

Public Comment 11-29-21 10:00 AM through 12-6-21 5:00 PM

Date	Name	Notes
11/18/2021	Michael Nicholls	Supports the redistricting map submitted by former Supervisor Koenigshofer.
11/21/2021	Map ID 85141	Map
11/21/2021	Map ID 85017	Map
11/21/2021	Map ID 85368	Revised Map
11/22/2021	Map ID 87095	Map
11/22/2021	Map ID 85897	Revised Map
11/22/2021	Map ID 85379	Revised Map
11/27/2021	Map ID 87095	Map
11/29/2021	Diane Monroe	Strongly supports the proposed redistricting to combine Roseland and Mooreland to join communities with common concerns, culture and interests.
11/29/2021	Val Hinshaw	Supports the map labelled RP split (new) and feels it is the most reasonable choice. Requests to include the area between Mendocino Ave and Hwy 101 in D3 and keep the border between D1 and D3 at Farmers lane.
11/29/2021	Jacqueline Schael	Is not interested in the planned redistricting (in Sebastopol) and does not care to join Rohnert Park.
11/30/2021	Janet Barocco	Requests to keep District 3 intact and to not divide Santa Rosa.
11/30/2021	Patrick O'Leary	Does not support the new district map and supports Eric Koenigshofer's map as it makes better sense.
12/1/2021	Rocio Rodriguez	Serving on the ARC committee was disappointed by the misfeasance of the Nov. 30 map discussions made available to public a few hours in advance. Explanation for concerns was provided to D1, D2, and D5 Supervisors for consideration.
12/1/2021	Carol Benfell	Supports the original ARC plan and opposes the newly drawn Nov. 29 plan.
12/1/2021	Carol Mazzia	Strongly objects to splintering district 3 into parts of other districts.
12/2/2021	Marcus Borgman	Feels the ARC recommended map was a good start and disapproves of the future maps presented. Requests to keep urban and rural areas distinct as the ARC originally tried to achieve.
12/2/2021	Ginny D	Trusts the process ARC used and supports their recommendations.

12/2/2021	Dave Cahill	Prefers that the board not change the existing boundaries at all.
12/3/2021	Sonia Taylor	Provided a detailed letter stating the board violated the Brown Act on Nov. 29 workshop.
12/3/2021	City of Sonoma	Commends the Board on supporting a redistricting map in which the City of Sonoma and the adjacent Springs area, Glen Ellen and Kenwood are maintained and undivided within District 1.
12/3/2021	Chris Stribling	Request to keep the rural nature of District 5 intact and feels Rohnert Park should be kept separate and out of District 5.
12/3/2021	Tyler Camacho	Requests to reconsider the split and keep Rohnert Park undivided in district 3.
12/4/2021	Ana Lugo	Submitted a letter outlining concerns for our Sonoma County Communities due to what has transpired in the Redistricting process.
12/4/2021	Richard Heinberg	Requests to keep District 3 intact and to not divide Santa Rosa.
12/4/2021	Sara Poisson	Supports and requests the board adopt the ARC recommended map.
12/5/2021	Maria Alvarez	Supports letter prepared by Ana Lugo and feels the redistricting process has moved away from legal guidelines.
12/5/2021	James Duncan and Johanna James	Strongly disapproves of the currently proposed county redistricting plan.
12/5/2021	Roger Hamlyn	Questions the need for a new redistricting map. Requests to not waste any more time fixing something that's not broken.
12/6/2021	William Wesley Fields	Strongly opposed to the boards attempt to replace the ARC proposed map and supports.
12/6/2021	Connor DeVane	Supports the ARC recommended map. Requests the board choose NDC 51162 map.
12/6/2021	Debbie Woods	Requests to leave Rohnert Park with a single Sonoma County Supervisor and supports the ARC recommendation.
12/6/2021	Gregory Nordin	Requests to keep Rohnert Park whole and asks the board to follow the ARC recommendations.
12/6/2021	Glenn Illian	Prefers that Penngrove remain in District 2 with David Rabbit.

From: [Michael Nicholls](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Cc: [Lynda Hopkins](#); [James Gore](#); [Susan Gorin](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [David Rabbitt](#)
Subject: Mapping Preference
Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021 5:39:11 PM

EXTERNAL

I urge the board adopt the minimally-disruptive map for redistricting submitted by former Supervisor Koenigshofer at the November 16th Board of Supervisors Meeting.

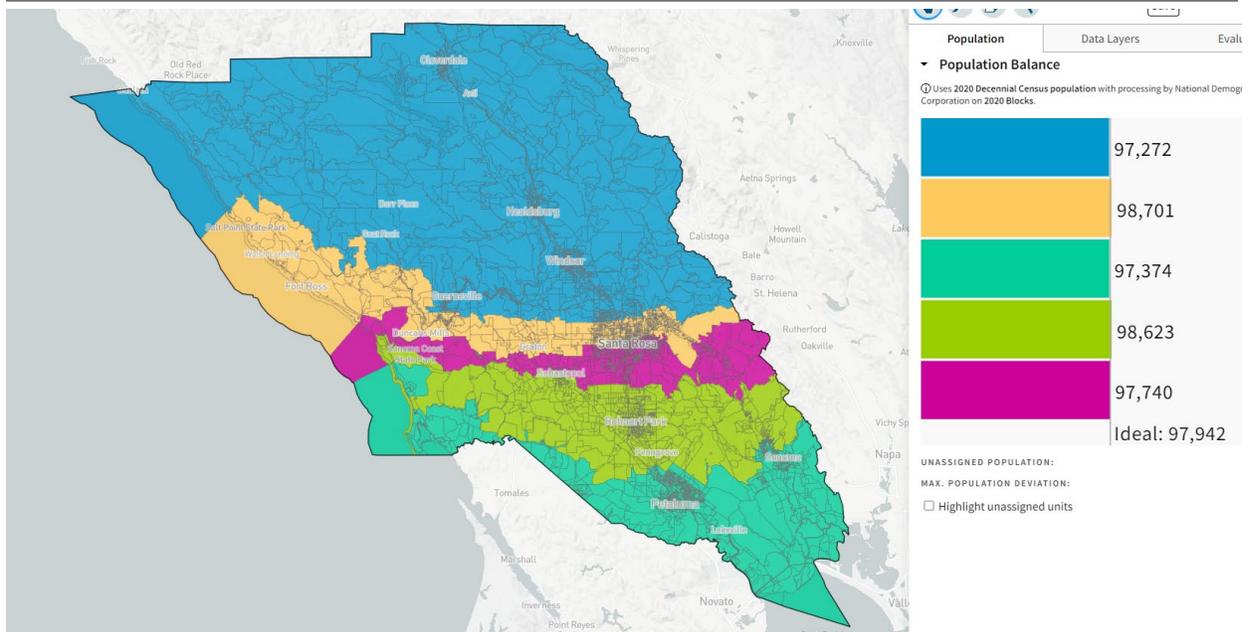
Thank you,

Michael C Nicholls
4300 Cazadero Hwy
Cazadero CA 95431

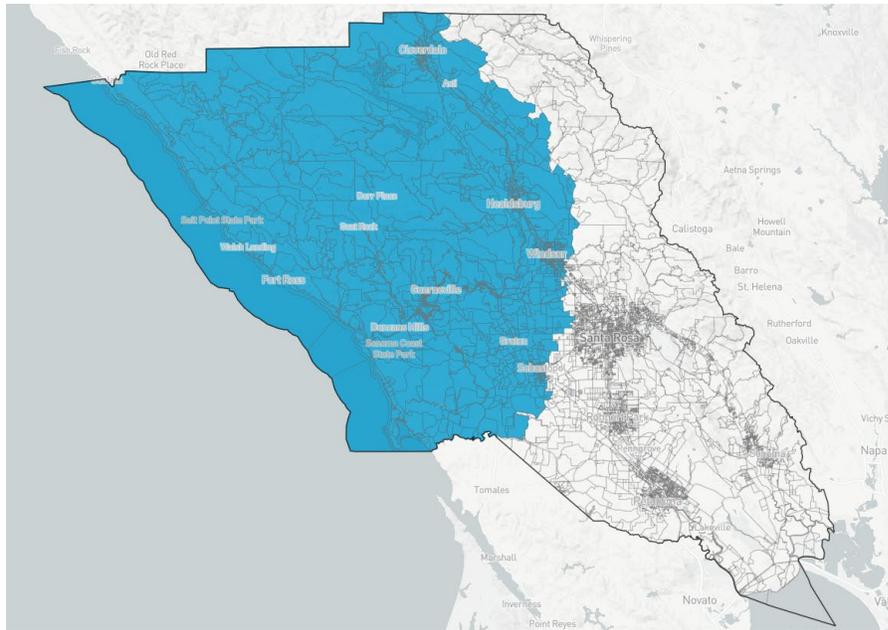
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To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: 211121_Map ID 85017
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 10:07:59 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



From: [Redistricting2021](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: 211121_Map ID 85141
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 10:07:04 AM
Attachments: [map.pdf](#)



Population | Data Layers | Evaluate

Population Balance

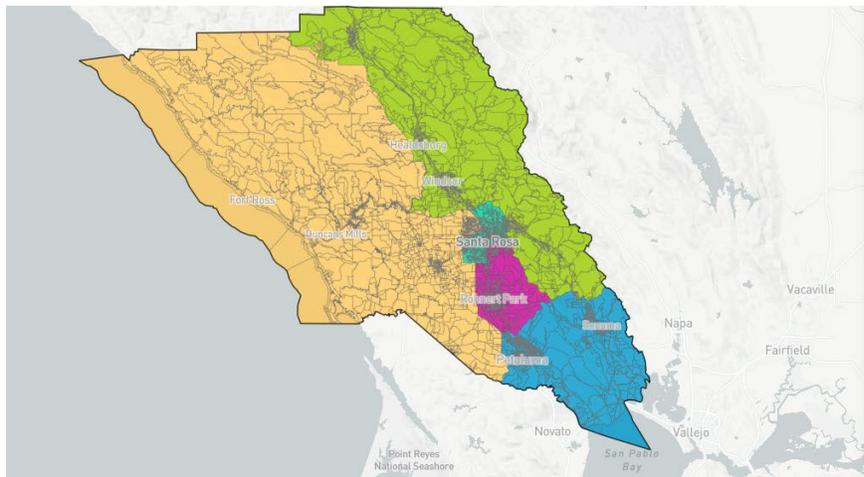
Uses 2020 Decennial Census population with processing by National Demographic Corporation on 2020 Blocks.

