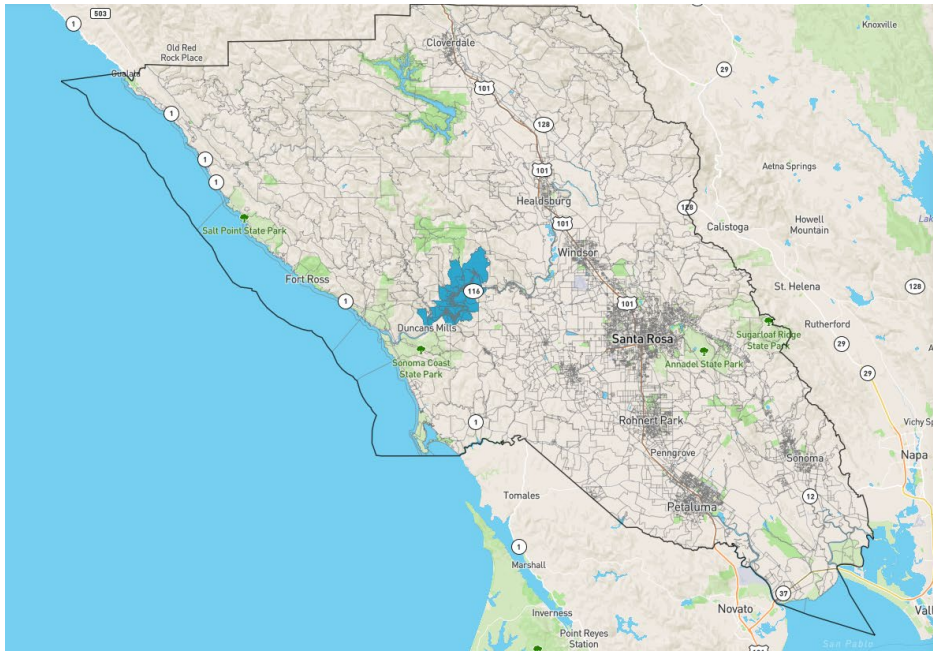


**Public Comment 12-6-21 5:00 M through 12-10-21 4:00 PM**

Date	Name	Notes
11/29/2021	Cynthia Strecker	Agrees with Supervisor Coursey and requests to not change what we have litte awareness.
11/29/2021	Lee Vandever at North Bay Organizing project	Supports the ARC's recommendation of map NCD D 511692.
11/29/2021	Kery Poteracke	Resides in D2 and requests to remain in district 2.
11/30/2021	Karen Weeks	As a member of the ARC is disappointed with what transpired on the 11/29/21 board meeting.
12/1/2021	Linda White	Supports the alternative map drawn up by Eric Koenigshofer.
12/2/2021	Kathy Farrelly	Supports the proposed ARC map and opposes the RP Split 3 map.
12/4/2021	Dana Britomaris	Provided a a link to theconversation.com with article on Independent commissions can ditch partisanship and make redistricting fairer to voters.
12/4/2021	Ana Lugo	Letter sent on behalf of the black and brown women of the Sonoma County Advisory Redistricting Commission
12/5/2021	Trish Hatley	Requests to keep Rohnert Park whole and to follow the recommendations of the ARC.
12/6/2021	Jorge Gonzalez MD	Expressed concerns and questions why it is necessary to redistrict Rohnert Park.
12/6/2021	William Wesley	Supports the ARC Redistricting proposal
12/6/2021	Mike Oneill	Expressed support for you (Supervisor Coursey) in correcting the shame that is being led by Linda Hopkins. Splitting Santa Rosa up makes no sense.
12/6/2021	Gary Wyosocky	Expressed concerns about the redistricting process and and questions if the Brown act was violated when the updated map was presented minutes prior to the board meeting.
12/7/2021	Judy Johnson	Does not support adding Rohnert Park into district 5.
12/9/2021	Fred Allebach	Provided his analysis of BOS Redistricting process and effects on the 1st district.
12/9/2021	Map ID 91826	Revised Map

