

Public Comment 11-05-21 10:43 AM through 11-15-2021 10:00 AM

Date	Name	Notes
11/5/2021	Sharon Smith	Strongly opposes redistricting to include Rohnert Park. Hopes it does not pass.
11/5/2021	Pamela Benz	Keep current District map as is. Do not put Rohnert Park in District 5. Attached map in separate email.
11/5/2021	Andrea Oreck	Keep current District map as is. Do not put Rohnert Park in District 5.
11/5/2021	Gwyn Marshall	Request to keep Marin County in the coastal district and leave eastern Sonoma County in Wine county district.
11/5/2021	Shannon Story	Keep current District map as is. Do not put Rohnert Park in District 5.
11/5/2021	Robin Latham	Keep current District map as is. Do not put Rohnert Park in District 5.
11/5/2021	Eric Koenigshofer	Submitted a map that will help move the process in a constructive way. Noting differences between the proposed ARC map and the map he is presenting for consideration.
11/6/2021	Michele Montgomery	Opposed to redistricting Rohnert Park to the 5th district.
11/6/2021	Erica Wolfson	No on redistricting. Keep the current district map as is.
11/6/2021	Karol Kopley	Keep current District map as is. Do not put Rohnert Park in District 5.
11/6/2021	Jeanette Lebell	Keep current District map as is. Do not put Rohnert Park in District 5.
11/6/2021	Michael & Diana Bundy	Keep current District map as is. Do not put Rohnert Park in District 5.
11/6/2021	Rick Luttmann	Keep current District map as is. Do not put Rohnert Park in District 5.
11/6/2021	Mariah Braxton	Wants the board of supervisors to support Rohnert Park being one district.
11/6/2021	Kris Nevius	Do not combine Rohnert Park and the West County. Wants to keep the district the way it is.
11/6/2021	Karen Gallinger	Request to not join Rohnert Park to West County.
11/6/2021	Jill Libnic	Keep current District map as is. Do not put Rohnert Park in District 5.
11/6/2021	Map ID 76580	Map
11/6/2021	Map ID 76550	Map
11/6/2021	Map ID 76527	Map
11/7/2021	Nancy & Brantly Richardson	Opposed to dividing Bennett Valley into two and considers Bennett Valley a community of interest and has nothing in common with Petaluma.
11/7/2021	Dianne Hales	Request to keep District 5 intact.
11/7/2021	Christ Gralapp	Opposed to not splitting Bennett Valley into two districts. Attached the Bennett Valley Area Plan.

11/7/2021	Phyllis Roberson	Request to keep District 5 intact.
11/7/2021	Anne Henderson	Requests to not redistrict Rohnert Park.
11/7/2021	Patrick Rafferty	Opposed to dividing Bennett Valley into two districts.
11/7/2021	Craig Harrison	Opposed to dividing Bennett Valley into two districts.
11/8/2021	Mary Plimpton	Asks that rural enclaves be recognized as communities of interest and should be held intact such as Rohnert Park. Also, request reunification of Franz Valley into district 1.
11/8/2021	Julie Walker	Keep current District map as is. Do not put Rohnert Park in District 5.
11/8/2021	Christopher Bramham	Request that the Supervisors create and select a district bounday map that places the entirety of the City of Rohnert Park in district 3.
11/8/2021	Margaret Briare	Request to keep District 5 intact.
11/8/2021	Starr Hergenrather	Keep current District map as is. Do not put Rohnert Park in District 5.
11/8/2021	Laurie Hammond	Requests to include all of Rohnert Park in a single district.
11/8/2021	Linda Rake	Keep current District map as is. Do not put Rohnert Park in District 5.
11/8/2021	Noel Bouck	Request to not redistrict Sonoma County.
11/8/2021	Andrea VanDyke	Keep current District map as is. Do not put Rohnert Park in District 5.
11/8/2021	Reeta Roo	Keep current District map as is. Do not put Rohnert Park in District 5.
11/8/2021	Francine Baldus	Disagrees with the proposal to redistrict the currnt district 5 and does not want to be part of a district with Rohnert Park.
11/8/2021	Caroline Duarte	Does not want her vote to be taken over by Rohnert Park.
11/8/2021	Debra Greenblat	Requests to have Rohnert Park be in one district only.
11/9/2021	Carolyn Bell	Keep current District map as is. Do not put Rohnert Park in District 5.
11/9/2021	Ann & Bob Storms	Does not want to divide Bennett Valley. Leave the districts intact as they are.
11/10/2021	Angela Y Franzi	Requests to not put the city of Rohnert Park into District 5 and to not split the coast into different districts.
11/10/2021	Maps	Two maps received by D1 staff
11/10/2021	Map ID 79262	Map
11/11/2021	Debbie Rummel	Requests to reconsider. The vision and needs of these disparate and unique communities are being irresponsibly combined through redistricting.
11/11/2021	Claire Werner	Keep current District map as is. Do not put Rohnert Park in District 5.

11/11/2021	Former Cotati Mayors	Do not consider Cotati and Rohnert Park as sister cities and should not be placed in the same supervisorial district. Request to keep Cotati as a unique and independent city that it is.
11/12/2021	Jerry Terhune	States the redistricting proposal to rearrange the district 5 boundaries will have extremely negative consequences on the heart and soul of the West County.
11/13/2021	Rick and Evette Feigel	Disapproves of the redistricting of Rohnert Park.
11/14/2021	Sunday Goodtimes	States that common sense dictates that Rohnert Park be kept in District 3 as its closest relationship is with Santa Rosa.
11/14/2021	Rohnert Park Staff	Submitted a map.
11/15/2021	Chris Galapp	Request to keep Bennett Valley in District 1. Feels they have more in common with Sonoma Valley than with Petaluma/Rohnert Park.

From: [Pamela Benz](#)
To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 10:50:28 AM
Importance: High

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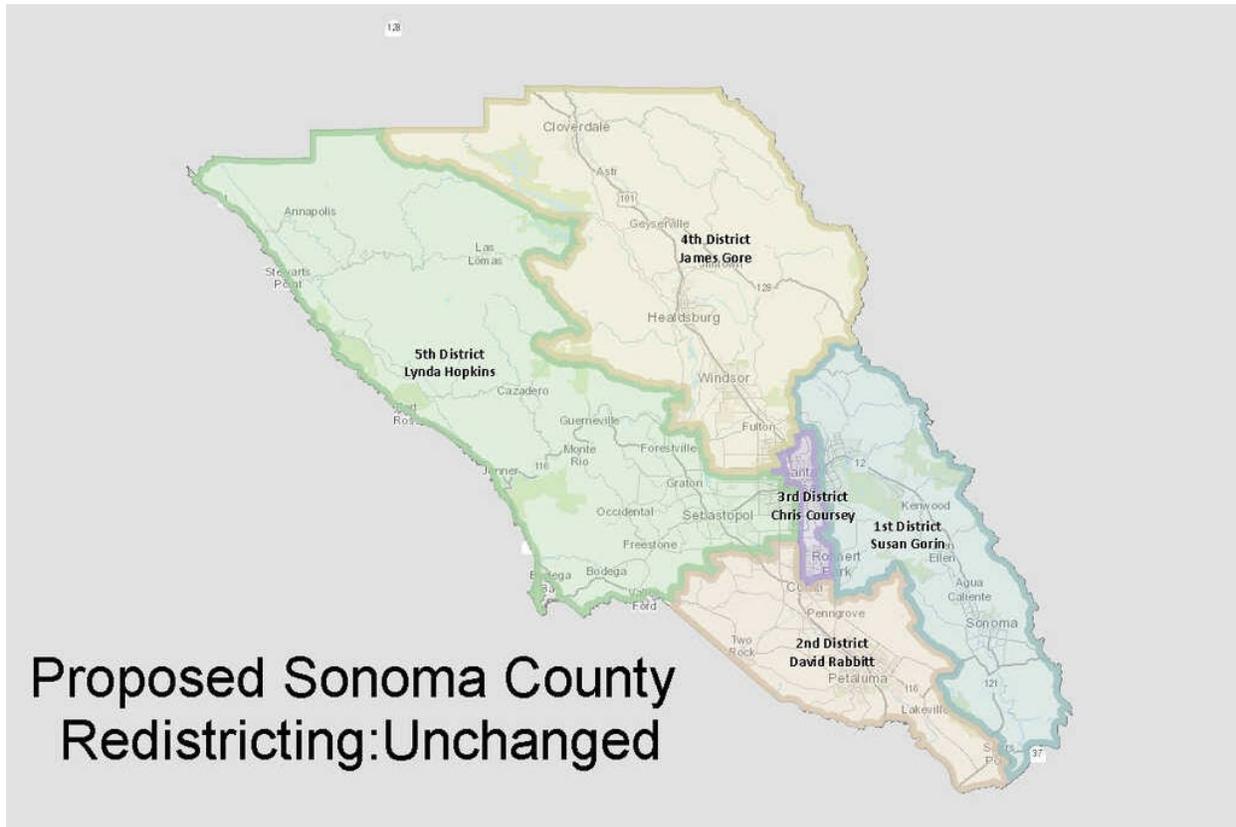
KEEP THE CURRENT DISTRICT MAP AS IT EXISTS! DO NOT PUT THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK IN DISTRICT 5! LEAVE THE DISTRICTS AS THEY CURRENTLY EXIST AND DON'T FIX WHAT AIN'T BROKE!

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To: ["Pamela Benz"](#); [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: My suggestion for Redistricting -- unchanged
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 10:59:07 AM

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From: Pamela Benz [mailto:asti@sonic.net]
Sent: Friday, November 05, 2021 10:50 AM
To: 'susan.gorin@sonoma-county.org'; 'david.rabbitt@sonoma-county.org'; 'chris.coursey@sonoma-county.org'; 'james.gore@sonoma-county.org'; 'lynda.hopkins@sonoma-county.org'
Cc: 'redistricting2021@sonoma-county.org'
Subject: Redistricting
Importance: High

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 exit and don't fix what ain't broke!

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From: [Yvonne Shu](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: FW: Redistricting
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 6:11:30 PM

From: Eric Koenigshofer <ejklaw@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 18:09
To: Yvonne Shu <Yvonne.Shu@sonoma-county.org>; Susan Gorin <Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org>; David Rabbitt <David.Rabbitt@sonoma-county.org>; district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>; district4 <district4@sonoma-county.org>; James Gore <James.Gore@sonoma-county.org>; Lynda Hopkins <Lynda.Hopkins@sonoma-county.org>; dist5@sonoma-county.org
Subject: Redistricting

EXTERNAL

Dear Ms. Shu and Members of the Board,

I am submitting a map I prepared with the hope the approach reflected in the map helps move the process forward in a constructive way. Since only one map was presented by the ARC and that map has met with substantial negative response both from the City of Rohnert Park as well as many residents of the 5th district, the map I add to the discussion addresses many of the criticisms I have heard regarding the ARC map.