99,309

Ideal: 97,942

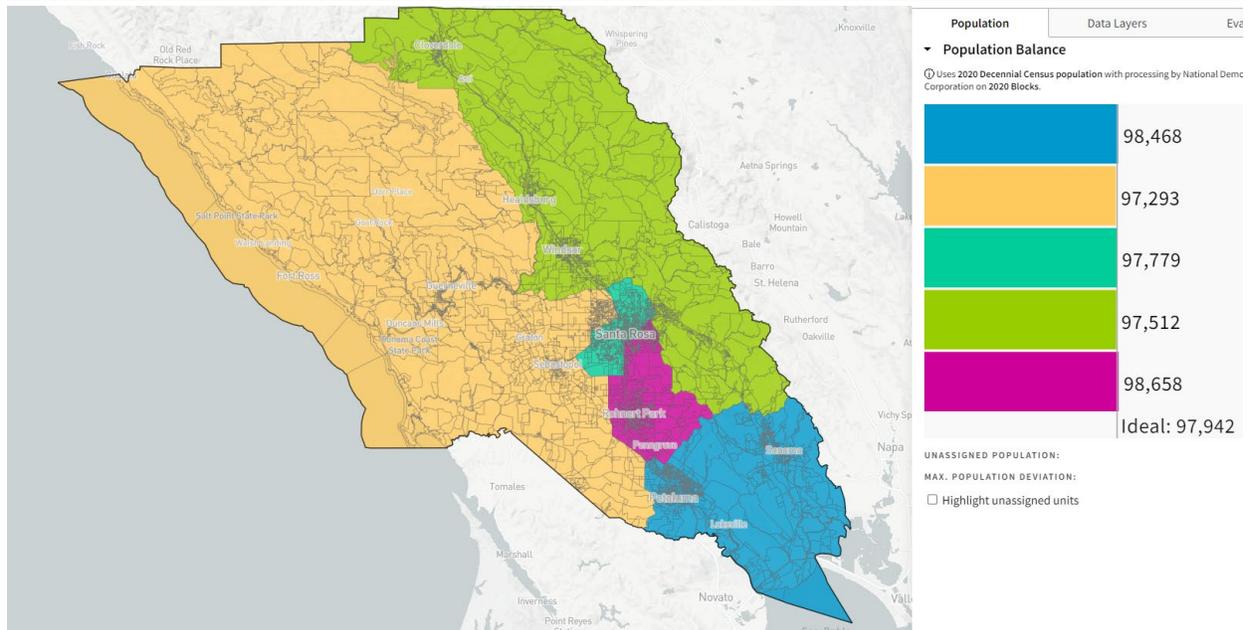
UNASSIGNED POPULATION:
MAX. POPULATION DEVIATION:
 Highlight unassigned units

From: [Redistricting2021](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: 211122_Map ID 85368 revised
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 8:51:48 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

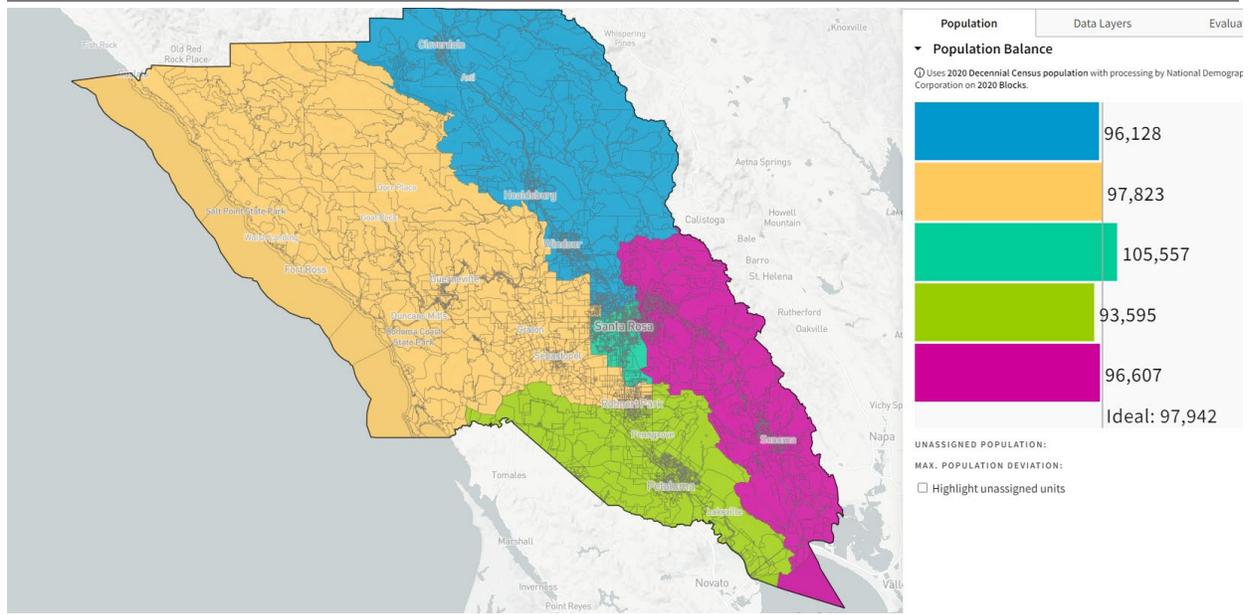


Population	Data Layers	Eval
Population Balance		
ⓘ Uses 2020 Decennial Census population with processing by National Demographic Corporation on 2020 Blocks.		
98,468		
98,816		
98,099		
97,240		
97,087		
Ideal: 97,942		

From: [Redistricting2021](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: 211122_Map ID 85379 revised
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 10:03:54 AM
Attachments: [map2021.png](#)



From: [Redistricting2021](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: 211122_Map ID 87095
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 9:55:24 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



From: [VHinshaw](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: Redistricting map RP split
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 1:41:07 PM

EXTERNAL

Please keep the border between D1 and D3 at Farmer's Lane. Do not split the neighborhood west of the line and remove the "thumb" of D1 into D3.

On Nov 29, 2021, at 12:27 PM, Redistricting2021 <Redistricting2021@sonoma-county.org> wrote:

Thank you for your email. We will respond as soon as possible.

For more redistricting information, please visit the [County's redistricting site](#).

Gracias por su correo electrónico. Le contestaremos lo antes posible. Para obtener más información sobre la redistribución de distritos, visite el sitio web <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/CAO/Policy-Grants-and-Special-Projects/2021-Redistribucion/>.

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From: [VHinshaw](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Cc: [district3](#)
Subject: Redistricting map RP split
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 12:27:13 PM

EXTERNAL

Dear commission,

Of the 3 maps being presented to the BOS workshop today, the map named "RP split (new)" is the most reasonable choice and one that I favor as a resident of D3 in Santa Rosa. One change I would add is to include the area between Mendocino Ave and Hwy 101 in D3 to incorporate downtown and the JC neighborhood.

Please consider this my public comment.

Thank you,
Val Hinshaw

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From: [Arielle Kubu-Jones](#) on behalf of [Susan Gorin](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#); [BOS](#)
Subject: FW: One more perspective on Sonoma County Redistricting
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 9:49:57 AM

From: Dianne Monroe <dart51@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 24, 2021 5:11 PM
To: Lynda Hopkins <Lynda.Hopkins@sonoma-county.org>; David Rabbitt <David.Rabbitt@sonoma-county.org>; Susan Gorin <Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org>; Chris Coursey <Chris.Coursey@sonoma-county.org>; James Gore <James.Gore@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: One more perspective on Sonoma County Redistricting

EXTERNAL

Dear County Supervisors,

I'm writing to offer my opinion on the dilemmas presented by our Sonoma County Redistricting process.

Earlier I wrote to urge keeping the 5th district as one unified district, to preserve the strength of the rural and coastal voice, particularly in regards to environmental issues. To protect and preserve Sonoma's beautiful environmental treasures is to speak and act for all of us.

Recently I have heard that one of the goals of the proposed redistricting is to combine Roseland and Moorland, to join together communities which may share common concerns, culture and interests, thus providing them a stronger voice and voting bloc. This I also strongly support.

I've also heard that Rohnert Park is not happy with where they have been placed in all of this.

I believe this should be approached as a both-and, rather than an either-or. In other words, both a strong rural voice and a stronger voting bloc for Roseland and Moorland.

I've heard that it is possible to achieve both these goals (equity for Roseland and Moorland AND a cohesive 5th district) by gently expanding portions of the contiguous 5th District boundaries along several edges.

I don't pretend to understand the complexities of the redistricting maps. Yet I urge you County Supervisors to find a solution that encompasses the needs of both the 5th District and Roseland/Moorland.

Thank you,

Dianne Monroe
5th District

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From: [jacqueline.schael](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: No redistricting Sebastopol
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 7:01:09 PM

EXTERNAL

Please know that we are not interested in the planned redistricting. We in Sebastopol do not care to join Rohnert Park.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Jacqueline Schael

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From: [Yvonne Shu](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: FW: Constituent Matter: Redistricting/District 3
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:44:15 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:37
To: Yvonne Shu <Yvonne.Shu@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: FW: Constituent Matter: Redistricting/District 3

If you are still compiling redistricting comments.