From: [Redistricting2021](#)  
To: [Redistricting2021](#)  
Subject: 21209\_Map ID 91826 revised  
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**From:** [Christine Culver](#) on behalf of [Chris Coursey](#)  
**To:** [district3](#)  
**Subject:** FW: District 2  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 7:56:49 AM  
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Warmly,



## Christine Culver

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**From:** kery poteracke <kmpoteracke@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 29, 2021 10:48 AM  
**To:** Chris Coursey <Chris.Coursey@sonoma-county.org>  
**Subject:** District 2

### EXTERNAL

Chris, please be aware that we prefer to stay in District 2 as Dave has done a great job in representing us. Thank you for your time. Kery and Dave Poteracke 1760 William Dr. Penngrove.

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**From:** [Cynthia Strecker](#)  
**To:** [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [Susan Gorin](#); [David.Rabbit@sonoma-county.org](mailto:David.Rabbit@sonoma-county.org)  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
**Date:** Monday, November 29, 2021 1:20:18 PM

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## EXTERNAL

Coursey is right. Don't change what we have with so little awareness. The idea of helping Roseland and Moorland Park are laudable but not at the expense of so many others. I want to discuss the Koenigshofer map. On first blush it looked good to me. Putting all of Rohnert Park into the 5th district will mean the rest of the district will be underserved. What supervisor has the time to drive to Timber Cove or Ft. Ross, etc. to meet with a handful of people when half their constituents live 15 min. down the road.

I think having Cloverdale in the 5th district makes more sense in that it's rural. If there's a fire in Rohnert Park, they don't call on volunteers for help. They don't have hillsides that fall down and sometimes take the road with them into the creek below. We are all working people, many of whom are struggling but our needs ARE different.

Cynthia Strecker  
5th Dist.

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**To:** [district3](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Support the Advisory Redistricting Commission  
**Date:** Monday, November 29, 2021 1:24:13 PM  
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**EXTERNAL**

Thank you for today. You are the only one who sounded like you're doing ongoing anti-racism work. I hope the others do more, then they may be able to hear how they sound.

Thank you again,  
Lee

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On Nov 27, 2021, at 3:29 PM, district3 <[district3@sonoma-county.org](mailto:district3@sonoma-county.org)> wrote:

Thank you, Lee.

This is important and valuable input for the Board to consider.

Best,



*Office of Supervisor Chris Coursey*

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**From:** Lee Vandevveer <[lee@leevandevveer.com](mailto:lee@leevandevveer.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 24, 2021 5:14 PM  
**To:** [district3@sonoma-county.org](mailto:district3@sonoma-county.org)  
**Subject:** Re: Support the Advisory Redistricting Commission

**EXTERNAL**



November 23, 2021

Dear Board of Supervisors,

The North Bay Organizing Project's Deep Democracy team is in support of the NAACP Sonoma County statement and the Advisory Redistricting Commission's recommendation of map **NCD D 511692**. This is an opportunity to reshape districts "historical impacts." We must address the history of racial inequality through infrastructure.

Coupled with the needs of the bigger cities, other underrepresented communities would continue to be ignored because the balance of incorporated and unincorporated governments drives the attention of the tending supervisors. This is a chance to rethink leadership and needs.

The California Citizens Redistricting Commission was provided this definition to guide their understanding of communities of interest:

*"A contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for the purposes of its effective and fair representation. Examples of such shared interests are those common to an urban area, a rural area, and industrial area, or an agriculture area, and those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the electoral process."*

This process was intentional, and equity driven. Every member of the ARC viewed restoring the historically marginalized and underrepresented communities of Roseland and Moorland by moving them to a district connected to the central Santa Rosa region as key to fair representation and undiluted voting power. As Eddie Alvarez, Roselands City Council Representative said, "NCD D 511692 AS SUPPORTED BY OUR COMMUNITY IS THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE MAP. Any deviance from this map is supporting exclusion of our most marginalized communities."

