was incorporated to protect our identity and we have worked hard to maintain our small-town character and often find ourselves aligned with these communities on a variety of issues that are important to our residents. Our neighbors in Rohnert Park have pursued a path of rapid land development, which means that we often have different issues and interests.

As you conclude your work, we ask that you keep Cotati in a single supervisorial district, including areas within our city limits and urban growth boundary. We also ask that you keep us in a separate supervisorial district from our neighbors in Rohnert Park. Based on the draft maps released on November 9, 2021, it appears that any of the proposed maps would be consistent with our request, except NDC Draft G, which we feel would not be in the best interest of our residents.

Sincerely,



John C. Moore
Mayor

CC: Cotati City Council
Sonoma County Advisory Redistricting Commission
Sheryl Bratton, County Administrator

From: [Redistricting2021](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: FW: Redistricting
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 12:59:55 PM

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Dear Advisory Redistricting Commission members,

I have been struggling to find a path where all involved feel satisfied (or nearly so). I've spent countless hours drawing and redrawing maps with that goal in mind. The attached map does move nearly 32,000 residents of Roseland, Bellevue, Wright and Moorland areas into the 3rd district. The challenging task of finding replacement population to move into the 5th is accomplished on this map by borrowing from all districts to achieve the target number.

There is one area of my map which is shown in white (**map 81749**). This area was included in the ARC map proposed to become part of the 3d district. I don't believe this area should be moved to district 3. My reason is that this area reaches well beyond the city boundary and the Santa Rosa Sphere of Influence boundary into the General Plan community separator area of open space intended to give spatial distance between the Santa Rosa and Sebastopol. I've called this area out as an area of policy decision for the BOS. I believe the area includes only about 800 residents.

Here are the key features of this map:

- 1) moves the SW area from district 5 to district 3 (the line is drawn back slightly by not going all the way to Llano Road to reduce the number of replacement population),
- 2) replenishes the population of district 5 w/o disproportionate impacts on any one district,
- 3) retains the basic geographical integrity of the districts and their existing communities of interest,
- 4) does not include any shocking features such as cutting a swath through the center of SR all the way to Farmer's Lane and adding the Flamingo Hotel to the 5th district,
- 5) the new district 3 population breakdown is Hispanic 42%, White 41%, and Asian 9% (using Census terminology),
- 6) RP would remain in district 3 with an increased role in that district,
- 7) most of the replenished population is drawn from SR recognizing the fact the population shift is largely SR to SR,
- 8) replenishment population is also drawn from districts 2 and 4 out of necessity (to avoid relying on any one area and the resulting concentrated impacts),
- 9) respects existing district format of North County, South County, West County and the Sonoma Valley, in addition to the primary SR/RP district.
- 10) does not displace any incumbent supervisor.

Everyone looking at this map will find points which they can criticize but the big picture aspect, the goal to move SW SR to district 3 is achieved with minimal impact

on the remaining districts.

I am sending this map around today and invite you to share it and circulate it as widely as you like if you feel it has the merits I list above.

Here is the link. The map is best viewed with the overlay of "Boundaries - current districts" under the "Data Layers" tab and demographic info is under the "Evaluation" tab.

<https://districtr.org/plan/81749>

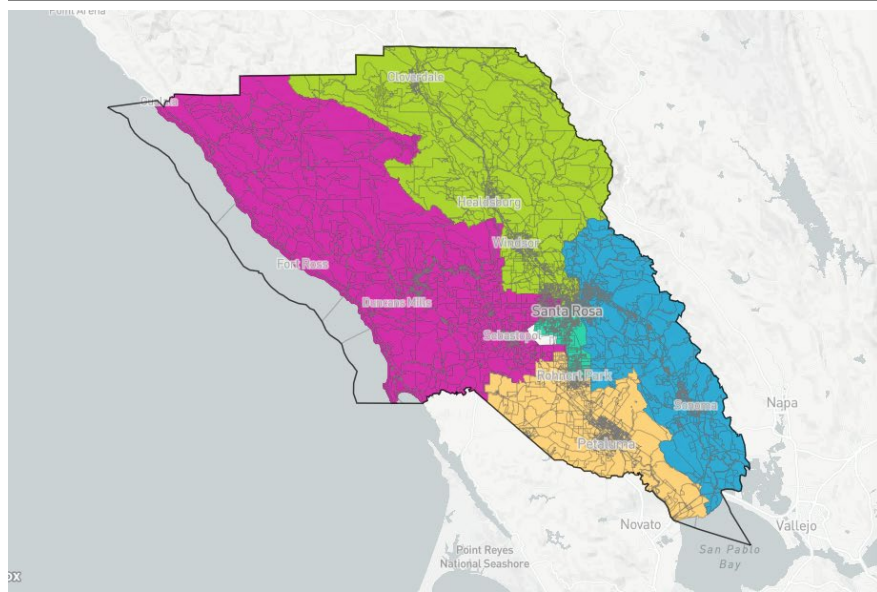
Thanks,

Eric

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Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:45:06 PM
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Population Data Layers Evaluation

Population Balance

① Uses 2020 Decennial Census population with processing by National Demographics Corporation on 2020 Blocks.