The movement of nearly 50,000 population from the 5th district to the 3rd district creates a vacuum of that same number in the remaining area of the 5th district. The quick and easy answer to this situation was to propose adding Rohnert Park to district 5. The approach I submit herein is to make up the shifted population by spreading the adjustments over a much larger area of our county.

Here are a few observations about the task of reassigning 50,000 people from district 5 to 3.

- 1) The main population of our county is located along Highway 101 in a stretch of about 15 miles from Petaluma north to Santa Rosa. Rohnert Park sits between the two other cities (along with Cotati with a relatively minor population compared to the three cities mentioned).
- 2) Santa Rosa alone is 180,000, Rohnert Park is about 48,000 and Petaluma about 60,000. The combined total is about 290,000 out of a countywide population of just under 490,000. With Supervisorial districts of just under 100,000 it is obvious Santa Rosa must be in at least two districts and likely more (historically that number has been four with parts of Santa Rosa in districts 1, 2, 3, and 5).
- 3) The RP area may be associated with either Santa Rosa or Petaluma but at about 48,000 population it must have an additional 45,000 to 50,000 population to constitute a district.
- 4) In the map I present, most of RP is in district 2. Petaluma and RP can be combined to provide sufficient population for a district yet doing so triggers the consequence of dramatically reducing the unincorporated population of district 2

which is picked up in districts 1 and 5. However, that population is needed to replenish the population moved from district 5 to 3. Additionally, a small portion of RP is shown in the 5th and another portion in the 1st district. This is unavoidable due to several factors including geography, population count, district size and transportation corridors.

5) Another population shift replenishing district 5 is made by reassigning people in district 4 to district 5. This too is required to capture needed population to replenish district 5 by distributing the contributing areas more fairly than to just rely on the City of RP to achieve that goal.

6) The final population counts in my proposed map in districts 1 and 4 allow for continuing population increase as housing lost to fire continues to be rebuilt.

And now a few key features of the map I present herein...

1) A core goal of the ARC map reassigning S/W Santa Rosa from district 5 to 3 is maintained. The S/W Santa Rosa core area is reduced only slightly since some areas included in the ARC map are not currently in the City of SR nor are they within the Santa Rosa Sphere of Influence recognized by the Local Agency Formation Commission, the County of Sonoma and the City of Santa Rosa. That said the areas of primary focus including the Moorland neighborhood are included in the map I offer for consideration.

2) It is also important to note the Population by Race tab/overlay of the 3rd district I suggest has a Hispanic population which constitutes 44.9% of the total population.

3) The area reassigned from district 5 to 3 is about 49,000 population. The remaining population includes areas of Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park as driven by limited options as to where this count can be reached.

I request this map be forwarded to the consultant group for review and presentation to the community and the Board of Supervisors.

The map can be found at [Districtr](#)

Districtr

Thank you,

Eric Koenigshofer
Attorney at Law
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To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Opposition to redistricting
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 2:31:14 PM

EXTERNAL

Please do not create a ridiculous new district out of communities that oppose being lumped together!
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
or come up with a better idea but DON'T FIX WHAT AIN'T BROKE!

Robin Latham
Loves a Good Party
Event Coordinator

Here's my hunch: nobody's secure, and nobody feels like she completely belongs. Those insecurities are just job hazards of being human. But some people dance anyway, and those people have more fun."

– **Glennon Melton, Carry On, Warrior: Thoughts on Life Unarmed**

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From: [Gwyn Marshall](#)
To: [David Rabbitt](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 11:35:30 AM

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Keep Marin County in the coastal district and leave eastern Sonoma County in a Wine Country district.

Registered voter and county resident,
Gwyn Marshall

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From: [andreaoreckfa](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Changing the 5th district map
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 11:02:19 AM

EXTERNAL

I am an Occidental resident and I am writing to urge you to keep the current district map as it exists. I don't think it is wise to include Rohnert Park in district 5, as it is not part of West County. I support leaving the districts as they currently exist.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Andrea Oreck

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: [Sharon Smith](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: No!
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 10:43:15 AM

EXTERNAL

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I strongly oppose redistricting to include Rohnert Park. It is a completely different landscape and I believe it is going to displace areas here that are currently included. I hope this does not pass!!

Sharon Smith
Forestville, CA

Sent from my iphone

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To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#); [Shannon Story](#)
Subject: ! Redistricting: The City of Rohnert Park moved to District 5? - REALLY?!
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 1:09:33 PM
Importance: High

EXTERNAL

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DO NOT PUT THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK IN DISTRICT 5!

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LEAVE THE DISTRICTS AS THEY CURRENTLY EXIST

- AND -

DON'T FIX WHAT AIN'T BROKE!

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From: no-reply@sonoma-county.org
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: 2021 Redistricting: Rohnert Park
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 4:20:59 PM

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Sent To: County of Sonoma

Topic: 2021 Redistricting

Subject: Rohnert Park

Message: Rohnert Park is now in two districts which makes no sense. I would like the board of supervisors to support Rohnert Park being one district.

Sender's Name: Mariah Lang Braxton

Sender's Email: Mariah322@gmail.com

Sender's Home Phone: 7074904568

Sender's Address:

384 Circulo La Cruz

Rohnert Park, CA 94928

From: [Diana Bundy](#)
To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#); [James Gore](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 1:35:56 PM

EXTERNAL

**PLEASE, PLEASE 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 LET THE
COAST CONTINUE TO HAVE ITS OWN VOICE!!!**

**Michael & Diana Bundy
Bodega Bay**

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From: [Karen Gallinger](#)
To: [Susan Gorin](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 6:30:42 PM

EXTERNAL

I am writing to request that you not join Rohnert Park to West County in a redistricting plan. I am a homeowner in Monte Rio. I moved here because of the unique, rural aspects of the area. Rohnert Park has very different needs than West County and combining the two into one election district will create a district that is top heavy with suburban voters. Please do not make the issue of our needs untenable by tying them to an area with an entirely different agenda.

Respectfully,

Karen Gallinger

P.O. Box 331

Monte Rio, CA 95426

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From: [karol kopley](#)
To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Keep the current district map as it is.
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 11:19:46 AM

EXTERNAL

Please! Do not redistrict in the proposed manner.
Keep the current district map as it exists!

Do not put Rohnert Park in district 5. It does not belong there.

Respectfully,
Karol Kopley

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From: [JEANETTE Lebell](#)
To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting: Save the West County in District 5
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 12:39:28 PM

EXTERNAL

Dear Board of Supervisors

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!

One of the great things about the West County is its fairly unique sense of community
and character.

At the opposite end of the spectrum is Rohnert Park.

They're a little like oil and water.

Please don't mix them.

West County would lose what makes it special if that were to happen.

Thank you.

Jeanette Lebell

Proud resident of Sebastopol for 30+ years!

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From: [Jill Libnic](#)
To: [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Susan Gorin](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: No redistricting!!
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 10:25:26 PM

EXTERNAL

To All,

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!

As a long time West Sonoma County resident (more than 35 years), I strongly oppose the redistricting of my area, District 5, in combination with Rohnert Park. Our districts have nothing in common. I do not want West Co. values overcome and over ruled by Rohnert Park's interests and values. We are rural and agricultural and want to stay that way. Our concerns are completely different. Please oppose this plan on our behalf!

Thank you, Jill Libnic
Sebastopol/Graton area

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To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 1:57:51 PM

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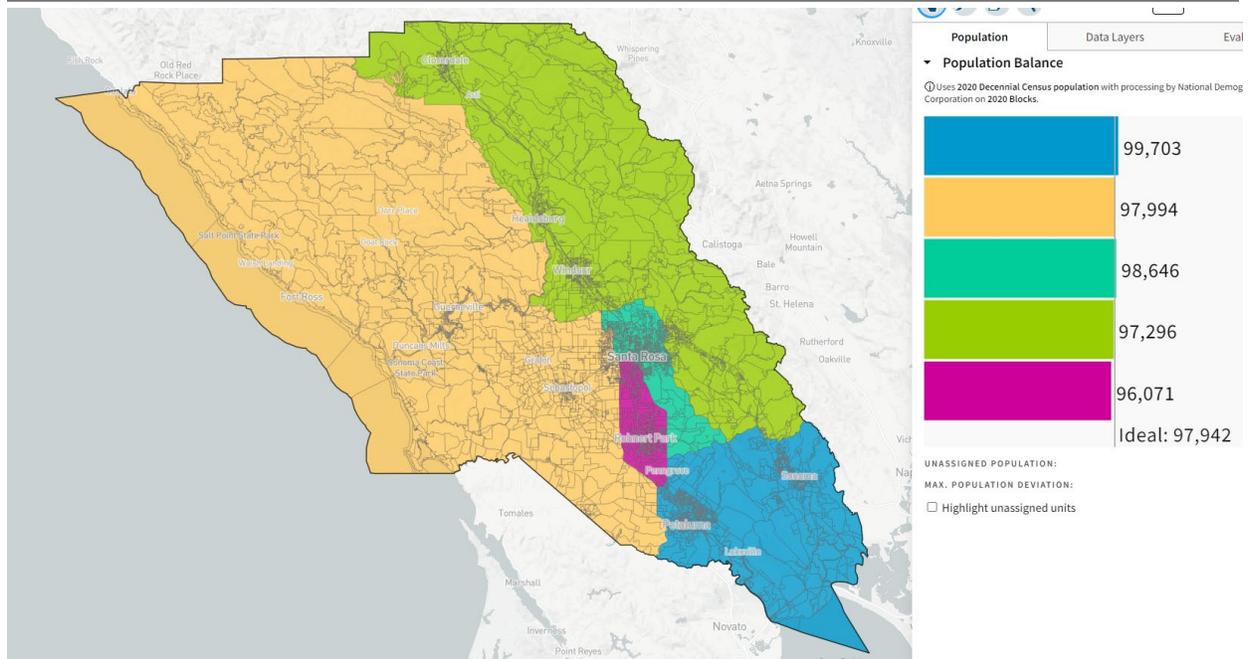
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From: [Redistricting2021](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Map ID 76550
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 10:22:57 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



From: [Michele Montgomery](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 10:09:27 AM

EXTERNAL

Please be advised that I Michele Montgomery am opposed to redistricting Rohnert Park to the 5th district.

A change like this can be VERY detrimental especially since Rohnert Park has never been acknowledged as part of West County.

Please use your time and our taxes on important matters then redistricting.

Thank you for reconsidering this move.

Sincerely,
Michele
Rohnert Park Resident.

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From: [Kris Nevius](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: redistricting
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 6:21:42 PM

EXTERNAL

Hi,

I appreciate all of the work that you all are doing, but it makes no sense to me to combine Rohnert Park and the West County. Very different interests and a lot more work for a supervisor to do! Please keep the district the way it is.

Thank you.