Those in positions of privilege and power have a responsibility to empower and uplift their community by supporting **map NCD D 511692**. It is time to stop choosing the status quo as a form of complicity in the problem. This map will help reconnect cities and neighborhoods that have been racially segregated, divided by road projects, and historically discounted.

We strongly support the Racial Equity toolkit that was adopted by the County Board of Supervisors in November 2020, the Equity Principles established by the ARC, and the 2019 Fair Maps Act criteria that specifically outlines the key priorities to be followed. The Board of Supervisors must follow their own criteria and commitments and select map NCD D 511692 without further revision.

Sincerely,

North Bay Organizing Project- Deep Democracy

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On Nov 24, 2021, at 4:47 PM, district3 <[district3@sonoma-county.org](mailto:district3@sonoma-county.org)> wrote:

Lee,

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the decennial redistricting process in Sonoma County. I have read your email and I am sensitive to your concerns and opinions on this matter.

Earlier this year, in compliance with the [California FAIR MAPS Act](#), the Board of Supervisors established a local citizen's commission, the [Advisory Redistricting Commission](#) (ARC) to advise the Board on how the supervisorial districts can best reflect the residents of Sonoma County over the next decade.

After meaningful public engagement including eight public meetings, dozens of community outreach sessions and various focus groups throughout the county, the ARC unanimously approved a map to recommend to the Board of Supervisors. The ARC's draft map significantly alters the boundaries of the five supervisorial districts, particularly Districts 3 and 5. Members of the commission explained that these changes are recommended with the intent to empower historically disenfranchised communities while prioritizing local, state and federal redistricting laws as well as traditional redistricting criteria.

At the November 16 public hearing on redistricting, the majority of the Board voiced preference for the [ARC's recommended map, 51162 NDC D](#). This support was in large part guided by a set of principles in the Board-adopted [Racial Equity Toolkit](#) and the [Racial Equity and Social Justice Pillar](#) of the Board's Strategic Plan. The changes to Districts 3 and 5 in the ARC map include moving the communities of interest in the Southwest Santa Rosa neighborhoods of Roseland and Moorland from District 5 into District 3. That population would be replaced by moving the entire city of Rohnert Park into District 5.

Changes to existing District boundaries as well as elements that remain consistent in the new maps reflect the ARC's intentional effort to create maps that best serve all Sonoma County residents and increase equitable representation of historically marginalized groups. Aligned with their commitment to just

representation, the ARC adhered to the following considerations:

- Coastal communities should remain unified within one district.
- Russian River communities should be unified within the same district.
- Rohnert Park, previously split between Districts 2 and 3, should be unified within one district.
- Roseland has been recently annexed to the City of Santa Rosa and shares socioeconomic characteristics with Moorland; both areas represent communities of interest and should be included in the district representing downtown Santa Rosa (currently D3).
- Coffey Park-Larkfield-Mark West-Wikiup should be unified and in the same district.
- The Springs area, (Eldridge, Feters Hot Springs, Agua Caliente, Boyes Hot Springs), should remain unified as a historically disadvantaged community.

Accommodating these community-requested considerations while sustaining population balance among districts warranted significant boundary changes. The ARC's recommended map [51162 NDC D](#) accomplishes the goals above while making minimal changes to the proportion of residents who live in rural and urban communities in the two most impacted districts.

I respect the critical work of the ARC and I believe the map they presented to our Board was an equitable and fair product, which met numerous goals highlighted by the community. The majority of the Board voiced support for these goals as outlined in [51162 NDC D](#) and provided that that minor changes along district boundaries should be made to further align neighborhood and geographic continuity with new map lines.

As next steps in this process, the County will hold an additional public meeting on November 29 prior to what may be a final hearing on December 7. If needed, a December 14 meeting would be the last chance to adopt a final map before the legal deadline. .