-Sean

-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@sonoma-county.org <no-reply@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 8:57 PM
To: district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: Constituent Matter: Redistricting/District 3

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Sent To: County of Sonoma
Topic: Constituent Matter
Subject: Redistricting/District 3
Message: Dear Supervisor Coursey,

I live In District 3 between Guerneville Road, N Dutton, W College and Marlow Road and I urge you to keep District 3 intact. Please do not cede our area to District 5.

Supervisor Coursey, as a former Santa Rosa City Mayor and City Councilman, you are intimately aware of the increased housing construction underway here in North Central West Santa Rosa. We are rapidly urbanizing. Our issues and concerns will continue to align more fully with the City of Santa Rosa than they will with those of rural/semi-rural West County/District 5.

Relinquishing District 3 to District 5 would further exacerbate the decades-long west-east physical divisions of our neighborhoods due to Highway 101, Santa Rosa Mall, and Railroad fencing.

Please keep current District 3 boundaries intact. Don't divide Santa Rosa. We are one community.

Thank you for your consideration.

With respect,

Janet Barocco
Santa Rosa

Sender's Name: Janet Barocco
Sender's Email: jbarocco@gmail.com
Sender's Home Phone: 707-542-5452
Sender's Cell Phone: 707-291-7375

Sender's Address:
1604 Jennnigs Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

From: [Yvonne Shu](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: FW: Issue: Redistricting map
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:44:23 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:38
To: Yvonne Shu <Yvonne.Shu@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: FW: Issue: Redistricting map

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-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@sonoma-county.org <no-reply@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 1:15 AM
To: district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: Issue: Redistricting map

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Sent To: County of Sonoma

Topic: Issue

Subject: Redistricting map

Message: The new district map makes no sense and was not clearly noted as the final vote in the agenda. District 5 has thousands of fewer constituents. How is this fair? Eric Koenigshofer's map makes MUCH better sense. You asked for input and then did what you wanted anyway. I hope you'll reconsider.

Sender's Name: Patrick O'Leary
Sender's Email: sonomapatrick@yahoo.com
Sender's Home Phone: 7074843992
Sender's Cell Phone: 7074843992
Sender's Work Phone: 7074843992
Sender's Address:
7365 Baker Ln
7365 Baker Ln
Sebastopol, CA 95472

From: [Carol Benfell](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:59:24 PM

EXTERNAL

I respectfully request you support the original ARC plan and oppose the newly drawn Nov. 29 plan. The Nov. 29 plan is neither fair nor equitable and does not respect communities of interest.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Benfell
220 S Edison St.
Graton, CA 95444

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From: [Yvonne Shu](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: FW: Redistricting: reject RPSplit3
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:44:08 PM

From: district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:35
To: Yvonne Shu <Yvonne.Shu@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: FW: Redistricting: reject RPSplit3

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-Sean

From: ccmazzia <ccmazzia@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 9:39 PM
To: district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: Redistricting: reject RPSplit3

EXTERNAL

Hi, Chris:

It appears to me that the county redistricting in accordance with the latest census has turned into a mess.

Changes submitted literally at the last minute? Disregarding the advisory committee 's recommendations? Is there any sort of plan or procedure here?

In any case, I strongly object to splintering district 3 into parts of other districts. What? My junior college neighborhood should remain whole, not divided up to suit what? Who? What's happening here?

Please reject RPSplit3.

Regards, Carol Mazzia

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: [Rocio Rodriguez](#)
To: [Susan Gorin](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting Concerns
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 2:30:43 PM

EXTERNAL

Dear Supervisor Gorin,

As a commissioner with the ARC, I'd first like to thank you for your initial support of the ARC suggested map. This support reflected the knowledge, the contribution, and the value of the first community-led ARC in Sonoma County.

Second, I'd like to add my voice to those who are disappointed and concerned with how this last BOS meeting was conducted. I am feeling overwhelmed and distressed by the misfeasance of a map discussed in a meeting made only available to the public a few hours in advance. I am unsure why only one Supervisor questioned this as a Brown Act Violation, where the BOS had already decided to further explore NDC 51162-D with modifications in the prior meeting. The addition of Rohnert Park hearings was a decision made at that meeting, to further the reach of input from one community, to contribute to that modification around Rohnert Park and surrounding areas. The agreement was clear. Social media posts and comments made by Chair Hopkins and Mayor-elect Elward further emphasized this decision publicly and reflected disappointment of Rohnert Park in District 5 but had hopeful tones for this new relationship. Then Monday, I was taken aback. The addition of a new map that accommodated the conversations of Rohnert Park with D3 raised many red flags to what decisions were being made without public knowledge and public input after the November 16th meeting.

My concerns with this new map includes the following -

1. The focus on Rohnert Park causes an avalanche of not only challenges in drawing lines without splitting census blocks and Santa Rosa neighborhoods, but also in the bigger picture of fair redistricting.
2. The Fair Maps Act states that "To the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of a city or census designated place shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division." The splitting of the City of Santa Rosa, again for the next 10 years and again between 4 districts, dilutes the voting power of this city and is not to the benefit of the historically marginalized communities of Roseland and Moorland. The ARC took consideration of this as one of the federal and state guidelines, and the suggested map corrects the splintering of Santa Rosa to the extent practicable

because of population size.

3.

Rohnert Park cannot have “effective and fair representation” within a single supervisorial district (per the Fair Maps Act) as a COI if it is split between two districts - with the exception of SSU, which I was hoping the hearings would have helped resolve as a modification. Another reason for concern and confusion is that this only trades one large urban communit(ies) for another, a recurring argument made against the addition of Rohnert Park into District 5.

Thank you for your time in reading my letter. I look forward to hearing from you and to the December 7th meeting.

Best,

Rocio Rodriguez

District 2 Resident

rodriguez.rocio.isabel@gmail.com

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From: [Rocio Rodriguez](#)
To: [David Rabbitt](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting Concerns
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 2:30:47 PM

EXTERNAL

Dear Supervisor Rabbitt,

I am a resident of District 2 in Petaluma, and one of the members of the Advisory Redistricting Commission. It was a great honor being a part of this cohort of this first community-led redistricting commission and being part of the conversations around equity during the redistricting outreach/engagement process and in the redistricting mapping process.

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Advisory Redistricting Commissioner

District 2 resident

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From: [Rocio Rodriguez](#)
To: [district5](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Redistricting Concerns
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 2:25:40 PM

EXTERNAL

Dear Chair Hopkins,

I am one of the members of the Advisory Redistricting Commission. It was a great honor being a part of this cohort of this first community-led redistricting commission and being part of the conversations around equity during the redistricting outreach/engagement process and in the redistricting mapping process.

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From: [Marcus Borgman](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#); [BOS](#); [Chris Coursey](#)
Subject: Current map proposal
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 12:57:15 PM

EXTERNAL

Hi folks,

I am not happy with the idea of combining rural populations with urban, especially splitting an urban population like Santa Rosa into pieces and merging them with rural. As a resident of Santa Rosa, next door to Dutton Ave, I have few common issues with Bodega or Graton, lovely as those towns are. I would say most of the population would agree.

ARC Recommended Map (51162 NDC D) was a good start, but then in future maps, a salamander-shaped figure appeared which is usually a suspected gerrymandered result. No thanks.

Please go back to the drawing board and keep urban and rural areas distinct as the ARC originally tried to achieve.

Thank you,

Marcus Borgman
1403 Tammy Way
Santa Rosa

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From: [Yvonne Shu](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: FW: Final Step of Redistricting, Sale of Chanate, and Community Updates
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:44:00 PM

From: district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:35
To: Yvonne Shu <Yvonne.Shu@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: FW: Final Step of Redistricting, Sale of Chanate, and Community Updates

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-Sean

From: David Cahill <cahilld@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 9:09 AM
To: district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: Re: Final Step of Redistricting, Sale of Chanate, and Community Updates

EXTERNAL

Chris, I prefer that you folks not change the existing boundaries at all. They are close to equal in population, and in percentage Hispanic. So no legal reason to change them.

Dave Cahill

On Dec 1, 2021, at 7:00 PM, Supervisor Chris Coursey <district3@sonoma-county.org> wrote:



Update on Redistricting & Monthly Newsletter



The Latest on Redistricting

As the year wraps up, we are one step closer to concluding the redistricting process that will shape Supervisorial districts and local representation for the next 10 years. As we communicated in our last update, the Board of Supervisors held a special meeting on November 29 to discuss redistricting and specific map boundaries. At the meeting, the demographer presented new maps for consideration. The new maps, drawn at the request of County officials, were made available to the public and the Board just an hour and a half prior to the start of the meeting.

At the special meeting, the majority of the Board indicated preference for a map and recommended edits that resulted in the current map being considered, titled "RP Split 3". RP Split 3 significantly deviates from the ARC recommended map and also from the status quo. Changes impact all districts, with major alterations to District 3 and District 5. Under [the current map being considered](#), modifications to district boundaries occur as follows:

District 3

- The western boundary moves farther west to encompass the Moreland and Roseland neighborhoods and all of southwest Santa Rosa into District 3. These areas were previously in District 5.
- To balance the population, the map pulls in District 3's northern boundary. This results in Districts 1, 4 and 5 absorbing parts of central Santa Rosa, including Ridgeway, the West End and portions – but not all – of the Santa Rosa Junior College neighborhood.
- District 3's southern boundary continues to split the City of Rohnert Park between District 2 and District 3.