Kris

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From: [Celeste Roberson](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Fwd: Proposed change to boundaries of District 5
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 2:02:52 PM

EXTERNAL

Attn: Advisory Redistricting Commission

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From: Celeste Roberson <roberonpk@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Nov 7, 2021 at 2:00 PM
Subject: Proposed change to boundaries of District 5
To: <susan.gorin@sonoma-county.org>, <david.rabbitt@sonoma-county.org>, <chris.coursey@sonoma-county.org>, <james.gore@sonoma-county.org>, <lynda.hopkins@sonoma-county.org>

Dear Supervisors,

Please do not change the current boundaries of District 5. We are very tied to the coastal areas of the county and feel it is in our best interest to continue this very beneficial relationship.

Thank you,
Phyllis Roberson
Sebastopol, CA

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To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#); [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Please no Re-districting
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 10:55:03 AM

EXTERNAL

Dear trusted Board of Supervisors and Advisory Commission,

Please let West County keep our rural character and values. Our treasured small towns with unique characters, tht draw tourists and add flavor and diversity must be protected.

PLEASE unincorporated West County must be protected. Keep the current District map as it is!

Sincerely, Erica Wolfson
10387 Moonshine Rd. Sebastopol

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From: [Chris Gralapp](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#); [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#)
Cc: [Robert Stephens](#); [Moira Jacobs](#); [Craig Harrison](#)
Subject: Keep Bennett Valley intact!
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 1:38:50 PM
Attachments: [bennett_valley_area_plan.pdf](#)

EXTERNAL

Dear Redistricting Commission, Supervisors Gorin and Rabbitt,

It is imperative that Bennett Valley not be split into two districts. Bennett Valley **is** a community of interest in that we have had integrity as a community since late 1970's, when the Bennett Valley Area Specific Plan was developed, and the Bennett Valley Homeowner's Association was born (now the Bennett Valley Community Association).

The proposed map moves the 1st District further into the city of Santa Rosa, and amputates a big piece of BV into District 2. This will weaken the voice of our more rural residents, and disrupt our community.

For the benefit of the commission, I am attaching the Bennett Valley Area Plan, which identifies our community boundaries, and the policies that we have lived by for over 40 years.

Bennett Valley is a community of ~1200 households, which has its own fire department, a school district, a strong community association with a newsletter, and our Grange, which is the oldest continually operating grange in the US. The aforementioned Bennett Valley Area Plan clearly describes physical boundaries, scenic corridors, open space and riparian zones that fall within the well considered Land Use Policies, as well as the mitigation measures and implementation tools that apply to our area.

We do not want our community split asunder--please find a different way to slice the pie! We have much more in common with Sonoma Valley than we do with Petaluma / Rohnert Park.

Respectfully,

Chris Gralapp
Bennett Valley Homeowner

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INTRODUCTION

In 1979, the County adopted the Bennett Valley Specific Plan, a planning document prepared under specific requirements of State law and intended to provide an intermediate level of detail between the 1978 General Plan and site development plans submitted to the County for approval. The 1978 General Plan focused on policies of county-wide significance and utilized generalized graphics to illustrate land use, open space and other elements.

In 1989, the County adopted an update of the 1978 General Plan. The General Plan update provided parcel-specific information concerning land use and open space. The General Plan update also included "area policies" in an attempt to focus particular attention on a specific area or parcel. Because of this level of specificity in the general plan update, the Board of Supervisors determined that several of the specific plans, including the Bennett Valley Specific Plan, were either duplicative or conflicted with the updated General Plan. The Board of Supervisors further determined that to the extent the specific plans provided policy guidance beyond that provided by the General Plan update, that such plans should be reviewed and revised to focus on such policies, and readopted as "area plans." The General Plan includes a discussion of these specific plans in Land Use Element Section 2.1.1., under Policy LU-1a.

The document was prepared pursuant to General Plan Policy LU-1a.

In keeping with the above intent, the 1993 revisions of the Bennett Valley Area Plan did not include exhaustive evaluation or reconsideration of the policies or designations contained in this plan. The scope of the revisions was limited to that necessary to achieve General Plan consistency.

In addition, during this process much of the original background language was deleted. This deletion should not be interpreted as diminishing or reducing the significance of the content of the language to the original plan. Should there be any future questions regarding the intent or basis of the policies in the revised plan, the Planning Department shall keep copies of the original plan on file for reference.

SUMMARY

Located on the southeastern border of the City of Santa Rosa, the 15,500 acre Bennett Valley Study district was established by the Board of Supervisors in 1977 in response to local resident concern about the impacts of residential development.

The eleven-person Citizens Committee, appointed by the Board of Supervisors to provide a policy framework for the 1978 plan, set as its goals provision of residential opportunities and the protection of agriculture while retaining the rural character in Bennett Valley.

The Bennett Valley Area Plan is guided by goals, objectives and policy framework of the adopted Sonoma County General Plan. Four major land use categories are used in the Bennett Valley Plan to achieve the desired balance of residential and agricultural use:

- (1) Rural Residential acknowledges residential development as the primary land use, but supports the retention of open space through density regulation, primarily to minimize public hazards.
- (2) Diverse Agriculture encourages the use of the land for agriculture by retaining larger parcels and clustering residential units on smaller parcels.
- (3) Land Intensive Agriculture recognizes agriculture as the primary land use. Dwellings are permitted to support the agricultural operation.
- (4) The Resources and Rural Development category supports agricultural and conservation uses and recognizes public safety hazards.

With the Land Use Map, the Bennett Valley Area Plan integrates a Critical Open Space Plan, a set of Development Guidelines, and implementation tools. The Critical Open Space Plan establishes visual and riparian corridors within which the development is prohibited except in special cases. The Critical Open Space Plan also designates scenic landscape units, unique biotic features and critical habitats. The Development Guidelines establish a policy of design review for all new structures in the Plan Area and recommend building and planting materials compatible with the landscape units of Bennett Valley. Other recommended implementation techniques include trust funds, assessment districts, open space easements and trusts, and special studies.

DESCRIPTION OF BENNETT VALLEY

Bennett Valley is located just southeast of the city of Santa Rosa in the County of Sonoma, known as the North Bay Region (see Location Map). Between the mountain backdrops and the valley floors lie rolling upland hills: Taylor Mountain, Bennett Mountain and the Sonoma Mountains ring the triangular shaped valley, which is drained by Matanzas Creek, a tributary of Santa Rosa Creek (see Topography Map).

Map - Location Map



GOALS AND POLICIES

Two major goals define the Bennett Valley Area Plan: (1) to retain and enhance the rural character, and (2) to reflect the environmental and economic constraints, suitabilities and sensitivities of the area in the determination of the location and intensity of development. The following policies were endorsed by the committee to achieve these goals:

I. LAND USE

Low density is important to maintain the rural character of Bennett Valley.

- (1) Residential densities shall reflect the extent of constraints, suitabilities and sensitivities of the area.
- (2) Commercial development is not considered appropriate to the rural character of Bennett Valley.
- (3) Development shall be coordinated with the public's ability to provide schools, fire, police and other needed services.
- (4) To minimize environmental disruption, the County Subdivision Ordinance shall be the minimum standards applied for grading, road construction, drainage, driveway construction, siting, landscaping and energy. Where development standards included in Bennett Valley Plan exceed County Subdivision Standards, the Bennett Valley Standards shall apply.
- (5) New development throughout Bennett Valley shall be reviewed for site design and consistency with Bennett Valley development guidelines.
- (6) Cluster development should be encouraged.

II. HOUSING

- (1) When methods of on-site sewage disposal permit the accommodation of multiple-family dwellings, such dwellings should be considered to satisfy the need for lower cost housing. Multiple-family dwellings should be designed to appear to be single-family dwellings and surrounded by open space.
- (2) Agricultural employee housing should be encouraged.

III. CONSERVATION (Resources)

- (1) Agriculture is a vital component of the rural character and shall be encouraged and protected.
 - a. Parcel sizes and future land division shall be consistent with economic productivity of potential and existing agriculture.
 - b. Board of Supervisors should reassess County policies implementing the Land Conservation Act to assure that they meet current needs of farmers.
- (2) Unique scenic, visually and environmentally sensitive, and historic resources are important to the character of Bennett Valley and shall be protected.
- (3) Water is a valuable and necessary resource which should be protected.
 - a. Residential densities shall reflect net safe yield of groundwater.
 - b. County Subdivision standards for areas designated as Marginal Water Availability (Groundwater Availability Map) shall be followed in Bennett Valley.
 - c. Mutual water systems should be authorized for major subdivisions only where supplies are adequate to serve existing and projected growth for the life of the system.
 - d. On existing but undeveloped lots, proof of water shall be required prior to issuance of a building permit.

IV. OPEN SPACE

A feeling of Open Space is a vital component of rural character in Bennett Valley. Where the standards below are less restrictive than the General Plan standards, compliance with the General Plan standards is required.

- (1) Open vistas shall be protected.
- (2) Development patterns and specific development shall be in harmony with natural surroundings, including, but not limited to topography and vegetation.
 - a. Skyline development shall be prohibited.
 - b. Planting of native vegetation should be encouraged to screen existing development from the road.

- (3) A scenic corridor shall be established to protect views from the road and the community should be encouraged to undertake tree-planting programs where appropriate along scenic corridors.

V. PUBLIC SAFETY

- (1) Residential development shall occur in the least constrained, most suitable areas.
 - a. Parcels within the Alquist-Priolo Zone or in geologically unstable areas shall be developed only at very low densities. Siting and foundation design of all structures in these areas shall comply with the General Plan Public Safety Element.
 - b. Structures shall be located outside of the flood inundation area.
- (2) Understanding that fire could destroy the rural character of Bennett Valley and present hazard of life and property.
 - a. New dwellings should utilize fire-resistant materials.
 - b. Roof overhangs shall be designed for fire resistance.
 - c. Densities should be reflective of degree or fire hazard as determined by fire department response time.
 - d. Site landscaping shall be managed to limit fire hazard around structures.

VI. CIRCULATION

The character of the road system is a vital component of rural character of Bennett Valley.

- (1) The character of the existing public road system shall be retained. Improvements should be made in the interest of safety.
- (2) Development shall be sited with minimum impact on the view from the road.
- (3) Intensity of land use shall reflect the conditions character and capacity of roads.

VII. SCENIC CORRIDORS

The scenic quality of all transportation routes within Bennett Valley is a vital component of the rural character, and shall be protected.

VIII. PUBLIC SERVICES

- (1) Trust funds shall be considered to finance road construction and maintenance for public roads which are determined to be inadequate for proposed development.
- (2) School impact fees shall be considered to finance school construction and/or classroom construction when public schools are determined to be inadequate for proposed development.

IX. TRANSPORTATION

Petaluma Hill Road, Bennett Valley Road and Grange/Crane Canyon Roads are two lane rural scenic roadways. Sonoma Mountain Road, Pressley and Enterprise Road, which complete the internal circulation system within Bennett Valley, are one lane rural scenic byways. Petaluma Hill Road is classified as a Rural Minor Arterial; Bennett Valley Road and Grange/Crane Canyon Roads as Rural Major Collectors; and Sonoma Mountain, Pressley and Enterprise Roads as Local Roads. The guiding priority is to retain their basic rural character. The following recommendations from the General Plan Circulation and Transit Element are standards for the roads in Bennett Valley:

- (1) All roads should receive maintenance and hazard correction as the need arises.
- (2) All roads may in some case need to be upgraded because of safety or structural deficiencies. Proposals for major safety upgrades should be thoroughly reviewed before specific projects are undertaken, including citizen review.
- (3) All roads should be retained in their basic rural character.
- (4) Petaluma Hill Road is designated for 3 lanes where necessary to provide access from side streets, driveways, etc.