The meeting on November 29 at 11 a.m. will be a special Board of Supervisors workshop to further refine the map. This meeting as well as the public hearings in December will be open to the public. [Access meeting agendas and materials here.](#)

Additional resources are available through the County of Sonoma's redistricting webpage, [sonomacounty.ca.gov/redistricting](http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/redistricting). Community members also are encouraged to submit comments by emailing them to [redistricting2021@sonoma-county.org](mailto:redistricting2021@sonoma-county.org). Thank you again for contacting my office on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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**Cc:** [Jazmin Gudifio](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Redistricting  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 7:22:45 PM

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Susan's commissioner.

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

From: Karen Weeks <[klweeks55@gmail.com](mailto:klweeks55@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 4:26 PM  
To: district3 <[district3@sonoma-county.org](mailto:district3@sonoma-county.org)>  
Subject: Redistricting

EXTERNAL

Chris

Just wanted to thank you for comments yesterday on the mapping process. As a member of the ARC I am very dismayed and disappointed in what transpired yesterday. Thank you for your voice of reason. As you know I am a very active community member but after the treatment of the ARC it will be a long time before I volunteer for anything with county again. Anyway - thanks and I hope you are well.

Karen Weeks  
Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [Kathy Farrelly](#)  
**To:** [district3](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Final Step of Redistricting, Sale of Chanate, and Community Updates  
**Date:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 9:46:47 AM

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**EXTERNAL**

Hi, Chris,

Thanks for the update. The timing of disclosing the map, was execrable. Notwithstanding that, the map itself is completely inadequate to give notice about what's proposed. The map follows city streets that aren't named. I can't tell whether my home will be in the 3rd, 4th or 5th district. Which district is your home in? I live within walking distance of your home, but doesn't narrow things down at all.

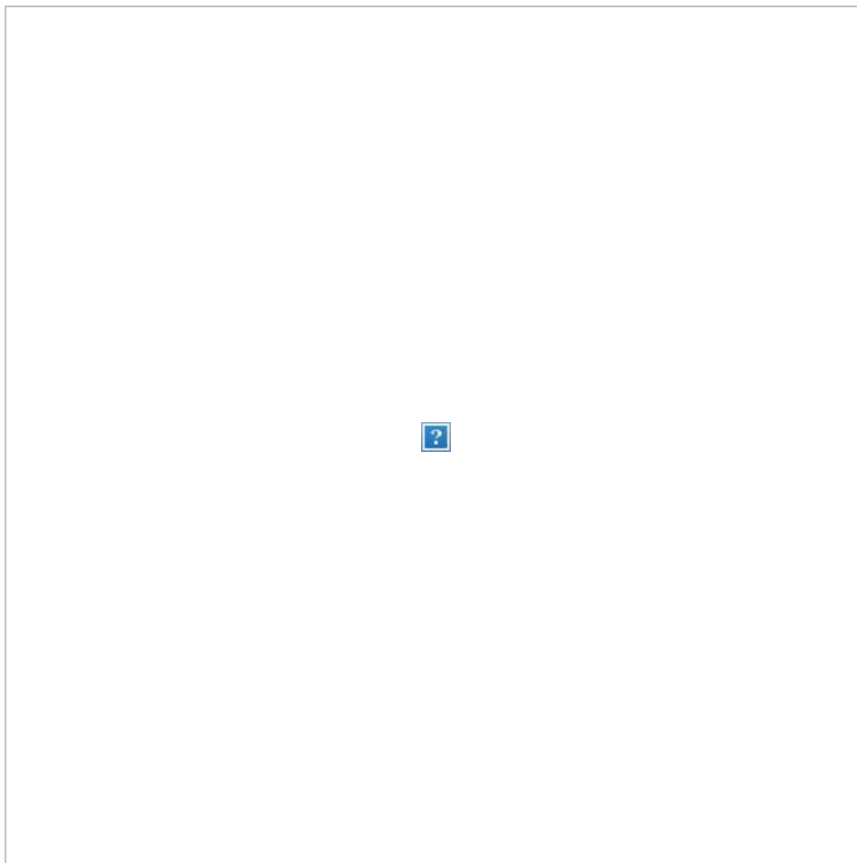
Please oppose this map, and support the one proposed by the redistricting committee.