District 5

- To keep population numbers balanced after moving southwest Santa Rosa from District 5 to District 3, significant changes are required for District 5. In the map being considered, this occurs mostly along the District 5 eastern boundary.
- District 5 moves east reaching into downtown Santa Rosa, with its new boundary along Highway 101 and across to Mendocino Avenue in some areas. With these changes, District 5 would include Railroad Square and the West End, the historic Ridgeway neighborhood, Coddington Mall and Santa Rosa Junior College. Portions of the SRJC Neighborhood would be represented by Districts 1, 3 and 5.
- District 5 would also encompass urban residential neighborhoods in the City of Santa Rosa along Guerneville Road, which were previously in District 4.

District 1

- District 1 mostly remains the same with exceptions to a portion of its northwestern boundary at Alta Vista and moving across Farmers Lane to take in portions of the Sherwood Forest neighborhood in east Santa Rosa. The new boundary at the northwestern section is triangular and reaches out to Mendocino Avenue at its western peak.
- The Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, Franklin park and the surrounding Hidden Valley and Montecito neighborhoods would move from District 3 and into District 1.
- The 71-acre county-owned Chanate Campus, currently in the process of being sold by the county to a private developer, will be moved from wholly within District 3 to a split between District 1 and District 4.

District 2

- Changes to District 2 occur at two sections on its northwestern boundary along Bloomfield Road and Scenic Avenue. The new line allows for District 5 to expand South with District 2 boundaries moving South to Blucher Creek and Wilfred Avenue.

District 4

- Alterations to District 4 occur along its southwestern edge where it transfers an area east of Forestville to District 5 as well as neighborhoods along Guerneville Road as mentioned above.
- District 4 gains population South of Fountain Grove and Coffey Lane with its new boundary running along Steele Lane and Chanate Road.

[Click here to view the current map and previous maps considered by the Board.](#)

The Board is required to post the new map for seven days prior to its official adoption which is scheduled for December 7. From now until then, the public has a chance to weigh in on the proposed changes. December 15 is the federal deadline for the final approval of a new map.

To submit comments, constituents may email redistricting2021@sonoma-county.org, bos@sonoma-county.org or reach out to the Supervisor who represents their district.

To attend the December 7 meeting, and view the calendar and agendas for upcoming

meetings, constituents may [click here](#).

Additional redistricting resources can be accessed through the County of Sonoma's redistricting webpage, sonomacounty.ca.gov/redistricting.

As always, thank you for reading and for your continued engagement.



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[Obtain more information on the vaccine.](#)

[Find out how to get a COVID-19 test.](#)

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Other Important News

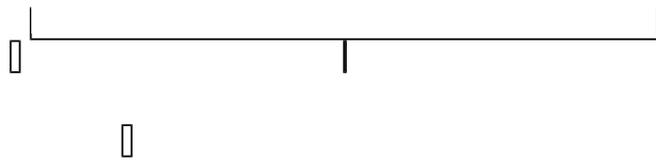
[Sonoma County Supervisors Vote to Approve Chanate Sale](#)

On November 17, the Board of Supervisors approved the sale of the 71-acre county-owned Chanate Campus to Eddie Haddad of Resources Group for \$15.05 million. Haddad submitted the highest responsive, responsible bid in response to the Nov. 9 call for oral bids. The sale is scheduled to conclude with the close of escrow on December 22.

Selling the property, which has annual carrying costs of nearly \$1 million, has long been a goal of the Board of Supervisors and the completion of this process represents an accomplishment for the organization and the community at large. As part of the agreement of sale, the buyer will be responsible for all demolition costs. Additionally, the contract guarantees public access to the historic cemetery on the property among other benefits.

Parcel J, the 10.4-acre Paulin Meadow site located at the southwest corner of the property at the end of Beverly Way, is not included in the sale. On November 2, the Board approved the transfer of this portion of Paulin Meadow to the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to ensure the conservation of the woodland area in perpetuity.

Authority to approve future development on the property rests within the jurisdiction of The City of Santa Rosa. [To read the full press release, click here.](#)



[Permit Sonoma Recruiting Community Members to Join Housing Advisory Committee](#)

The County of Sonoma is updating the Housing Element of its General Plan and Permit Sonoma is convening a working group of up to 12 community members to advise staff. Permit Sonoma invites community members to apply to [join this new Housing Advisory Committee](#) to help develop solutions that meet the community's housing needs.

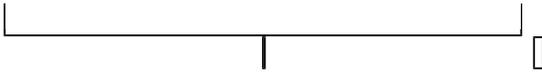
Advisory Committee members will review draft concepts, and serve as community ambassadors to help publicize public workshops and other opportunities to participate in the planning effort. While the committee is not a decision-making body, members' experiences related to housing needs, constraints to housing development, and feasibility of policies and programs will greatly benefit the effort.

The working group will be composed of up to 15 volunteers from across the county representing a wide variety of community stakeholders and perspectives.

A stipend of \$150 will be available for low-income members who meet certain criteria. Members are expected to attend a two hour meeting approximately every two months.

[Apply today!](#)





Community Announcements

Opportunity to Get Involved!- COC Membership Recruitment

The Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) is now accepting applications to become a member of the Continuum of Care.

The Sonoma County CoC addresses the problems of housing and homelessness by having a countywide, community-informed, and person-centered CoC system that is compassionate, inclusive, financially responsible, equitable, coordinated, and outcomes-based. Anyone or any entity committed to the prevention and ending of homelessness is welcome in the Continuum of Care.

Opportunity to Get Involved!- Lived Experience Advisory & Planning Board

The Sonoma County Continuum of Care is now accepting applications for the Lived Experience Advisory and Planning Board (LEAP)!

LEAP is comprised of people with lived experience of homelessness, with an emphasis on racial and ethnic diversity in its composition. The purpose of the LEAP is to advise Sonoma County on homeless-related programs, policies and how to spend money targeted for homeless services. The LEAP will work with the Continuum of Care Board on improving programs, services, shelters, and housing. LEAP members will be compensated for their time.

Applications are due by Monday, January 3, 2022, at

[For more information, please see the application linked here.](#)

5pm. Completed applications should be emailed to Andrew.Akufo@Sonoma-County.org or personally delivered to the Department of Health Services office located at 1450 Neotomas Avenue, Suite 200, Santa Rosa. [The application can be found here.](#)



[Food Resources in the County of Sonoma](#)

No one in Sonoma County should go hungry. If you need food assistance this holiday season, the Redwood Empire Food Bank is one organization that can help! Please contact the Food Connections team at (707) 523-7900 to learn all the ways you can get free and delicious food, or visit getfood.refb.org to find food distribution sites near you.

Find additional food assistance options [by clicking here.](#)



Toy Drive Hosted by SMART

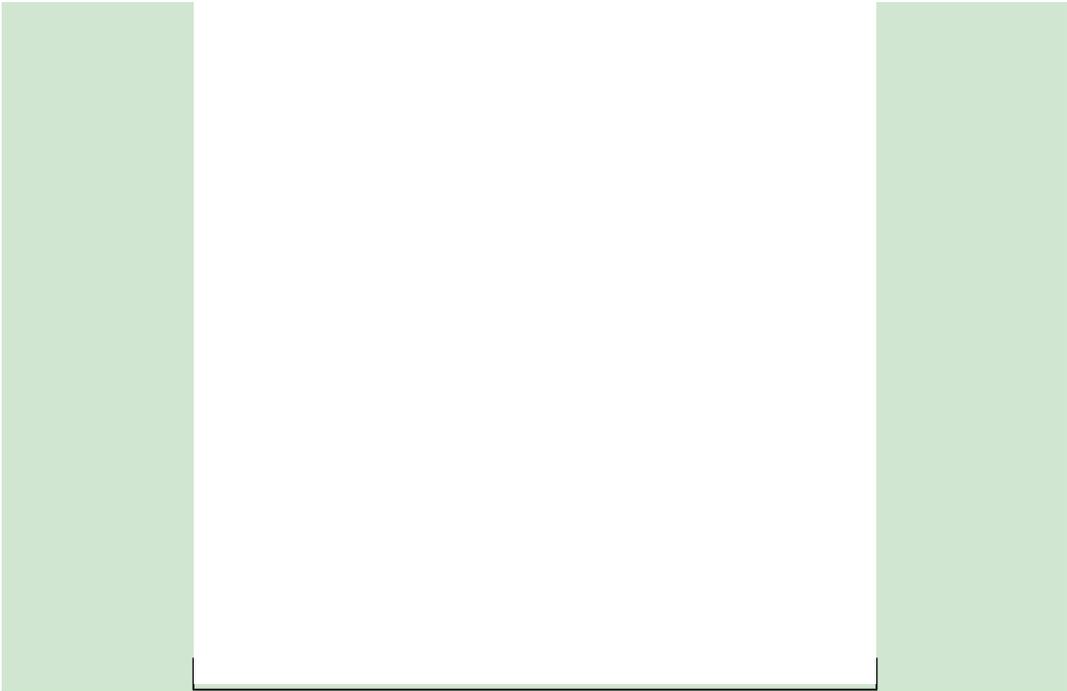
[The Holiday Express 2021 Toy Drive is just around the corner! Help local kids in need by donating an unwrapped toy, game or plush animal to Toys for Tots. The Toy drive is on Saturday, December 4, at the Downtown Santa Rosa SMART station from 10 am – 1 pm, and the Novato Hamilton SMART station from 2 pm – 4 pm. Come, join the fun and help our local kids!](#)





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[Sonoma County Human Services](#)
[If you're a struggling parent or child caregiver, contact SonomaWORKS for help!](#)
[Call 707-565-5500 or visit \[sonomaWORKS.org\]\(http://sonomaWORKS.org\)](#)



COVID-19 Update

Sonoma County Opens COVID-19 Boosters Broadly to Adults to Avoid Surge

Sonoma County is opening-up COVID-19 boosters to all adults 18 years and older, provided they qualify based on the timing of their last dose of the vaccine. It's a policy that turns no one away who seeks to strengthen their immune systems in advance of the holiday season.