LAND USE AND CRITICAL OPEN SPACE PLAN

The Bennett Valley Area Plan is consistent with the County General Plan. It was the intention of the General Plan to assign densities to properties in this plan area which allowed the same number of residences as provided by the "PA Table" zoning in the 1979 plan.

Rural Residential (5 acre) category is characterized by residential development which precludes commercial agriculture, resource production or commercial development.

Diverse Agriculture describes the category where preservation of agriculture and agriculture potential is the highest priority but is complicated by the number of smaller residential parcels.

Land Intensive Agriculture is a category which reflects the existing and potential intensive agricultural land use. Residential development is related to the agricultural economy and can include farm labor housing as well as single-family residences. Residential density is low in this area.

Resources and Rural Development category is characterized by low level of human activity. It includes mountainous areas and other open space and agriculture.

The Bennett Valley Area Plan contains a Land Use Plan Map and Critical Open Space Plan Map.

MITIGATION MEASURES

The following section of this report discusses the rationale for the Land Use designations in this plan. While the Zoning Ordinance provides a tool for implementing land use decisions, additional tools are needed to mitigate adverse impacts that might occur with the proposed land use. The list below gives mitigation measures which respond to specific impacts. At the conclusion of each subarea analysis, the pertinent mitigating measures have been noted.

A. FOR GEOLOGIC HAZARDS

- (1) Retain very low density.
- (2) Site structure and design foundation in accord with recommendations of an engineering geologist.

B. FOR FLOOD HAZARDS

- (1) Prohibit residential structures within designated inundation area as mapped on Critical Open Space Plan.

C. FOR WATER AVAILABILITY

- (1) Encourage Board of Supervisors to authorize a monitoring of groundwater supplies in Bennett Valley.
- (2) Encourage Mutual Water Systems only when consistent with Policy PF-1h of the General Plan.

D. FOR FIRE HAZARD

- (1) Retain low densities.
- (2) Encourage major subdivisions with mutual water systems and require adequate access for fire suppression equipment.
- (3) Where minor subdivision occurs, encourage cluster development with adequate water supply and access for fire suppression.
- (4) Clear wildland grass and brush near associated structures

E. TO MAINTAIN VISUAL AMENITY

The Critical Open Space Plan Map shows designated open space areas. Where the following standards are less restrictive than General Plan standards, compliance with General Plan standards is required.

- (1) Avoid skyline development.
- (2) Site and design structures in harmony with natural surroundings.
- (3) Prohibit structures in visual/scenic corridors as mapped on the Critical Open Space Plan.
- (4) Prohibit structures in visual corridors as mapped on the Critical Open Space Plan.
- (5) Apply the Bennett Valley Design Guidelines.
- (6) Development in scenic landscape units shall comply with the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

F. TO MAINTAIN VALUABLE OPEN SPACE

The Critical Open Space Plan Map shows designated open space areas. Where the above standards are less restrictive than General Plan standards, compliance with General Plan standards is required.

- (1) Prohibit structures in riparian corridors and unique biotic features as mapped in the Critical Open Space Plan.
- (2) Site and design structures in harmony with natural surroundings.

G. TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT AGRICULTURE

- (1) Encourage utilization of Land Conservation Act of 1965 as amended.
- (2) Retain appropriately low densities.

H. TO AVOID INCREASING HAZARD ON INADEQUATE ROADS

- (1) Retain low density until road upgraded.
- (2) Encourage road trust funds to maintain establishment of and improve roads consistent with the transportation policy.

I. TO ASSESS IMPACTS OF PROJECTS ON PUBLIC SERVICES

- (1) To assess adequately the cumulative impact of individual projects on the public services of the area, plans for any major or minor subdivision or rezoning should reflect the ultimate potential buildout of that project.

SUBAREA MITIGATION MEASURES

To facilitate the analysis of a large and variable study district, the Bennett Valley area is divided into fifteen subareas as shown on the Subareas Map. Each subarea below is followed by a list of mitigation measures applicable therein.

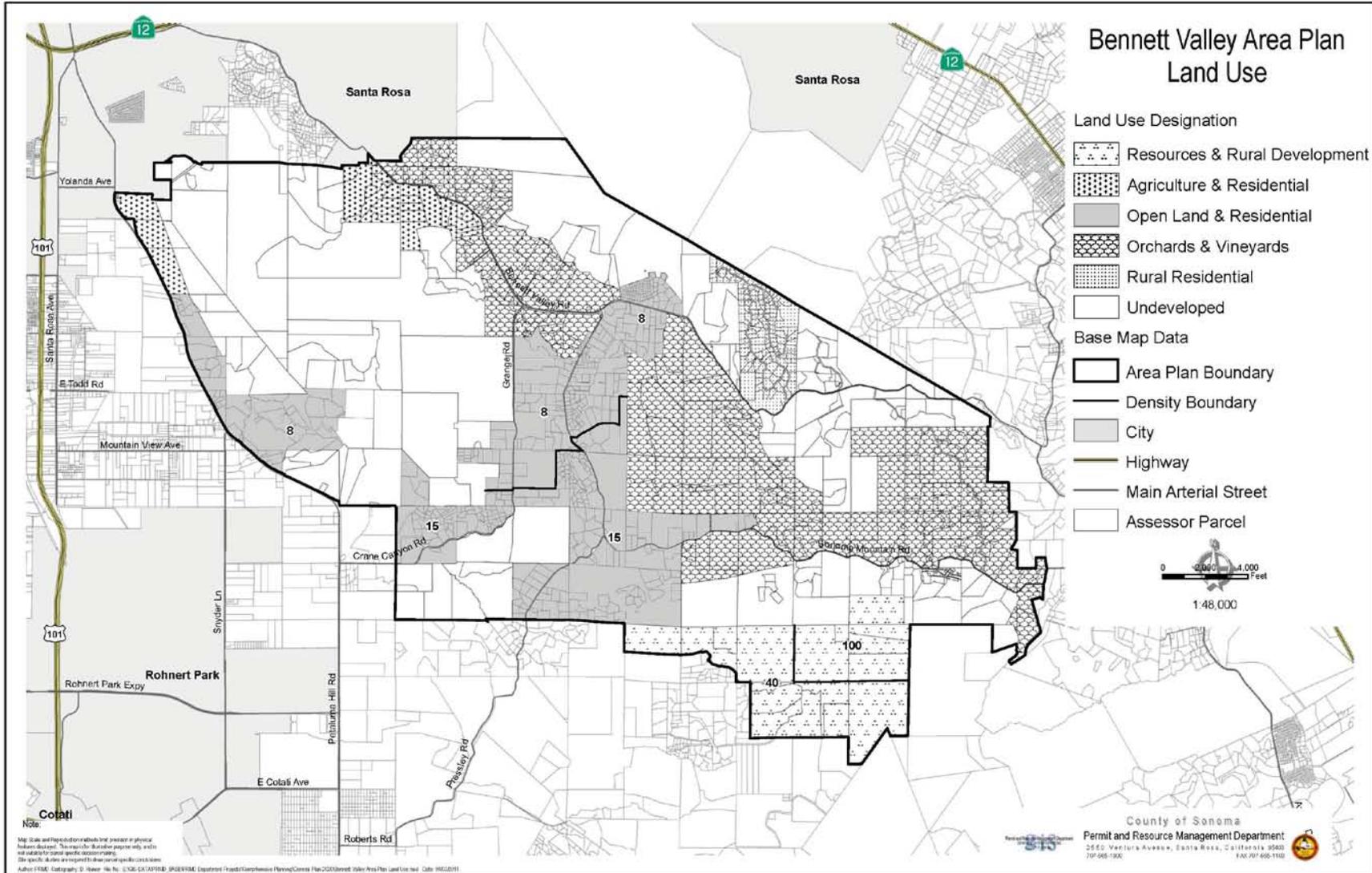
- A. Kawana Springs Road: C-1, 2; E-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; F-1, 2; I-1
- B. Taylor Mountain: A-1, 2; B-1; D-1, 2, 3, 4; E-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; F-1, 2; G-1, 2; I-1
- C. Petaluma Hill Road/Warrington Road Area: A-1, 2; D-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; E-1, 2, 3, 4; F-1, 2; I-1
- D. Crane Canyon/Alta Monte Area: A-1, 2; C-1, 2; D-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; E-1, 2, 3, 4; F-1, 2; I-1
- E. Grange Road below Bennett Valley Road to Perracca and including Guenza: D-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; E-1, 2, 3, 4; H-1, 2; I-1
- F. Sonoma Mountain Road, North-South Alignment: C-1, 2; E-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; I-1
- G. Bennett Valley Road Adjacent to Matanzas Dam: A-2; B-1; D-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; E-1, 2, 3, 4; F-1, 2; G-1; I-1
- H. Valley Floor, Bennett Road: E-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; F-1, 2; G-1, 2; I-1
- I. Bennett Mountain: A-1, 2; D-1, 2, 3, 4; E-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; F-1, 2; G-1, 2; I-1
- J. Jamison Road Extension: A-1, 2; C-1, 2; D-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; E-1, 2, 3, 4; F-1, 2; G-1, 2; H-1, 2; I-1
- K. Lower Grange Road, Pressley Road and Sonoma Mountain East-West Alignment: A-1, 2; C-1, 2; D-1, 2, 3, 4; E-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; F-1, 2; G-1, 2; H-1, 2; I-1
- L. Sonoma Mountain Road East-West Alignment: A-1, 2; C-1, 2; D-1, 2, 3, 4; E-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; F-1, 2; G-1, 2; H-1, 2; I-1

Open Land Between Bennett Valley Road and Sonoma Mountain Road (West of Enterprise): A-2; C-1, 2; D-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; E-1, 2, 3, 4; F-1, 2; G-1, 2; H-1, 2; I-1