Will this comment be counted? I'll try to make one on the Board's site, but that hasn't worked in the past.

Thank you.

Kathy Farrelly

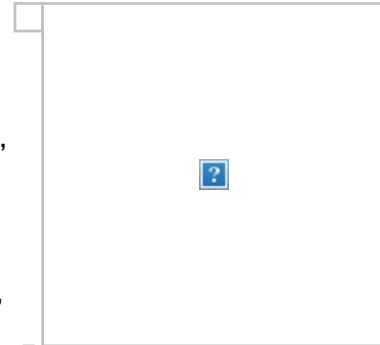
On 12/1/2021 7:00 PM, Supervisor Chris Coursey wrote:



# 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](mailto:redistricting2021@sonoma-county.org), [bos@sonoma-county.org](mailto: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](#).

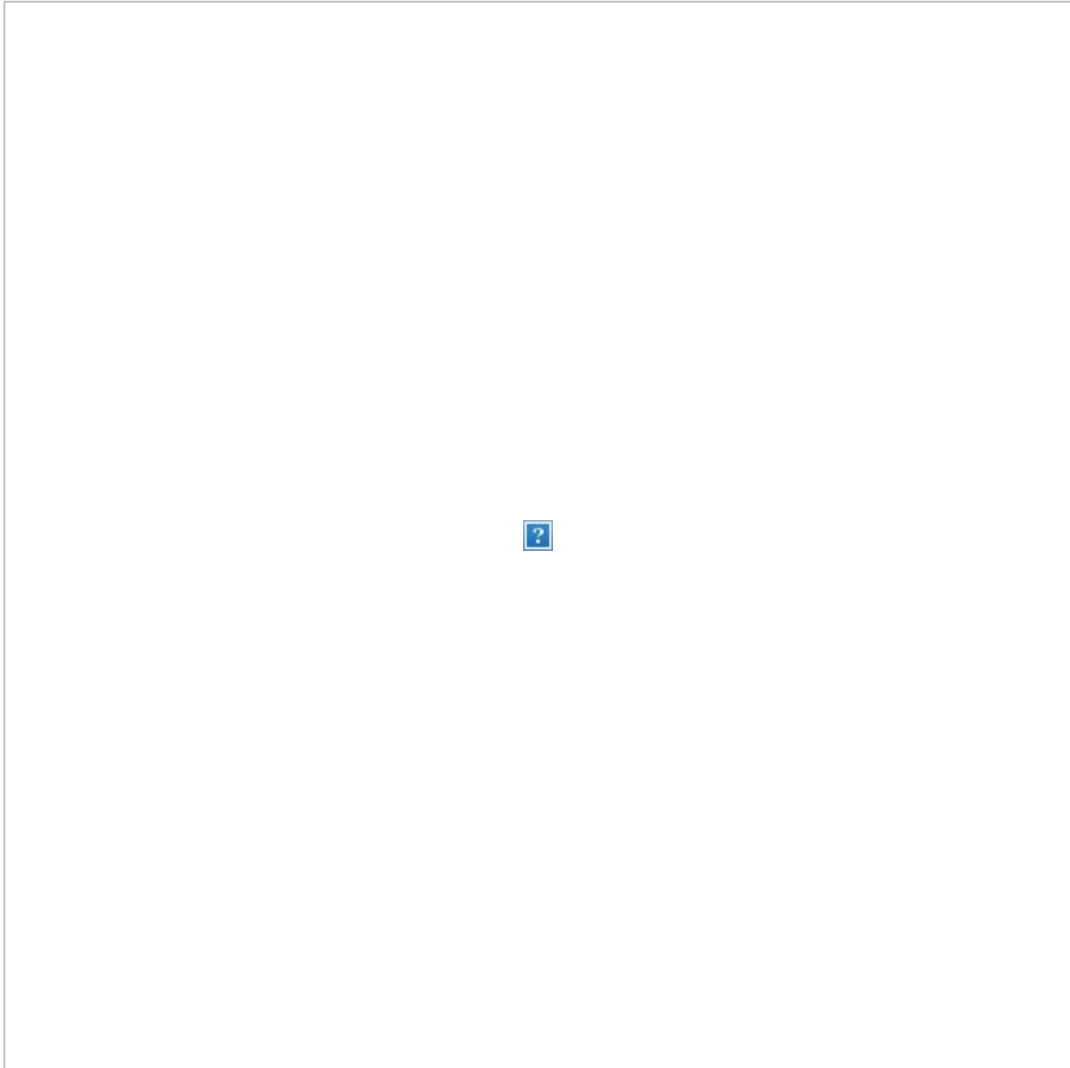
Additional redistricting resources can be accessed through the County of Sonoma's redistricting webpage, [sonomacounty.ca.gov/redistricting](http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/redistricting).