97,127
97,398
99,193
97,634
96,385
Ideal: 97,942

UNASSIGNED POPULATION: 1,973
MAX. POPULATION DEVIATION: 1.59%

Highlight unassigned units



November 14, 2021

Regarding Draft District Maps

Dear Supervisor Gorin and Supervisor Gore,

I am not sure if I can attend the Board of Supervisor's meeting tomorrow, so, as Chair of the Upper Mark West (UMW) FireSafe Council, I am sending you a summary of our reactions to the Redistricting Maps. I have shared this letter with the chairs of the Friends of the Mark West Watershed and the Alpine Club, and we are sending this letter with a consensus of agreement from our three organizations. As you know, the Upper Mark West Watershed would be divided between Districts 1 and 4 if the Board of Supervisors accepts Maps D or G as they are currently drawn. This presents some discomfort for us, especially as we work hard to unify our Upper Mark West Watershed Community and to increase participation in the many environmental and safety activities that are sponsored by our three community organizations.

We understand how difficult the redistricting process is for the Board of Supervisors, and that you are juggling multiple and sometimes conflicting priorities. We feel very supported by both of you, and we understand that we will continue to work closely with you and be well represented by you regardless of the lines of the final district boundaries.

However, we would like you to consider our longstanding community that has enjoyed defined boundaries since well before the 1940's. The Alpine Volunteer Fire Department was the hub of community organizing well before the 1940's, and the Alpine Club took over as a non-profit social organization when the volunteer fire department was absorbed into Rincon Valley Fire Department. The Alpine School House (and later Cooperative Day Care Center) were the center of family life, and our children attend schools in Rincon Valley. Beginning with the Alpine Club in 1940, we have defined our watershed, and our community as including Saddle Mountain, both sides of St. Helena Road going east to the Napa County line, both sides of Calistoga Road (including Alpine/Roehmer Road) and including the properties south and east of the intersection of Porter Creek and Petrified Forest Roads. We have an established group of Road Captains for this area who outreach to their neighbors, an independent Emergency Phone Alert System, and an email listserv for this area. Our UMW Fire Safe Council and our CWPP were written specifically with these boundaries, and we have successfully received grant funding based on our organization. We have conducted evacuation seminars and worked closely as a community to recover from the Tubbs and Glass fires in our neighborhood. The Friends of the Mark West Watershed has vigorously represented our community for environmental concerns. In every sense of the word, we consider these boundaries as our single and special community.

We are writing to you to ask for an adjustment to the proposed district maps so that Calistoga Road would not be the most western border of District 1, but instead that the border of District 1 extend to the ridgetop west of Alpine/Roehmer Road, or to use Mill Creek as the western borderline. We also ask that the Northern border of District One extend to Petrified Forest Road, thus including Gates Road, Chalfant Road, and Kings Hill Road. These changes would be unnecessary if the Board adopts the current district boundaries, and seem relatively simple with Maps E and F. From a mathematical perspective there are relatively few people living in this additional area, but from a social, psychological, and historical perspective those people are part of our community.

Again, we value our close relationship with you and with our friends in the Mark West Springs/Larkfield area, but we would prefer to keep our identity as a single community of interest, and we've identified with District One for many years.

Respectfully,

Lynn Garric, Chair, Upper Mark West FireSafe Council

Harriet Buckwalter, Chair, Friends of the Mark West Watershed

Karen Passafaro, Chair, The Alpine Club

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Subject: Re-districting

Message: Please do not move Cotati into a district attached to Rohnert Park. Cotati has its own distinct culture and feel, and a more rural, agricultural, outdoors community ethos. It is a diverse community welcoming to all and shares interests with Penngrove, Bloomfield, Petaluma and the west county residents currently in District 2.

Rohnert Park wants to be affiliated with Santa Rosa in a new district and that makes sense, yet Cotati is not like Rohnert Park. Please help keep Cotati's community spirit strong and intact.

Thank you!!

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From: [m7kirby](#)
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Subject: Comment on redistricting map
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:09:14 AM

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Since the redistricting process became very compressed due to covid-19 and the fact that there has been minimal change to the county's population over the past 10 years, please keep the existing district maps in place.