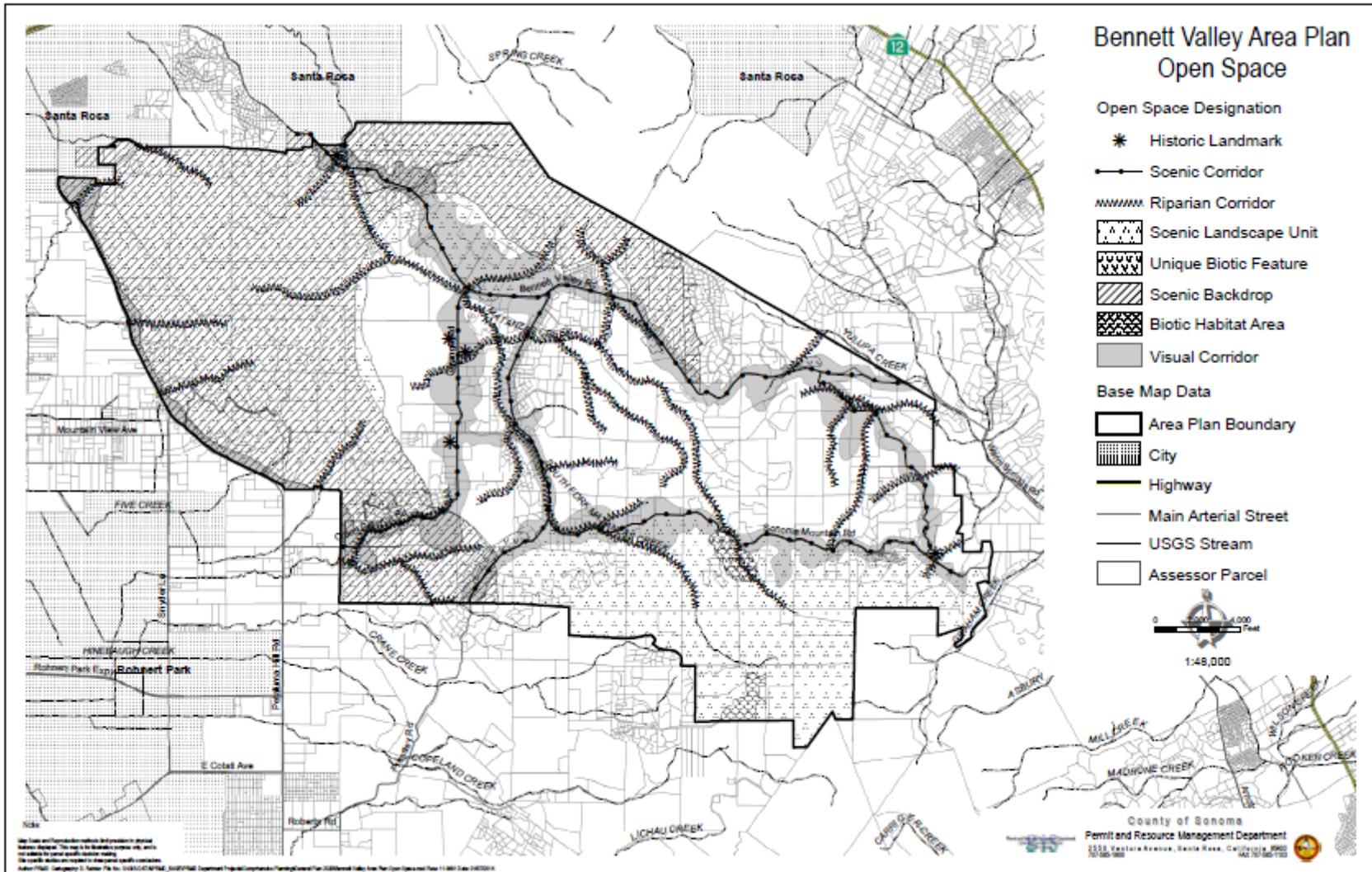
M. Enterprise Road Area: D-1, 2, 3, 4; E-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; F-1, 2; G-1, 2; H-1, 2; I-1

N. Bennett Ridge: A-2; C-2; D-1, 2, 3, 4; E-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; H-1; I-1

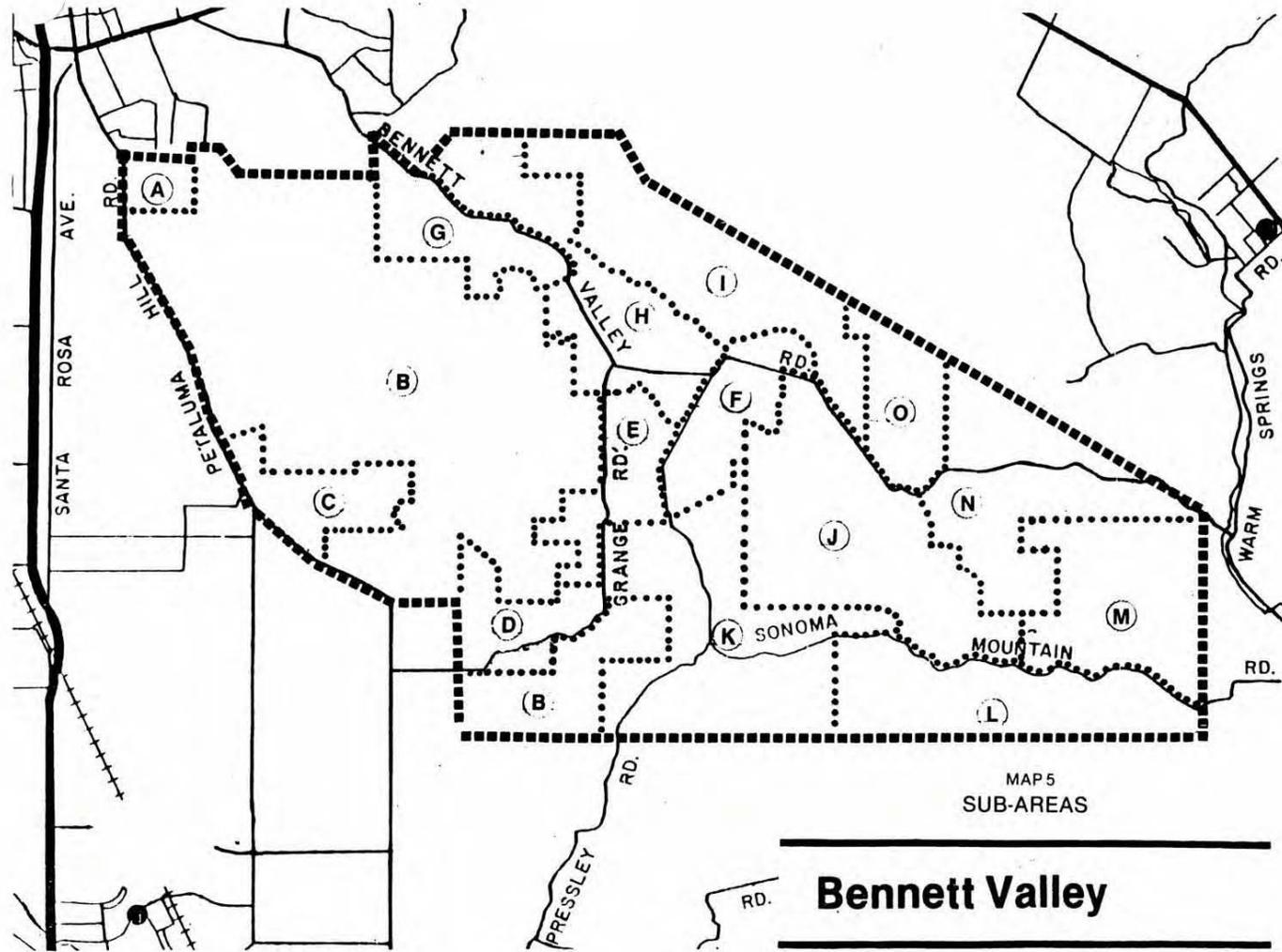
Map Bennett Valley Area Plan Land Use



Map - Bennett Valley Area Plan Open Space Map



Map - Bennett Valley Area Plan Sub Areas



PLAN IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS

Mechanisms in addition to zoning are needed to achieve the desired goals of a Land Use Plan. The mitigations specifically related to the subarea analysis are some of the implementation measures. Specific standards for development will also implement the goals and policies of this Plan. The following section addresses Development Guidelines, Public Service Standards, other techniques and Development Staging.

BENNETT VALLEY DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

To insure the adherence to the goals and policies set forth in this study, the Board of Supervisors should establish a Design Review Committee to advise the County regarding development within the Bennett Valley study area. All properties depicted on the Area Subject to Design Review Map shall be subject to these guidelines. However, properties outside of the Bennett Valley Area Plan boundary shall not be subject to other goals, policies and implementation measures set forth in this Area Plan.

- (1) The Bennett Valley/North Sonoma Mountain Design Review Committee shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be residents of the Area Subject to Design Review as depicted on Figure B. Members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors which shall take into consideration expertise in architecture, landscape architecture, site planning, engineering or other similar fields.
- (2) All meetings of the Bennett Valley/North Sonoma Mountain Design Review Committee shall be open to the public, and interested Bennett Valley/North Sonoma Mountain area residents shall be encouraged to attend sessions.
- (3) The Bennett Valley/North Sonoma Mountain Design Review Committee shall review the siting and design of subdivisions and single-family dwellings within the area depicted on Figure A except that after the Committee has reviewed a subdivision, individual single-family dwellings within that subdivision need not be reviewed a second time.
- (4) Advisory decisions by the Bennett Valley/North Sonoma Mountain Design Review Committee shall be made in writing to the Planning Director.
- (5) The following findings shall be made for any project recommended for approval by the Committee or ultimately approved by the Planning Director.
 - a. That the site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the proposed use.
 - b. That private streets and driveways, both existing and proposed, are properly designed and located to carry the type and quantity of traffic generated by the proposed use and to minimize visual impact.
 - c. That approval of the proposed use at the proposed site will have no significant adverse effect on adjacent property.
 - d. That the proposed use is consistent with the County General Plan, and where applicable, the Bennett Valley Area Plan.

- e. That the minimum requirements are met with respect to:
 - i. Visual/scenic corridor, riparian corridor, scenic landscape unit and critical habitat and unique biotic feature setbacks.
 - ii. Height and location of fences and walls.
 - iii. Controlling erosion and screening structures with landscaping.
 - iv. Other conditions to insure conformity with the intent and purpose of this plan, where applicable.

If the Design Review Committee recommendation results in staff refusal to sign off the building permit, an applicant may appeal in the same manner provided for in Chapter 26 of the Sonoma County Code.

STANDARDS - APPLICATION

Review of any proposed development should consider each of the standards described below. Each standard should be applied to the maximum extent feasible, recognizing that in some cases these standards when applied to a particular project may be contradictory. General Plan policies shall apply where the development guidelines conflict with the General Plan. The Design Review Committee should consider the total impact of the project in determining the extent to which each standard should be applied.

- (1) It is the policy of this study to preserve the natural state of the land and vegetation.
- (2) Structures shall blend with the existing landscape and vegetation to the maximum feasible extent. Therefore, minimum setbacks shall be consistent with the Sonoma County Subdivision Ordinance, the General Plan, or where applicable, with the adopted Bennett Valley Area Plan, whichever is more restrictive. No new structure shall be sited within visual/scenic corridors, riparian corridors or unique biotic resource areas as designated on the Critical Open Space Plan Map of the Bennett Valley Area Plan, where applicable, except in the visual/scenic corridor where the entire parcel is included within such designation or except in the visual/scenic corridor where said structure is a fence or agricultural appurtenance. Where the entire parcel is included in a visual/scenic corridor area, or where said structure is an agricultural appurtenance greater than 200 sq. ft., the Bennett Valley/North Sonoma Mountain Design Review Committee shall condition the approval of such structure(s) to mitigate adverse effects to the open space resource. In considering mitigation measures on agricultural appurtenances, the Design Review Committee will give priority to the needs of productive agriculture. A fence or agricultural appurtenance less than 200 square feet is permitted without design review.