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



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[sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Supervisors/District-3](http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Supervisors/District-3)

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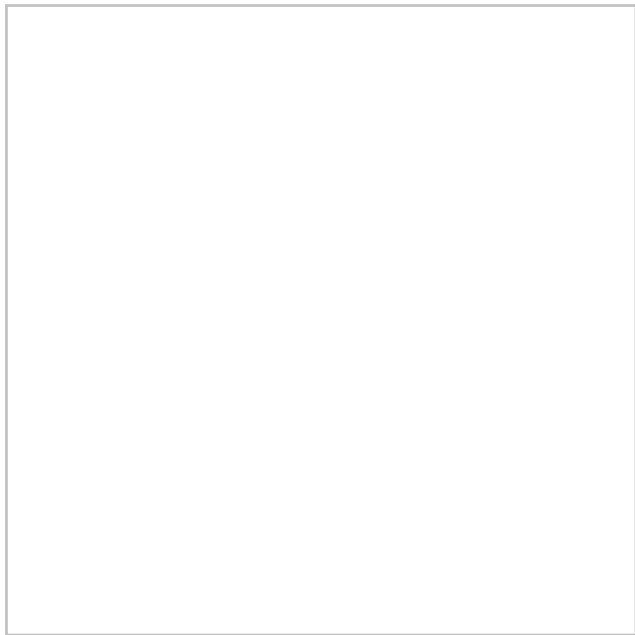
## [Other Important News](#)

### 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

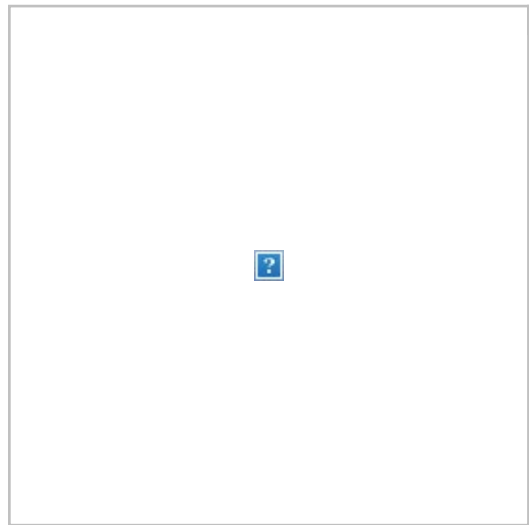
accomplishment for the organization and the community at large. As part of the agreement of sale, the buyer will be responsible for all demolition costs. Additionally, the contract guarantees public access to the historic cemetery on the property among other benefits.