- All recipients of the two-shot Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines may now receive a booster as long as at least six months have passed since receiving their second dose.
- All recipients of the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine should get a booster two months after their previous dose.
- Anyone in a higher-risk group – including seniors 65 and older, people with underlying medical conditions, people who work in high-risk settings and all Johnson & Johnson recipients – is urged to get a booster as soon as possible.

For more information, including the latest vaccine numbers, who's eligible for a vaccine and how to receive a vaccine, visit SoCoEmergency.org/vaccine, or call 2-1-1.
[Visit our website to see the full press release.](#)





Pediatric Vaccines

Now that the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine is available for students ages 5 to 11, Sonoma County Office of Education in partnership with the County of Sonoma is operating vaccination clinics at local school sites around the county.

Important details about the school vaccination clinics:

- The school site vaccination clinics are voluntary. No student will receive the vaccine without parental consent.
- These clinics are being run after school. The clinics do not run during the school day.
- Parents must be present for their child to receive the vaccine.
- These clinics are being held for students enrolled at the school site and their family members.

You can find more information about the vaccine at socoemergency.org/vaccine.
[A list of school site vaccine clinics can be found here.](#)

The County, in Partnership with the Sonoma County Office of Education, hosted two seminars to answer questions and give orientation on pediatric vaccines. [Click here to watch an orientation by County Officials and Health Professionals.](#)



Sonoma County Issues COVID-19 Guidance for Holiday Gatherings and Travel

People planning to travel and attend gatherings over the upcoming holidays should take steps now to protect themselves from COVID-19 and ensure they have proper documents required by some destinations, airlines and events to prove their vaccination or testing status.

People who are not vaccinated should avoid travel and holiday gatherings.

Residents can find information about vaccine clinics and how to make appointments through the county's [vaccine clinic page](#) or through myturn.ca.gov. Residents who need help making an appointment are encouraged to call the County COVID-19 hotline at (707) 565-4667.

At all times, unvaccinated people should wear a mask indoors and maintain social distancing of 6 feet when meeting with people outside their immediate family. Regardless of vaccination status, people should wear a mask while indoors in public places. Everyone, even people who are fully vaccinated, is [required to wear a mask](#) on public transportation and follow [international travel recommendations](#).

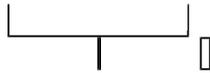
If you are sick or have symptoms of COVID-19, don't travel, host or attend a gathering. Get tested if you have symptoms or have had a close contact with someone who has COVID-19. Monitor yourself for symptoms for 14 days after participating in holiday celebrations and activities. Pay special attention from days 3-7 as this is when people are most likely to develop symptoms.

Some destinations and events require a COVID-19 test or proof of vaccination. Research the requirements of your destination or event now to ensure you are prepared. Arriving at a gate without acceptable test results can cost you time and frustration and may result in you missing

your flight or event. Not all COVID-19 test providers are approved for travel testing or can guarantee test results in time for your travel or event. Before scheduling your COVID-19 test, check with your test provider to see if they meet the required test result certification and timelines for your travel, destination or event.

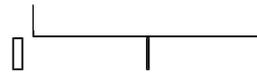
[CDC guidelines for travel can be viewed here.](#)
[Click here for other suggestions if you are planning to travel.](#)

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Helpful Links:

- [Obtain an electronic record of your vaccine.](#)
- [Get your vaccine.](#)
- [Get Tested.](#)
- [Emergency Rental Assistance Program and Eviction Protection Info](#)
- [Info for employers in need of recommendations and resources for addressing COVID-19.](#)
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From: [Yvonne Shu](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: FW: Redistricting
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:43:51 PM

From: district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:34
To: Yvonne Shu <Yvonne.Shu@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: FW: Redistricting

If you are still compiling redistricting comments.

-Sean

From: Ginny D <ginnyd@sonic.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 4:10 PM
To: district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>
Cc: 'Ginny Doyle' <ginnyd@sonic.net>
Subject: Redistricting

EXTERNAL

Hi Chris,

I've been ALL over the redistricting website and could not tell which Map was recommended by the ARC ! I trust the process ARC used and would support their recommendations, especially if I am still in your District.

Take care

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From: [Arielle Kubu-Jones](#)
To: [BOS; Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: FW: Redistricting of Rohnert Park
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 2:47:30 PM

From: Ty Camacho <tylercamacho@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 8:23 AM
To: Susan Gorin <Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: Redistricting of Rohnert Park

EXTERNAL

Good afternoon Mrs. Gorin,

I am a 27-year-old second generation Latinx female. I grew up in Rohnert Park living part-time in B section with my father and part-time on Southwest Blvd. with my mother. Now I am a proud first-generation homeowner in A section, a **heavily** Latinx and low-income community. As an "ACES" kid with two parents who battled addiction, one who lost their life to the battle and no college degree; owning a home is something I take GREAT pride in and has fostered a powerful interest in my community's health. Which is why the redistricting split fills me with concern and profound disappointment.

Growing up in Rohnert Park I have always felt the County did not see Rohnert Park as a valued urban community as often times it goes underrepresented and underserved. My feeling was only confirmed when I saw my City being pieced apart and divided.

This decision, although I am sure was with good intentions, would disseminate our already limited voice as a community spreading out our votes between district 2, who we have little in common with, and district 3, who more closely aligns with our urban lifestyle, for the next 10 years. I am all for diversifying the map but there is NOTHING rural about busy suburban Rohnert Park. In fact, it may be the least Rural outside of Santa Rosa, who we closely align with. Please reconsider the split and keep our community undivided in district 3. Remind Rohnert Park residents that we DO matter and that our urban community is not to be gerrymandered and divide in this unequitable fashion.

I deeply appreciate your time and efforts and I am hopeful that the Rohnert Park community will come together as one to voice their concern.

Thank you,
Tyler Camacho

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November 30, 2021

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SONOMA

Chair Hopkins and Board:

I write on behalf of the Sonoma City Council to commend your board on supporting a redistricting map in which the City of Sonoma and the adjacent Springs area, Glen Ellen and Kenwood are maintained and undivided within District 1.

We understand there are other municipalities who may have reason to oppose or request changes to the current draft redistricting map. We strongly urge you to make all necessary changes with the caveat that our Sonoma Valley community remain unified.

We believe the Sonoma Valley is a Community of Interest. This community - our community - is bound together by the common issues we face: fire seasons, our Highway 12 corridor, agriculture and wineries, affordable housing, vacation rentals, a unified Sonoma Valley Unified School District, the Sonoma Developmental Center transition, and natural wildlife habitats.

As the only municipality in Sonoma Valley, in an effort to provide direct and indirect support for our Valley's residents, we believe it essential to maintain this architecture in the final map you approve. We have a strong relationship with our supervisor's office and have recently begun discussions on how best to work together to deliver governmental services within our Valley.

We thank you again for your continued support for a united, unified, and undivided Sonoma Valley.

Regards,

Madolyn Agrimonti
Mayor, City of Sonoma

From: [Chris](#)
To: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#)
Cc: [Redistricting2021](#); feldychris@comcast.net
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 10:34:18 PM

EXTERNAL

Please keep the rural nature of District 5 intact. While population increases require redistricting, the idea of placing the City of Rohnert Park with the West County is a clear destruction of the rural rights of Sonoma County. Add other rural parts, but leave out cities that will dilute and/or destroy the voting power value of the West County voters. The City of Rohnert Park should be kept separate and out of District 5. Please group rural parts of Petaluma, west of Highway 101 up north and inland without more incorporated cities.

The proposed map is destructive for every West County community. It is unacceptable. The West is far poorer demographically with no resources. The majority of the vote is controlled by incorporated cities and includes a casino with access to tens of millions to inject into elections. This makes no sense since it isn't part of the West County in any way.

I suggest more districts, not contorting and gerrymandering to stop rural voters from having any representation or say.

Thank you,
Chris Stribling
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3 December 2021

Chair Lynda Hopkins
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Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Via email

Re: Item 1 on 11/29/21 Board Agenda/Item 51 on 12/7/21 Board Agenda
Redistricting Workshop/Fifth Public Hearing to Introduce, Waive Reading and Adopt an Ordinance, etc.

Chair Hopkins and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Sonoma County violated the Brown Act on November 29th during the Board of Supervisors' Redistricting Workshop, and with this letter I demand that you cure that violation prior to adoption of any final redistricting maps.

During item 55 on the November 16th Board agenda – “Public Hearing on the 2021 County Redistricting Process” – a majority of the Board of Supervisors selected the ARC recommended map as their preferred map, and provided direction to staff and the demographer on possible revisions to that map in public, during that item. That map was and is also known as the “ARC Recommended Map (51162 NDC D).”

The Agenda for the November 29th “Redistricting Workshop” stated, in total, as the description of item 1:

“Conduct a redistricting workshop to discuss and consider modifications to the Board-preferred draft map (NDC 51162-D).”

Since the Brown Act requires that an agenda description must be clear enough so that the public can understand what will happen, anyone reading this description – like me, for example – would reasonably have assumed that the November 29th meeting would be about discussing map NDC 51162-D and modifications to that map. Anyone attending the November 16th meeting would have also had a general idea of the probable modifications that would be discussed about map NDC 51162-D, since the Board members had all requested those possible modifications during the November 16th public meeting.

This is NOT what happened, at all.

During the November 29th meeting, the Board of Supervisors did NOT discuss and consider modifications to map NDC 51162-D, as was stated on the agenda. Instead, The Board of Supervisors discussed additional maps that appeared for the first time approximately 1.5 hours before the workshop, and then decided to make modifications to a map referred to as the RP Split 1 map.