- (3) Site plans shall be presented to the Bennett Valley/North Sonoma Mountain Design Review Committee including:
 - a. An existing topographic map
 - b. An existing vegetation plan
 - c. Photographs of the site from four (4) directions
 - d. A proposed grading plan (if any)
 - e. A proposed landscape plan
 - f. A plan showing siting, bulk, design, color and materials of structures.
- (4) Approval of plans for new structures shall consider the relationships of the site.
- (5) All new structures shall be sited so that they harmonize with the natural surroundings, including but not limited to topography and vegetation; specifically
 - a. Roof lines shall follow established lines of land and/or tree forms;
 - b. Existing vegetation and landforms shall be utilized to screen structures from public view.
- (6) New structures should be sited to take advantage of solar energy where that siting does not conflict with the public view.
- (7) Structures shall utilize color, texture and materials that blend harmoniously with surrounding landscape. The following are recommended for harmonious development:
 - a. Materials: natural wood siding or shingles and natural stone for exteriors;
 - b. Colors: earth tone;
 - c. Roofing: fire resistant but dark toned if visible;
 - d. Roofline: considered in relationship to the total composition of structure with landscape.
- (8) Utilities shall be placed underground from source point, unless masked by existing vegetation.
- (9) Project outdoor lighting shall comply with the outdoor lighting policies of the General Plan Open Space and Resource Conservation Element.
- (10) Existing structures shall be encouraged to comply with the standards for new structures as they undergo remodeling and maintenance.
- (11) Existing neighborhoods shall be encouraged to undertake tree planting and landscaping programs to screen existing development from public view and to increase the privacy, comfort and habitability of the neighborhood (Chart 1).

PUBLIC SERVICE STANDARDS

To maintain present standards for the schools, redistricting the elementary school boundary to take advantage of Bellevue Union's declining enrollment, relieve Bennett Valley Union's overcrowding and converting bus service to a self-supporting entity by requiring a fare should be considered.

The cumulative impact of additional development on the school system should be completely analyzed in the consideration of major and minor subdivisions and rezonings.

The Sheriff's Department foresees no need to expand facilities as a result of increased development. The Fire Department, however, will require at least an additional pumper and another firefighter. The present revenue base is not sufficient to provide the additional equipment and staff will not be funded. Other revenue sources will need to be sought.

At the densities proposed, the capacity of the roads should not be exceeded. Improvements to roads other than safety and maintenance will occur if, and only if supported by the local residents, and if designated in the General Plan Circulation and Transit Element. If road improvements are desired, funding will be generated by development fees, trust funds, state and federal government funding, or combination of these. In the case of conflict of policies of standards between the Bennett Valley Area Plan and the General Plan, the more restrictive policies or standards shall apply.

If tax revenues are insufficient to support present public service standards for future development, and if the public wishes to maintain these standards, alternative sources of funding must be generated. Both Trust Funds and Assessment Districts can be used to provide fund for schools, fire departments, roads and landscaping.

Trust Funds are a one-time assessment that can be established by the Board of Supervisors without a vote of the people. They are not expensive to administer and they place the fiscal burden on new development. Trust Funds are most appropriate for providing for one time capital expenditures.

The following procedure should be utilized to implement road trust funds:

- (1) Determine condition of roads.
- (2) Determine minimum facility that would be required by development allowed in Land Use Plan and compute cost of facility.
- (3) Develop a factor for a County share of road costs based on factors such as through traffic and typical maintenance costs before development.
- (4) Assess a per lot fee based on total construction costs minus county share of such costs, divided by the number of potential building sites.
- (5) Lot fee would be due and payable at the time of lot sale (lots in excess of 100 acres would be exempt).

Assessment Districts also generate revenues. They are taxing jurisdictions established for a particular purpose by a two-thirds vote of the residents involved. They are both expensive and difficult to establish particularly with the new taxation requirements of Jarvis-Gann, and place the burden of the assessment on the entire district, rather than the new development. Assessment Districts are continual sources of funds which can provide for ongoing operational expenditures.

Provision of permanent Open Space is a major objective of this plan. The Land Conservation Act of 1967 as amended provides a property incentive for Open Space Easements, if the County makes the findings that the preservation of the land as open space is consistent with the General Plan and is in the best interests of the County.

Permanently dedicated Open Space can also be preserved and qualify for income and estate tax benefits if the landowner deeds development rights or property to the Sonoma Land Trust.

Where land is not voluntarily restricted from development, preservation of other unique resources is complex. Sensitive archaeological sites and biotic communities could be irreversibly damaged if adequate precautions are not exercised. Specific designation of such sensitive areas might result in their destruction; thus, in concert with County policy, sensitive archaeological and biotic sites are mapped in a generalized way. Any development proposals that fall in one of the mapped locations will be referred to the appropriate experts for further investigation and mitigation as part of the project level CEQA review.

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EXTERNAL

My research into a book on coastal history has taught me how many people have worked for decades to preserve and protect our beloved coast. The redistricting plan jeopardizes all that they have done. The Sonoma Coast is a national and world treasure that could be lost to short-sighted development and sheer greed.

Please don't take away our unique identity and a legacy we owe future generations. Keep District 5 intact!

So much depends on you. Please don't let us down!

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EXTERNAL

The 25 square miles of land designated by the board of supervisors in the Bennett valley area plan has been managed as a single community since about 1979.

You erred In not considering it a community of interest.

Please do not separate us into 2 supervisorial districts.

Thank you.

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To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#); [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 2:20:06 PM

EXTERNAL

I have been a resident of Rohnert Park for 39 years. We are our own city with our own unique culture. We do not want to be redistricted with other communities that we do not have a close community ties with. Please do NOT redistrict Rohnert Park! Neither of the parties in the proposed redistricting areas want this to happen. Sincerely,
Anne Henderson

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From: [Patrick Rafferty](#)
To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Bennett Valley Redistricting
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 3:26:08 PM

EXTERNAL

Dear Redistricting Commission, Supervisors Gorin and Rabbitt,

It is imperative that Bennett Valley not be split into two districts. Bennett Valley **is** a community of interest in that we have had integrity as a community since late 1970's, when the Bennett Valley Area Specific Plan was developed, and the Bennett Valley Homeowner's Association was born (now the Bennett Valley Community Association).

The proposed map moves the 1st District further into the city of Santa Rosa, and amputates a big piece of BV into District 2. This will weaken the voice of our more rural residents, and disrupt our community.

For the benefit of the commission, I am attaching the Bennett Valley Area Plan, which identifies our community boundaries, and the policies that we have lived by for over 40 years.

Bennett Valley is a community of ~1200 households, which has its own fire department, a school district, a strong community association with a newsletter, and our Grange, which is the oldest continually operating grange in the US. The aforementioned Bennett Valley Area Plan clearly describes physical boundaries, scenic corridors, open space and riparian zones that fall within the well considered Land Use Policies, as well as the mitigation measures and implementation tools that apply to our area.

We do not want our community split asunder--please find a different way to slice the pie! We have much more in common with Sonoma Valley than we do with Petaluma / Rohnert Park.

Respectfully,

Patrick Rafferty
Peter Shott
7001 Bennett Valley Road

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From: [Nancy and Brantly Richardson](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: YOUR PROPOSED REDISTRICTING MAP IS A TRAIN WRECK FOR BENNETT VALLEY!
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 10:03:12 AM

EXTERNAL

Redistricting committee,

Most of us in Bennett Valley haven't been paying attention to redistricting until now when we find out that the latest map shows Bennett Valley being split in two at Grange Road. We have been reading about the controversy regarding splitting the coast and putting Rohnert Park in District 5 along with the Gualala. Your proposed new map divides our valley - Bennett Valley has **one** school district, **one** fire department, **our own** Area Plan, **our own** Grange and **a Community Association** with a **Newsletter**, the BV Voice. Next door considers us a geographical entity as does the real estate industry. We are a "community of interest" and have nothing in common with Petaluma and the Dairy Belt. Why are you trying to fix something that isn't broken? The County does one stupid thing after another.

Nancy and Brantly Richardson, Bennett Valley residents since 1974.

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From: [Francine Baldus](#)
To: [Lynda Hopkins](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting proposal
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:34:23 PM

EXTERNAL

Dear Lynda,

I would like to add my voice to those questioning the proposal to redistrict your current Supervisor's District 5.

Unfortunately, I was unable to find a map with the proposal's new boundaries, but my understanding is that Sebastopol and some of the coast would be lumped into Rohnert Park. As you know, while west county does have some "cities," our towns are small and many of us live on rural acreage — many of us have no desire to live in an urban city. Thus, the proposed district would have conflicting interests and to try to represent these would be a challenge to any conscientious supervisor.

Please review this proposal and try to match constituents so that they receive fair representation. I do not wish to be part of a district with Rohnert Park since I have no interest in or knowledge of their city's issues, and likewise they have historically been part of another district also unaware of Fifth District's concerns.

Sincerely,
Francine Baldus

Francine@mbaldus.com

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Sebastopol, CA 95473

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From: [Noel Bouck](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Do not re-district Sonoma County
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:09:02 PM

EXTERNAL

This is a ridiculous proposal backed by development interests that will ruin our county.

Sincerely,

Noel Bouck
3000 Joy Road, Occidental, CA 95465

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From: [Bramham](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Rohnert Park Redistricting
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:19:46 AM

EXTERNAL

November 8, 2021

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

Re: 2021 Redistricting

Honorable Supervisors,

I submit this letter to urge you to create and select a district boundary map that places the entirety of the City of Rohnert Park in Supervisorial District 3.

Under the Fair and Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities and Political Subdivisions (Fair Maps) Act, agencies must use certain criteria in a specified order of priority when redrawing the new County supervisorial district boundaries. The second criterion identified in the Fair Maps Act provides that “to the extent practicable, geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.” A “community of interest” is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single supervisorial district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.

Rohnert Park is the only city currently split between two supervisorial districts. The residents of Rohnert Park are a “community of interest” under the Fair Maps Act as they all share common social and economic interests that should be included within a single supervisorial district in order to minimize its division. For example, residents of Rohnert Park share a single unified school district. They share the same public transportation infrastructure, the same water system, wastewater system, and public safety services and the same public City facilities.

The Fair Maps Act was enacted to avoid splitting communities of interest like Rohnert Park into multiple districts and I would ask that you redraw the boundaries in a manner that eliminates the division of our community of interest so that the City of Rohnert Park can be included in its entirety in a single supervisorial district.