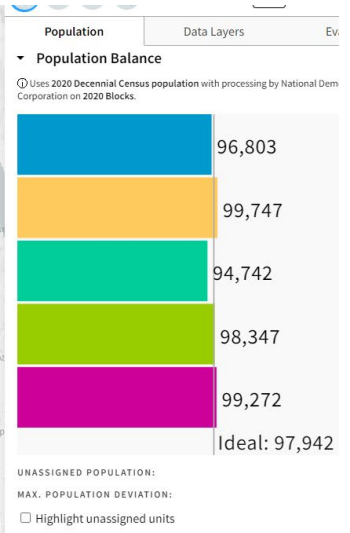
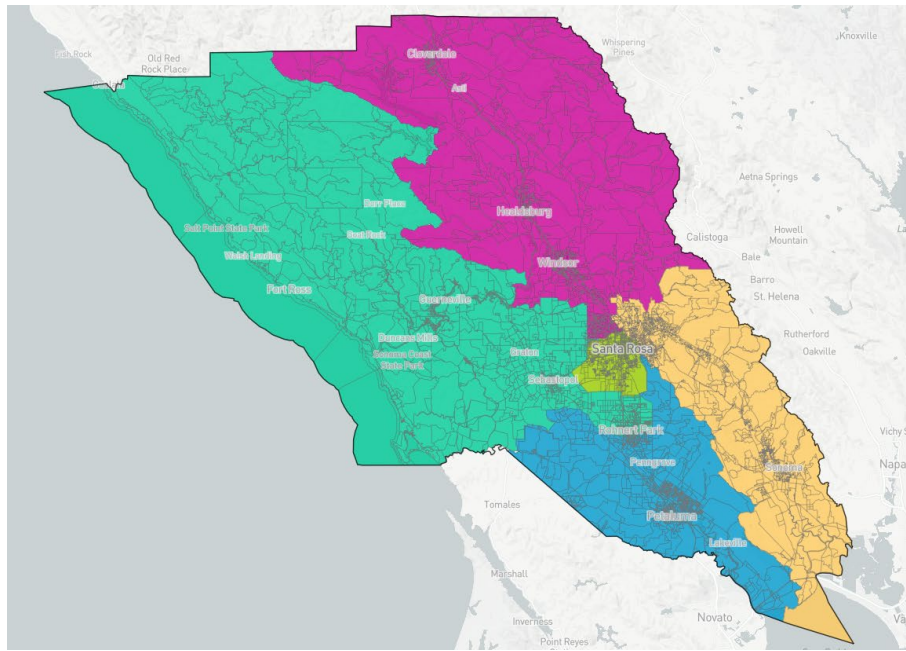
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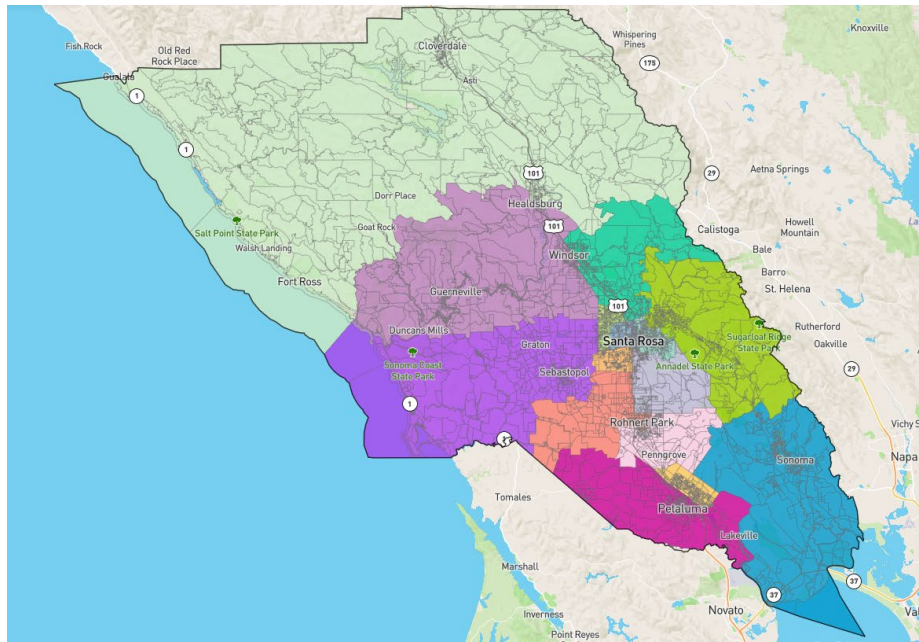
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Drawing Data Layers


▼ **Areas of Interest**

SELECT Sonoma Valley

NAME
Sonoma Valley

Describe this community

These details are updated automatically

▼ **Important Places** 

From: [Marina Harb](#)
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EXTERNAL

Subject: Redistricting

Thank you for your hard work and consideration.

**KEEP THE CURRENT DISTRICT MAP AS IT EXISTS!
DO NOT PUT THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK IN DISTRICT 5!
LEAVE THE DISTRICTS AS THEY CURRENTLY EXIST AND
DON'T FIX WHAT AIN'T BROKE!**

**Marina Shawn Harb
Seaview Road
Cazadero**



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