When I tuned into the meeting I had no idea what was going on, since there was NO prior indication anywhere that NEW maps were going to be presented to and considered by the Board (including Chair Hopkin's personal additional map, which apparently is still under consideration).

Further, I have since heard that after the November 16th public Board meeting, County staff took it upon themselves to contact each Supervisor separately and ask them what they wanted to see in a redistricting map. It is unclear to me whether staff just asked each Supervisor for modifications to map NDC 51162-D, or whether they asked and/or accepted comments about entirely different maps, as well. I believe staff then prepared a memorandum about the information they received from the Supervisors, and distributed that memorandum to the Supervisors as an Attorney/Client Privileged document.¹

I have been asked by multiple people the same question I have: where did the RP Split 1 map come from? While I don't have an answer, the only reasonable assumption I can make is that during County staffs' individual conversations with the Supervisors, one or more Supervisors requested a map that removed Rohnert Park from the 5th District, and/or split Rohnert Park between Districts 2 and 3, and/or that Eric Koenigshofer's map(s) be reconsidered.

During the November 29th workshop, County Counsel said that the RP Split 1 map was just a modification of the original ARC recommended map, NDC 51162-D, and therefore the Board could legally take the action it took of choosing the RP Split 1 map as their selected map and then modifying the RP Split 1 map.

This statement is fundamentally inaccurate.

The differences between the ARC recommended map, NDC 51162-D and the new RP Split 1 map are extensive, and obvious. In fact, the RP Split 1 map has much more in common with the Eric Koenigshofer map(s), which were explicitly not selected by the Board during its November 16th hearing for discussion and modification.

Since a picture is worth 1000 words, and since I have the ability to make comparison maps, showing the differences and/or similarities between the NDC 51162-D, the RP Split 1 and the Eric Konigshoefer maps, I did exactly that.

Attached please find two maps. The first map compares map NDC 51162-D and the RP Split 1 map. The second map compares the RP Split 1 map and the Eric Koenigshofer maps.

It is beyond obvious that the RP Split 1 map is NOT "just" a "revision" of the NDC 51162-D map – the differences between these two maps are substantive and significant. On the other hand it is also obvious that the RP Split 1 map is really just a comparatively minor revision of the rejected Eric Konigshoefer map(s).

A picture is worth a 1000 words.

¹ I hereby make a Public Records Act request for all writings generated or received by any County staff member from any Department and/or generated or received by any County Supervisor regarding conversations between any County staff member and any County Supervisor about County redistricting and/or County redistricting maps, from both County and personal devices, including but not limited to all maps, notes, texts, emails, phone messages, memos, etc. for the time period from November 16, 2021 through the date of the response to this request. I also request all writings between any Supervisor and/or any County staff member from any Department and the County's demographer for the time period from November 16, 2021 through the date of the response to this request, including but not limited to all maps, notes, texts, emails, phone messages, memos, etc. on the subject of the County redistricting. Please provide all writings in digital form. If any writings are not available in digital form, I will schedule an appointment to review the nondigital writings to determine if I wish to order copies of same. If you claim any privilege for any of these writings, excusing production of same, please explicitly state the privilege for each such writing withheld.

Ironically, this is not “all about me.” As soon as the ARC recommended that Roseland and Moorland be included in District 3, I knew that I would be removed from District 3, as every map considered has done. All I want, at this point, is for the County to follow the law. Of course, I want a redistricting map that will be good for Sonoma County, but first and foremost I believe that compliance with the law is essential.

As you have violated the Brown Act, you are required to cure that violation, and with this letter I demand that you immediately do so prior to adopting any final redistricting map.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information.

Very truly yours,

Sonia E. Taylor

Attachments

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Sheryl Bratton, Sonoma County Administrator
Jill Ravitch, Sonoma County District Attorney
Paul Gullixson, Sonoma County Communications Manager
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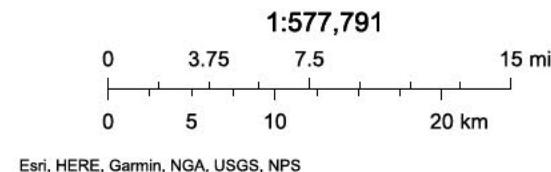
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Sonoma County 2021 Redistricting (v2)



November 30, 2021

Document prepared by Sonia Taylor; source files available (CorelDraw 2020)



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This page is a comparison between the original proposed ARC map and the RP Split map, showing all areas of difference between these two maps, as indicated below. It is clear that there are significant and substantive differences between these two maps, rendering the RP Split map NOT a revision to the original ARC map, but something else entirely.

Because of the County’s choice of colors and the inability to toggle transparency when comparing maps to each other on the County’s ArcGIS site, I download the original ARC map and the original RP Split map as editable vector pdfs, and changed the colors and transparency of the proposed districts to colors and transparency to allow easy comparison between the two maps. To drive home the differences, I traced the areas of difference and colored them black. Due to the size limitations of this map, and the tracing required to do this comparison, fine grained comparisons are impossible, but broad areas of differences are easy to identify.

It is clear to me that because of the substantive significant differences between the original ARC map and the new RP Split map, the RP Split map was NOT “just” a revision of the original ARC map.

LEGEND:

- Proposed District 5
- Proposed District 4
- Proposed District 3
- Proposed District 2
- Proposed District 1

Areas of difference between the original ARC Map and the RP Split Map:



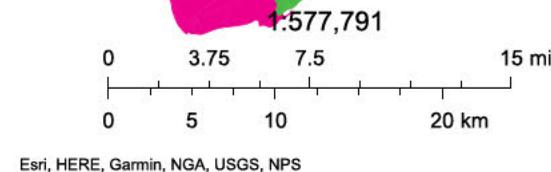
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This page is a comparison between the new RP Split map and the map(s) known as the “Eric Koenigshofer map(s),” (hereinafter “Eric K map(s)”) showing all areas of difference between these two maps, as indicated below. It is clear that while there are some differences between these two maps, those differences are very small, making it clear that the RP Split map is actually just a reworking of the Eric K map(s).

Because of the County’s choice of colors and the inability to toggle transparency when comparing maps to each other on the County’s ArcGIS site, I download the RP Split map as an editable vector pdf. Thanks to the County’s system, to do this comparison with the Eric K map(s), I had to download those maps as jpg images and trace the proposed districts, and then changed the colors and transparency of the proposed districts in both maps to colors and transparency to allow easy comparison between the two maps. To drive home the differences, I traced the areas of difference and colored them black. Due to the size limitations of this map and the tracing required to do this comparison, fine grained comparisons are impossible, but broad areas of differences are easy to identify.

It is clear to me that because of the minor differences between the new RP Split map and the Eric K map(s), the RP Split map is actually just a reworked version of the Eric K map(s).

LEGEND:

- Proposed District 5
- Proposed District 4
- Proposed District 3
- Proposed District 2
- Proposed District 1

Areas of difference between the RP Split Map and the Eric K Map(s):



From: [Sonia Taylor](#)
To: [Lynda Hopkins](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [district4](#); [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#)
Cc: [Robert Pittman](#); [Linda Schiltgen](#); [Sheryl Bratton](#); [Jill Ravitch](#); [Paul Gullixson](#); [Redistricting2021](#); [Jim Sweeney](#); [Emma Murphy](#); [Andrew Graham](#)
Subject: Re: Brown Act Violation during 11/29/21 Redistricting Workshop
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 10:55:03 AM
Attachments: [11_29_21_bos_brown_act_violation_ltr_final_2_w_attachment.pdf](#)

EXTERNAL

Chair Hopkins, and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I believe you violated the Brown Act on November 29th, during your workshop on redistricting.

Attached please find my more detailed letter regarding this violation, including an attachment of two comparison maps. I am aware that I write long letters. This letter, however, is only 2.5 pages, and I hope that you will read it and carefully consider it and comparison maps attached thereto.

Thank you for your consideration. As always I am happy to answer any questions, or provide additional information if you so desire.

Sonia

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From: [Yvonne Shu](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: FW: Constituent Matter: Redrawing district maps
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:43:35 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:33
To: Yvonne Shu <Yvonne.Shu@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: FW: Constituent Matter: Redrawing district maps

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-Sean

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From: no-reply@sonoma-county.org <no-reply@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Saturday, December 4, 2021 4:48 PM
To: district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: Constituent Matter: Redrawing district maps

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Sent To: County of Sonoma
Topic: Constituent Matter
Subject: Redrawing district maps
Message: I live In District 3 between Guerneville Road, N Dutton, W College and Marlow Road and I urge you to keep District 3 intact. Please do not cede our area to District 5

You are no doubt aware of the increased housing construction underway here in North Central West Santa Rosa. We are rapidly urbanizing. Our issues and concerns will continue to align more fully with the City of Santa Rosa than they will with those of rural/semi-rural West County/District 5.

Relinquishing District 3 to District 5 would further exacerbate the decades-long west-east physical divisions of our neighborhoods due to Highway 101, Santa Rosa Mall, and Railroad fencing.