On October 26, 2021, my City Council reviewed the maps put forward by the Sonoma County Advisory Redistricting Commission for your consideration. While recognizing the hard work and well intentioned efforts of the commission, my City Council was unanimous in its rejection of the maps put forward because they either split Rohnert Park (Map 51162 NDC B) or move Rohnert Park to District 5 (Maps 51162 NDC C & D). Rohnert Park has no relationship with the coastal, river, or forest communities of District 5. Rohnert Park does however have a close relationship with the urban areas along the Highway 101 corridor such as those portions of Santa Rosa and Unincorporated Santa Rosa Avenue in District 3. The Rohnert Park City Council requests that Rohnert Park, in its entirety, be in District 3 to avoid splitting our community of concern.

District 5, when drawn to include Rohnert Park, is not compact and reaches past communities to bring in Rohnert Park. These attributes are in conflict with letter and spirit of the Fair Maps Act.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued leadership. Please establish that all Rohnert Park

residents be represented together with like communities of interest.

Respectfully,

Christopher C. Bramham
Rohnert Park

Cc: Rohnert Park City Council
Sonoma County Advisory Redistricting Commission

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From: [Margaret Briare](#)
To: [Susan Gorin](#); david.rabbit@sonoma-county.org; [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#); [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:55:41 AM

EXTERNAL

For the sake of protecting the rural character of our towns in unincorporated West County, we ask that you keep the current map for District 5 as it now exists. The coast is under the jurisdiction of the California Coastal Act and the Local Coastal Plan and has nothing in common with urban areas such as Rohnert Park. There is not a need to change what now exists as District 5.

You have already heard from the people of the County as to their opposition to what the ARC is recommending and their voices **must** be heard loud and clear.

STOP THE REDISTRICTING TRAIN WRECK!

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From: [Caroline Duarte](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: votes not representing us!
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:08:53 PM

EXTERNAL

Hi to committee, I do not want my votes to be taken over by Rohnert Park. We deserve the right to have our vote reflect our communities and be represented by someone we choose who is serving our
Needs in our area!! Caroline L. Durkee Duarte

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November 4, 2021

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575 Administration Drive
Room 100A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SONOMA

Re: 2021 Redistricting of Sonoma County

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

My name is Debra Greenblat. I have lived in the Willowglen community of Rohnert Park since June 2020. As a homeowner and taxpayer, I would like you to consider having Rohnert Park be in one district only.

I understand the need to comply with the Fair Maps Act in the redistricting process. However, it doesn't make any sense to me to divide our City of Rohnert Park amongst two districts. We would be the only city in Sonoma County to have this split on the proposed redistricting map.

By definition, we are most definitely a "community of interest". Splitting our city apart by a geographic boundary is counterproductive to the efficient operation and addressing of key city functions such as public safety, the unified school district, water system, etc.

Rohnert Park is truly a unique city. Although it is young compared to other cities in Sonoma County, the vision that the founders had to create a sense of community was and still is remarkable.

Thank you for your time and I hope that you carefully consider having Rohnert Park in one district.

Sincerely,



Debra Greenblat
7615 Wildrose Way
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Cc: Gerard Giudice, Mayor, Rohnert Park
Sonoma County Advisory Redistricting Commission

November 4, 2021

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575 Administration Drive
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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SONOMA

Re: 2021 Redistricting of Sonoma County

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

Our names are Louis and Bernice Greenblat. We have lived in the Willowglen community of Rohnert Park since April of 2019. As a homeowners and taxpayer, we would like you to consider having Rohnert Park be in one district only.

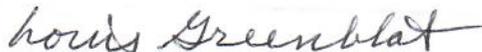
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Thank you for your time and we hope that you carefully consider having Rohnert Park in one district.

Respectfully,



Louis Greenblat
7612 Watson Drive
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Cc: Gerard Giudice
Mayor, Rohnert Park
Sonoma County Advisory Redistricting Commission

From: [Laurie Hammond](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Rohnert Park redistricting
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:36:10 AM

EXTERNAL

Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a resident of Rohnert Park, I am submitting my vote to include all of Rohnert Park in a single district. I realize our city encompasses a diverse population, varying in age, race, education, and political affiliation. However, it seems the interests of the city would be best served with a single representative.

Thanks for all your work!

- Laurie Hammond

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From: [Starr Hergenrather](#)
To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting...
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:00:24 AM

EXTERNAL

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing you concerning the proposed "Redistricting" of West Sonoma County. We have fought hard to prevent the coast from being split between two districts, now we must fight just as hard to prevent the coast from being controlled by a political majority living in Rohnert Park, which boldly and accurately stated that it has little to do with the coast or rural west county?!

For many decades the neighborhoods of Roseland, Bellevue, Wright and Moorland have been included in the 5th District. Southwest Santa Rosa is a treasured part of the 5th District. If this area is to be moved to another Supervisorial District, then the replacement population must reflect the 'community of interest' concerns and values respectful of, and supportive of rural character. Otherwise, our treasured small towns and villages, the river and the coast will get lost in the shuffle and become the local government equivalent of the "Fly over states".

The rural character of towns all over unincorporated West County must be protected. We do not want to be a party to a 'forced marriage' with Rohnert Park that also OPPOSES the relationship.

We want to 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!

Thank you for your attention and consideration of our plea!
Sincerely and in earnest,

Starr Hergenrather
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Sebastopol, CA 95472
707 322-3671

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From: [Mary Plimpton](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Cc: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [district4](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#)
Subject: Please respect rural Communities of Interest
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:21:26 AM

EXTERNAL

As reviews of redistricting maps continue, we ask that rural enclaves be recognized as “communities of interest” and as worthy of equal consideration as that of more easily recognizable urban “communities of interest.”

Rural communities should be held intact and should not be divided into separate Supervisorial districts any more than should be, for example, Rohnert Park.

Franz Valley is a community in its own right. We are a very small little box canyon of a valley. We share two County roads which for the last 10 years have served to divide us between District 1 and District 4, thereby diluting our voice in all matters of concern for governance.

I respectfully request reunification of Franz Valley and consolidation into District 1.

I also respectfully request that you recognize other rural enclaves as communities of interest that should be held intact, eg Bennett Valley.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Plimpton
Franz Valley

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From: [Linda Rake](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:57:06 PM

EXTERNAL

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sincerely,
Linda Rake
West County resident

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From: [Reeta Roo](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: redistricting
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:07:50 PM

EXTERNAL

What madness would put Rohnert Park in the 5th district? Keep the current district map as it exists! There is nothing wrong with the current districts, don't mess them up just because it is possible to change them! I am really happy with the 5th district as it is!

Reeta Roo
Occidental

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From: [Andrea Van Dyke](#)
To: [Lynda Hopkins](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting 2021
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 3:35:16 PM

EXTERNAL

Dear Lynda,

This is not my language, but I am sharing this message:

PLEASE 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!

Thank you for listening, and for all of your terrific service to our communities,
Andrea Van Dyke, Retired Senior in Monte Rio, CA.

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Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:24:36 AM
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EXTERNAL

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DO NOT PUT THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK IN DISTRICT 5!
LEAVE THE DISTRICTS AS THEY CURRENTLY EXIST AND
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Thank you for Listening.

Julie Walker
Wine Country Radio
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From: [Carolyn Bell](#)
To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:29:50 AM

EXTERNAL

Dear Sonoma County Supervisors:

Re: Redistricting proposal—BAD IDEA!

What you propose would sell our beloved West County and River area down the River!
Our needs and resources would be subsumed by those of the more dense and urban Rohnert Park area.

I've lived and worked here for over 45years and know West County issues are unique.
PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN! We need strong representation now more than ever.

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
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Sincerely,
Carolyn Bell

District 5 resident and homeowner
Guerneville

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From: [storms](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:05:58 AM

EXTERNAL

To the Advisory Redistricting Committee:

Bennett Valley does not want to be divided up. We have an intact community here with our own Fire Dept, schools, Bennett Valley Grange, and many other community organizations.

I am quite sure the rest of our county feels the same way about their own districts!

Leave the districts intact as they are.

Ann & Bob Storms
Bennett Valley

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From: [AngelaYoungFranzi](#)
To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#); [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: No to Proposed Redistricting
Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 8:48:24 AM

EXTERNAL

Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a resident of West County, I am vehemently against any merger of Rohnert Park into the 5th District. Rohnert Park has very little in common with West County and our rural and coastal communities. This type of redistricting would further dilute the representation of West County and coastal community residents, instead of increasing it.

Historically, the 5th district has fought to preserve West Sonoma County from exploitation, overdevelopment and environmental harm. Splitting the coast and/or adding Rohnert Park, a bedroom community/urbanized city, into our district threatens to disrupt and weaken all that we have preserved and will further degrade our voice in our own community.

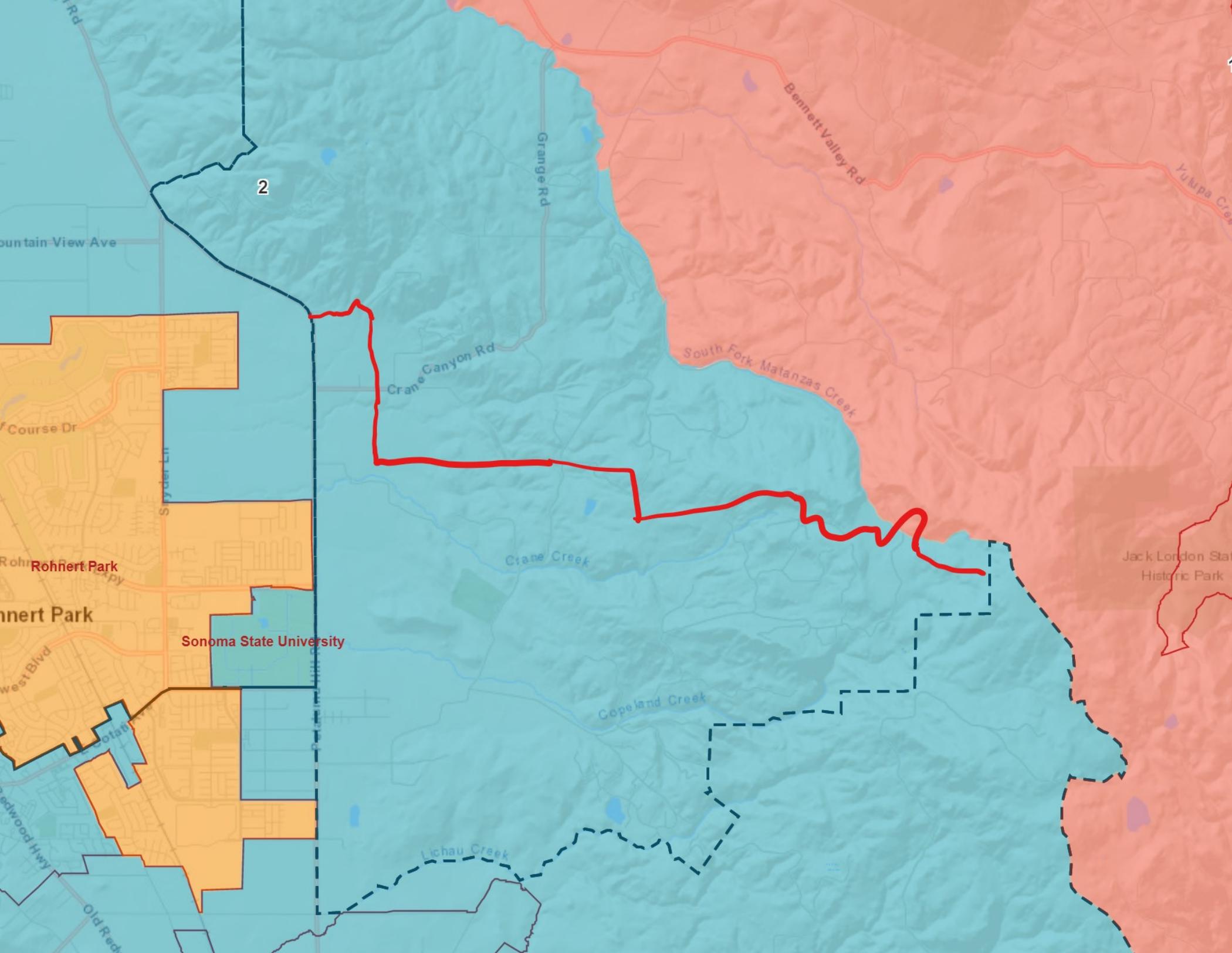
Please do not put the city of Rohnert Park into District 5. Please do not split our coast into different districts. Please explore and consider other, more productive and truly representative options to increase the 5th district's representation in Sonoma County.