Please keep current District 3 boundaries intact. Don't divide Santa Rosa. We are one community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sender's Name: Richard Heinberg
Sender's Email: richard@postcarbon.org
Sender's Home Phone: 7075425452
Sender's Address:
1604 Jennings Ave
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Dear Sonoma County Communities,

We are Black and Brown Women who served on the Sonoma County Advisory Redistricting Commission (Commission). The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors (Board) appointed 19 community members to the Commission earlier this year. Historically, and during the last cycle, redistricting was conducted by at least three individuals: the Clerk/Recorder/ Assessor, Sheriff, and District Attorney and lacked a robust independent public process. This was the first year that an independent and community-led Commission was formed in Sonoma County. Many of the members came from diverse backgrounds - culture, ethnicity, life experience, profession, age, etc., however, members of Native American Communities, to our knowledge, may have neither been invited nor sought for appointed to the Commission, even though there was ample opportunity to do this since there were several rounds of appointments as late as two weeks before our final meeting on October 25th¹. The Commission was charged with advising and assisting the Board with recommendations for new supervisorial district boundaries. Based on the 2019 California Assembly Bill No. 849 (“Fair Maps Act”) the new census data released in August of 2021 new lines needed to be drawn. State Attorney General Rob Bonta, sponsor of the Fair Maps Act, celebrated that the Fair Maps Act “will transform how we conduct local redistricting. It provides vulnerable communities, who’ve long been silenced and excluded, a right to be heard in the redistricting process and to maintain their collective power, rather than be divided. This bill will help ensure communities are kept together!”

Though the appointment process was not free of controversy or inequities; the move from 15 to 19 members provided opportunity for more diverse perspectives. We were called to serve and we forged ahead. We were connected to purpose, to serve all communities throughout Sonoma County. During our very first meeting we inquired about the community engagement plan, and were met with microaggressions and resistance from the consultancy and staff. After further conversations in our second meeting, it was clear that there were severe limitations in the communications plan and almost no commitment to community engagement outside of the public hearings, so we worked to strategize resources. After staff continued to state that they did not have resources, continually misstated our role, and a Commissioner resigned because of these very things, we met with Chair Hopkins and Supervisor Gore who then directed staff to allocate more resources and time to the process. It was then that consultant, Dr. Rosa Perez, came on board to focus on equity; a meeting was dedicated to equity and a panel of members from Communities of Interest (COI) joined us on September 13th.

Equitable and culturally appropriate engagement and outreach² were not originally built into the redistricting process. They were mentioned, but it was not until the Commission advocated for an for a focus equity driven process and a comprehensive community engagement plan that focused on historically excluded COI’s, that an “Equity ad hoc” and an “Outreach and Engagement ad hoc” were created to ensure that we were reaching people who would otherwise not have access to this process and whom would be most impacted by it. This work complemented the Federal and State redistricting guidelines, which included identifying COIs, listening to the community, and drafting equity principles to guide in our decision-making. All of these decisions were made unanimously, that is, all commissioners agreed to these essential components in the process. *“Fairness does not mean everyone gets the same. Fairness means everyone gets what they need.”* (Rick Riordan, The Red Pyramid). The result of our push was a set of equity principles to guide our process and the hiring of a consultant to roll out (a more narrow version of) our vision of outreach and engagement in the community. Members of the Commission also presented at various meetings, forums, and neighborhood map drawing parties.

¹ We must recognize and acknowledge that the Wappo, Miwok, and Pomo communities are the original stewards and caretakers of the lands known today as Sonoma County. Although, our federal mandated redistricting processes, move us from these truths, we find it of utmost importance to uplift this truth.

² Members of the community have continually asked that the Board of Supervisors build a system for and allocate ongoing resources to culturally appropriate engagement.

Through the process, time and time again, Communities of Color did not seem to be of priority or focus to the institution of the County of Sonoma. For example, NDC excluded data from Black and Native American communities citing that, “[it] was not statistically significant.” During the commission meetings, if a commissioner of color asked a question, we were met with resistance, having the question flipped or not answered - all forms of microaggressions and despite consistent mention, most of the final maps presented to the Commission continued to split the Roseland and Moorland COIs. Furthermore, by calling into question the ethics and competence of the Commission after a detailed overview and reasoning of our recommendation, the Board of Supervisors furthered a narrative that is harmful to Black and Brown communities.

Regardless of all the challenges and distress we faced, on October 25th, the Commission unanimously voted to recommend and present only one map, NDC D 51162, for the Board to adapt, adjust and adopt. This map met all the Federal and State guidelines and put equity at the core of the redistricting process. In addition to equal population balance and the Voting Rights Act, the following are the guidelines outlined § 2. 21500(c) in the Fair Maps Act set in order of priority as follows:

- To the extent practicable, supervisorial districts shall be geographically contiguous. Areas that meet only at the points of adjoining corners are not contiguous. Areas that are separated by water and not connected by a bridge, tunnel, or regular ferry service are not contiguous.
- To the extent practicable, the 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. Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.
- To the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of a city or census designated place shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.
- Supervisorial district boundaries should be easily identifiable and understandable by residents. To the extent practicable, supervisorial districts shall be bounded by natural and artificial barriers, by streets, or by the boundaries of the county.
- To the extent practicable, and where it does not conflict with the preceding criteria in this subdivision, supervisorial districts shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness in a manner that nearby areas of population are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations.
- The board shall not adopt supervisorial district boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

On November 16th, despite the unexpected attempt to introduce a new map, which split Rohnert Park and potentially engaged, perhaps inadvertently, in the practice of “cracking” in Santa Rosa, and that no one had seen before, the majority of the Board decided to honor the process and the work of the Commission by agreeing to proceed with the Commission NDC D51162 map and planned on making modifications to that map. Hence, the reason the November 29th agenda item read as follows:

“Conduct a redistricting workshop to discuss and consider modifications to the Board-preferred draft map (NDC 51162-D).”

However, under what could be potentially considered a Brown Act violation, legal review pending, at the November 29th meeting, two other maps were introduced, which to the best of our knowledge, were only available to the public about 1.5 hours prior to the meeting. One of the maps was quickly scrapped after the admission by one Supervisor to have been the one who sent that new map to the staff. The map called the “RP Split” remained; this map contradicted the decision at the November 16th meeting, and violated the meticulous, inclusive, and transparent process that the

commission followed. Further, the RP Split map was also almost an exact replica of a map created by an ARC Commissioner after the Commission unanimously voted to submit NDC 51162-D as the Commission's recommended map to the Board (images comparing modifications to maps are attached). Legal review pending, this map may potentially violate the Equal Protection clause of the US Constitution by carving up the center of Santa Rosa (the County's largest population center and the only urban portion of an otherwise rural Sonoma County), we respectfully ask that a demographic study be conducted. Considering the map divides Santa Rosa's voting districts, it therefore divides COIs and pending legal review, may potentially violate the Voting Rights Act (VRA) as the City adopted these districts to comply with the VRA.

Additionally, Elections Code § 21507.1(a)(2) requires that (2) At least two public hearings shall be held after the board has drawn a draft map or maps of the proposed supervisorial district boundaries. Elections Code § 21508 requires that Participation in redistricting public review process by underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities (d)(1) A draft map shall be published on the internet for at least seven days before being adopted as a final map by the board provided that, if there are fewer than 28 days until the deadline to adopt boundaries, the draft map may instead be published on the internet for at least three days. (2) Each draft map prepared by a member of the board or by employees or contractors of the county shall be accompanied by information on the total population, citizen voting age population, and racial and ethnic characteristics of the citizen voting age population of each proposed supervisorial district, to the extent the county has that data.

We worked tirelessly and invested countless hours, most of them without fair compensation, so that we could be prepared for the moment the Census Data was released and map considerations could begin. We listened to communities, read reports, learned the Federal and State Guidelines, and did our own outreach, so that we had the capacity to dutifully and responsibly represent Sonoma County. With all due respect, we do not believe that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors did the same. Therefore, as BIPOC commissioners that went above and beyond our call of duty, even in the face of microaggressions and disrespect, we urge the Board of Supervisors to not commodify equity, to not contribute to the continued exploitation of labor of Black and Brown people, and to not tokenize and gaslight communities historically harmed by racist and oppressive systems. We were brought onto the commission to represent all communities throughout Sonoma County, to follow the Federal and State guidelines and to keep equity at the forefront. We did exactly that, and now we ask the board to do the same.

In service to you,

Black and Brown women of the Sonoma County Advisory Redistricting Commission

Kirstyne Lange

Rocio Rodriguez

Ana Horta

Ana Lugo

Veronica Vencez

Lyndsey Burcina

Stephanie Manieri

Socorro Shiels

cc: Sonoma County Supervisors Hopkins, Coursey, Gore, Gorin, Rabbit
Robert Pittman, Sonoma County Counsel
Linda Schiltgen, Sonoma County Deputy County Counsel
Sheryl Bratton, Sonoma County Administrator
Jill Ravitch, Sonoma County District Attorney
Paul Gullixson, Sonoma County Communications Manager
Sonoma County Advisory Redistricting Commission
Jim Sweeney, Press Democrat
Emma Murphy, Press Democrat
Andrew Graham, Press Democrat

As Advisory Redistricting Committee members, we hold that the following images make clear that the “RP Split” map was not simply a modification of the NDC 51162-D map recommended by the Commission. It is a replica of the map drawn by a Commissioner post the Commission’s deliberations and which was not accepted on November 16th.



From: [Ana Lugo](#)
To: [Lynda Hopkins](#); [district4](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#)
Cc: [Robert Pittman](#); [Linda Schiltgen](#); [Sheryl Bratton](#); [Jill Ravitch](#); [Paul Gullixson](#); [Redistricting2021](#); [Jim Sweeney](#); [Emma Murphy](#); [Andrew Graham](#); [Stephanie Manieri](#); [Kirstyne Lange](#); [Ana Horta](#); [Rocio Rodriguez](#); [Veronica Vences](#); [Socorro Shiels](#)
Subject: Letter to Community on Redistricting Process Concerns
Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021 5:15:35 PM
Attachments: [211204 SCARC BIWOC LTR to Community.pdf](#)

EXTERNAL

Esteemed Chairwoman Hopkins, Vice Chair Coursey, Board of Supervisors:

We have penned a letter to Sonoma County out of deep concern for our Sonoma County Communities due to what has transpired in the Redistricting process. Attached you will find it for your reference.

With respect,

Ana Lugo, *Founder, (She, her, ella)*
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To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: FW: Support for the ARC recommended map
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:43:42 PM

From: district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:33
To: Yvonne Shu <Yvonne.Shu@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: FW: Support for the ARC recommended map

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From: Sara Poisson <saraannpoisson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 4, 2021 6:10 AM
To: district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: Support for the ARC recommended map

EXTERNAL

Dear Supervisors,

My name is Sara Poisson from Sebastopol. I am calling to support the map recommended by the Advisory Redistricting Commission because:

1. Roseland and Moorland were clearly identified as communities of interest and must be kept together.
2. Roseland is a part of the city of Santa Rosa and as a newly annexed part of the city, a part of the Santa Rosa City Schools, and shares interests with the Santa Rosa. We must create social cohesion and unity by making sure that Roseland is a part of District 3.
3. The NDC D 51162 map is the only map that reflects the unanimous view of the ARC and that abides by the county's equity principles. This map also follows all of the State and Federal Redistricting guidelines and incorporates the communities points described above.
4. Keeping the historically marginalized and underrepresented communities of Roseland and Moorland with the city of Santa Rosa and in the district where Santa Rosa lays is key to fair representation and undiluted voting power.
5. The NDC D 51162 map allows the 3 largest cities the opportunities for visibility, support, and equitably -balanced representation for incorporated & unincorporated parts of our county.

Please prioritize equity in the redistricting process and adopt the Advisory Redistricting Commission's recommended map and keep Roseland and Moorland together in district 3 because equity can no longer be deferred.

Sincerely,
Sara Poisson

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From: [Drmaria](#)
To: [Martin Espinoza](#)
Subject: Letter to the Community on Redistricting Process Concerns
Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021 7:28:33 AM
Attachments: [211204 SCARC BIWOC LTR to Community.pdf](#)

EXTERNAL

Good morning.

I received the following letter from my trusted friend, Rocio Rodriguez, MPH, regarding concerns with Sonoma County's redistricting process and wanted to share it with you and everyone else in my contact list whom I know to be concerned about equity and democracy and ask you to share it with as many people as you know who may be willing to speak up to the county regarding the potentially illegal irregularities taking place in the redistricting process for Sonoma County. The process has moved away from legal guidelines and the protesting voices of BIPOC Community members who volunteered to be part of the process and spent a great deal of time to educate themselves to become active and effective participants in this process are being ignored.

Please read the attached letter in detail and consider speaking up and forwarding to at least one person who is willing to speak up/act up to influence this process in the direction of equity transparency and legal processes.

Maria J. Alvarez, Ph. D.
-Think globally / act locally

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ana Lugo <ana@equityfirstconsulting.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 4, 2021 5:10:04 PM
To: Lynda Hopkins <Lynda.Hopkins@sonoma-county.org>; James Gore <District4@sonoma-county.org>; Chris Coursey <Chris.Coursey@sonoma-county.org>; Susan Gorin <Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org>; David Rabbitt <David.Rabbitt@sonoma-county.org>
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From: jjames@sonic.net
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Cc: [district3](#)
Subject: Opposed to current Redistricting Proposal
Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021 9:05:57 PM

EXTERNAL

Supervisors:

We are strongly opposed to the currently proposed county redistricting plan! We are long-time residents of a West Santa Rosa neighborhood, very near the Santa Rosa Business Park on N. Dutton Avenue, and barely a mile from Coddingtontown. Despite this proximity, the proposal would join our neighborhood with the largely rural West County all the way to the coast, and would also split our neighborhood into northern and southern sections, separated by a midsection still joined with an area on the opposite side of the freeway in a different district.

Although we can well understand the concerns for, and challenges in, forming districts of roughly equal population numbers, there are far more compelling considerations which seem to have been ignored, e.g.: demographics, density, economic base, and continuity with adjacent areas. Our area clearly has far more in common with nearby areas than with the far more rural parts of the county so much farther to our west. Ours is a neighborhood of great diversity, of modest single family homes along with many high-density apartment and condominium developments, as well as large shopping centers and business locations.

How can one supervisor be expected to represent the issues and needs of an area such as ours along with those of the West County which are so different? We urge you to reconsider the proposed map and realign it to reflect more accurately the communities of shared interest and concerns in our county, and to ensure that each Supervisor can effectively represent their constituency.

James Duncan and Johanna James
1138 Lance Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

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From: [Roger Hamlyn](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: why change?
Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021 11:30:05 PM

EXTERNAL

Supervisors:

I haven't heard it mentioned lately, but early-on in the redistricting talk, there was word that a new map is not needed; the one that has served since the 2010 census still meets the legal requirements. Have there been problems with the current districting? Please don't waste any more time or bad feelings fixing something that's not broken. If you must change maps, please follow the advice of the hard-working redistricting committee. It's appalling the way four of you have dismissed their plan at the last minute.

Thank you for your service.

Roger Hamlyn

Boyes Hot Springs

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Subject: FW: Comment on Redistricting
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:43:27 PM

From: district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:32
To: Yvonne Shu <Yvonne.Shu@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: FW: Comment on Redistricting

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From: Connor DeVane <connor@dailyacts.org>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:14 PM
To: district3 <district3@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: Comment on Redistricting

EXTERNAL

Good afternoon Supervisor Coursey,

My name is Connor DeVane, I am a member of the Forestville community. I am reaching out today to voice my support for the map put forward by the ARC, and my conviction that **equity, which is by definition both a process and an outcome**, must continue to be a guiding principle of this endeavor. **The NDC D 51162 map is the only map that reflects the unanimous view of the ARC and that abides by the county's equity principles.**

The opportunity to center equity in the redistricting process in a thoughtful way is a beautiful gift that members of the ARC have placed before you: one they worked very hard to craft. I urge you to do what is best for Sonoma County, and especially for our communities of Roseland and Moorland, by choosing the NDC D 51162 map.

Thank you.

--

Connor DeVane (he/him)
Daily Acts | Programs Coordinator
707-789-9664

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Land Acknowledgement | My home office resides on the traditional homelands of the Southern Pomo people and I celebrate the active work of their descendants to preserve and nourish their indigenous identity.

"The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper." -
W.B. Yeats

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From: [William Wesley](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: Support the ARC Redistricting Proposal
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:34:17 PM

EXTERNAL

Dear Supervisors:

As a homeowner and property tax payer in two of the current county districts within Santa Rosa, I strongly oppose the board's attempts in the last few weeks to replace the consensus proposal for redistricting in Sonoma County by the non-partisan, community-based advisory commission you appointed earlier this year with your own effort, which is clearly perverted by the political interests of incumbent supervisors, in particular the current chair of the board.

Good chairs preside in a manner that supports transparency and the interests of the greatest majority of the voters and stakeholders they serve. Bad chairs use their control of the agenda and deliberations of boards to support their own personal or political interests. Lynda Hopkins clearly falls into the latter category.

While I no longer live in Chris Coursey's district, I agree with him as well as most of the members of the City Council in Santa Rosa that dividing the downtown area under the board's alternative proposal for redistricting, ignores the strategic priorities the entire board should be placing on our most pressing issues - affordable housing, homelessness, and developing a more sustainable environment for all county residents. It also defies many of the statewide requirements that the ARC did a far better job of taking into account.

Like most other local political jurisdictions, Sonoma County continues to see most population growth in urban areas, where populations that are more racially or culturally diverse or vulnerable are also more likely to be found.

It is simply unacceptable that Chair Hopkins engages in attempts to gerrymander for the benefit of her White, woke, exurban constituencies – as well as her own political ambitions. Framing her political maneuvers as litigation may have worked once with the elected Sheriff, but doesn't pass the smell test in her attempt to bully and abuse the newest member of the board or subvert the ARC process to address bias and access in redistricting.

Count me with the supporters of Mr. Coursey, whether they live or serve his district or simply believe that local government needs to be more accountable to the people – throughout the county – where we all live.

William Wesley Fields MD
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Santa Rosa CA 95405

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From: [Arielle Kubu-Jones](#)
To: [BOS](#); [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: FW: Regarding Redistricting
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 2:45:53 PM

From: Glenn Illian <glenn@topspeeddata.com>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Chris Coursey <Chris.Coursey@sonoma-county.org>; David Rabbitt <David.Rabbitt@sonoma-county.org>; district4 <district4@sonoma-county.org>; district5 <district5@sonoma-county.org>; Susan Gorin <Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: Regarding Redistricting

EXTERNAL

As a property owner in Canon Manor in Penngrove 1726 Alice Drive Penngrove I would like to inform you that I would prefer that we stay in District 2 with David Rabbitt. We have worked with David through the years, and he understands the concerns of our neighborhood.

Thank you for this consideration while going through the redistricting process.

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From: [Arielle Kubu-Jones](#)
To: [Redistricting2021](#)
Subject: FW: Please reconsider the redistricting map for Rohnert Park
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 2:44:53 PM
Importance: High

-----Original Message-----

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Dear Sonoma County Board of Supervisors,

I am appealing to you all as a home owner and Rohnert Park business owner that feels betrayed by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

I understand you all want to keep your seats during election time, but please think about those of us who have been treated like step-children here in Rohnert Park (RP) for many years.

Last year you all agreed to follow the recommendations of the Advisory Redistricting Committee and keep RP whole giving us the same equal representation as every other city in Sonoma County.

However, your quick change to a new map has not only removed the ability for voters to provide input, thereby creating disenfranchised voter but shows an obvious map drawn for political gain that totally ignores the need for equal representation for constituents.

No other city, other than Santa Rosa due to its size, is divided. Why do you have to divide our small city? Please leave us together with a single Sonoma County Supervisor.

Thank you for reconsidering your following the Advisory Redistricting Committee recommendation.

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