Sincerely,
Angela Young Franzi

Sebastopol (Unincorporated), California
5th District Resident
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AngelaYoungFranzi@gmail.com

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Crane Creek

Copeland Creek

Lichau Creek

Sonoma State University

Rohmert Park

Jack London State Historic Park

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November 10, 2021

Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org
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district5@sonoma-county.org

Dear Supervisors:

We realize that you have before you the difficult task of preparing a redistricting map. We respect your thoughtful input.

Of concern to us is the idea that Cotati and Rohnert Park are sister cities and should be kept together in a unified district. Please note that we are not together now. Cotati is currently represented by District 2, while most of Rohnert Park's residents are represented by District 3 (Rohnert Park addresses west of 101 and south of East Cotati Avenue are District 2). We were surprised to see reference to keeping Cotati with Rohnert Park in the ARC consultant's presentation and do not know why the consultant would have come to that conclusion.

Our independence from Rohnert Park is steeped in history. While we may have collaborated with Rohnert Park, and for that matter other cities, on programs that resulted in fiscal efficiency, the same can be said for many cities in the County. That's just good policy.

Cotati has existed as a community for well over a hundred years. Over the generations Cotati's communities of commonality were Penngrove and Petaluma. Cotati, Penngrove and Liberty Valley share a fire district in Rancho Adobe. For generations Cotatians have gone to Petaluma to shop and play, and vice versa.

In July of 1963 the constituency of the City of Cotati incorporated to protect its identity from the rapidly growing Rohnert Park next door. As they lapped at our edges, Cotati saw its unique history and individuality at risk. Cotati has continued to be a very distinct community. Evidence of this is demonstrated by our land use policies. Cotati does not allow drive-throughs except at pharmacies. By voter initiative we limit square footage of retail to discourage big box retail, and we limit the number of formula fast food restaurants, prohibiting them entirely in our historic downtown.

Respectfully, please do not consider Cotati and Rohnert Park as sister cities. It is not necessary to place us together in a supervisorial district. Please consider us the unique and independent city that we are. The undersigned retired mayors feel that we are more a community of interest with Penngrove and Petaluma.

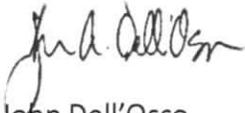
Best regards,



Pat Gilardi
Former Mayor of Cotati



Janet Orchard
Former Mayor of Cotati



John Dell'Osso
Former Mayor of Cotati

Cc: Marcie.Woychik@sonoma-county.org

From: [Rosa Perez](#)
To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [district3](#); [district4](#); [district5](#)
Cc: [BOS](#)
Subject: Redistricting input: Please put Roseland and South Park in District 3
Date: Thursday, November 11, 2021 2:08:56 PM

EXTERNAL

First of all, I want to tell you how proud I am of our Board that has created an Office of Equity and has made equity such an important goal for our county. You appointed quality, equity-focussed commissioners to the ARC, now you must support them and their recommendation. It is the right thing to do. I find Rohnert Park's objection in the name of equity to be outrageous and void of understanding that the goal is to better serve historically marginalized and silenced communities, like Roseland. Roseland's future will change by being in District 3. Rohnert Park's future will be fine anywhere you put it. Please keep standing by your equity goals and move Roseland and South Park into District 3. Thank you, Rosa Perez

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Santa Rosa, CA 95405

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From: [Debbie Rummel](#)
To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Please listen...
Date: Thursday, November 11, 2021 12:26:28 PM

EXTERNAL

The vision and needs of these disparate and unique communities are being irresponsibly combined through redistricting and without a conscious assessment for our county's future. Please reconsider.

Debbie Rummel
Educator
Sebastopol Resident 29 years.

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To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: REDISTRICTING
Date: Thursday, November 11, 2021 2:56:31 PM

EXTERNAL

Dear Board of Supervisors, Sonoma County

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

Thank you!

John & Claire Werner
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From: [Jerry Terhune](#)
To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#); [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Do NOT support the below Redistricting of the 5th District
Date: Friday, November 12, 2021 9:49:08 AM

EXTERNAL

Please do NOT support below:

The redistricting proposal now before the Board of Supervisors to rearrange the boundaries of the 5th District will have extremely negative consequences on the heart and soul of the West County. The proposal is to move about 50,000 people from District 5 to District 3 (Santa Rosa) and to replace this number of people with the entire City of Rohnert Park

Jerold Terhune Sebastopol, CA

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From: [Evette](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Absolutely appose redistricting of Rohnert Park
Date: Saturday, November 13, 2021 4:46:56 PM

EXTERNAL

Hello,

My name is Evette Feigel. I'm a 24 year resident of Rohnert Park. I will keep this letter short and sweet! I vehemently disapprove of the redistricting of our city! Rohnert Park has been victim to many disheartening things that I see that is ruing our once great small city and this is just another one! My husband and I are both retired firefighters that moved here to raise our family. So many of our neighbors have up and moved out of state. We also at this point are also considering the same thing. If this re-mapping of our small city to a area that has absolutely nothing to do with our city and dividing us happens this will most likely be the straw that breaks the camels back. We implore that you do not vote to approve this!

Sincerely,

Rick & Evette Feigel

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Sunday Goodtimes](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Rohnert Park - Redistricting
Date: Sunday, November 14, 2021 2:00:23 PM

EXTERNAL

To the Sonoma County Elected Supervisors

Common sense dictates that Rohnert Park be kept in District 3 as its closest relationship is with Santa Rosa.

It makes no sense to bundle it with the west county in a circumvolute, inane map.

Rohnert Park resident,
Sunday

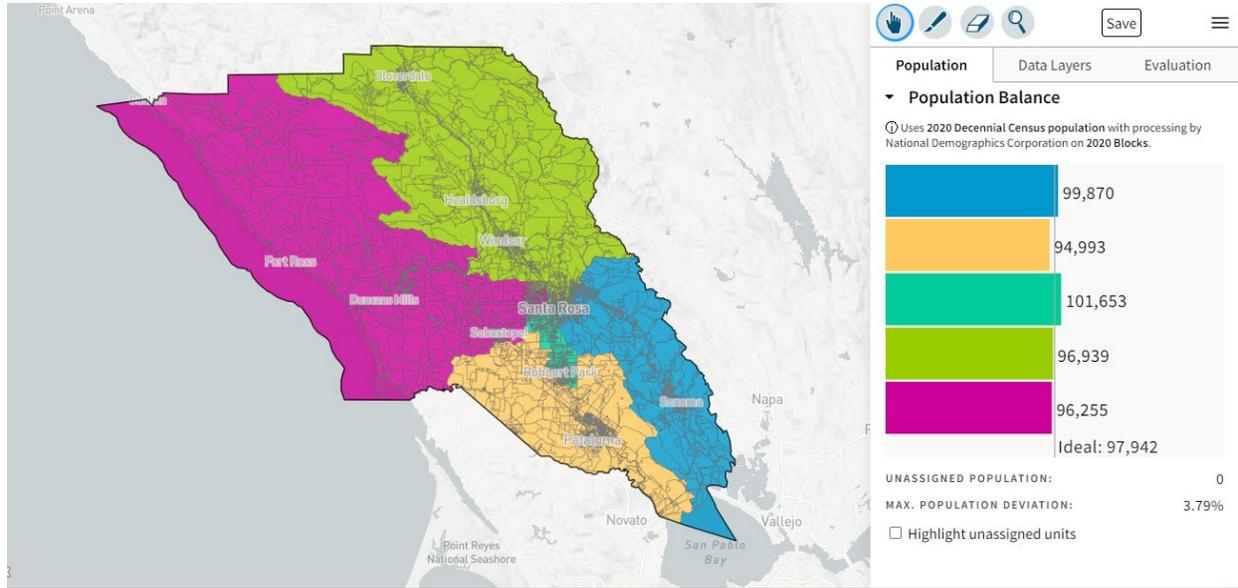
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From: [Redistricting2021](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Map, Rohnert Park Staff
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 9:53:29 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Map submitted by Christina Meyer and Rohnert Park staff.

From: Redistricting2021 <Redistricting2021@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 9:52 AM
To: Redistricting2021 <Redistricting2021@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: Map



From: [Chris Galapp](#)
To: [David Rabbitt](#); [Susan Gorin](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Keep Bennett Valley in District 1
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 7:31:37 AM

EXTERNAL

Dear Redistricting Commission, Supervisors Coursey, Gorin and Rabbitt,

It is imperative that Bennett Valley not be split into two districts. Bennett Valley **is** a community of interest in that we have had integrity as a community since late 1970's, when the Bennett Valley Area Specific Plan was developed, and the Bennett Valley Homeowner's Association was born (now the Bennett Valley Community Association).

The recommended map moves the 1st District further into the city of Santa Rosa, and amputates a big piece of BV into District 2. This will weaken the voice of our more rural residents, and disrupt our community.

Bennett Valley is a community of ~1200 households, which has its own fire department, a school district, a strong community association with a newsletter, and our Grange, which is the oldest continually operating grange in the US. The aforementioned Bennett Valley Area Plan clearly describes physical boundaries, scenic corridors, open space and riparian zones that fall within the well considered Land Use Policies, as well as the mitigation measures and implementation tools that apply to our area.

We do not want our community split asunder--please find a different way to slice the pie! We have much more in common with Sonoma Valley than we do with Petaluma / Rohnert Park.

Respectfully,

Chris Galapp
Bennett Valley Homeowner
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