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.

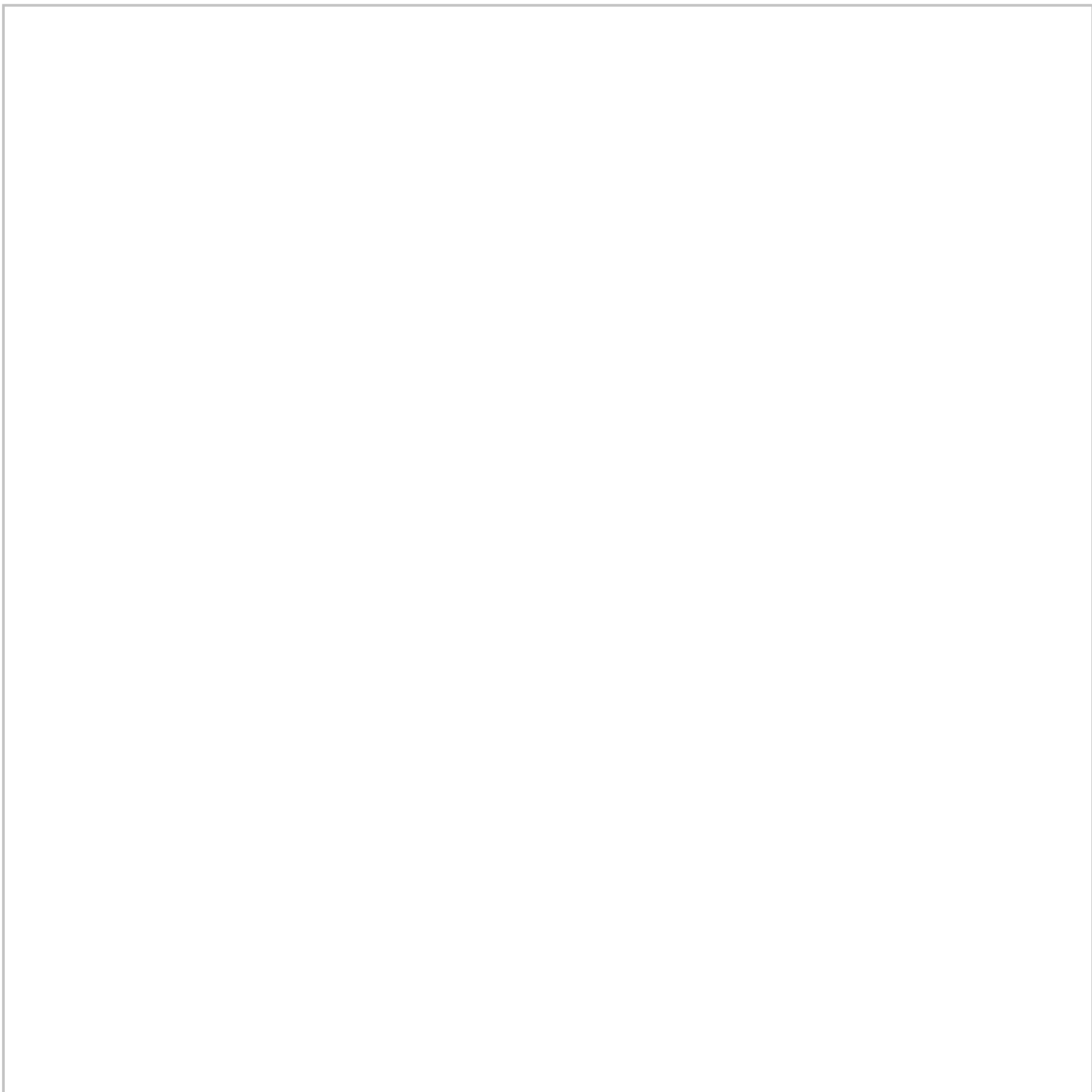
The working group will be composed of up to 15 volunteers from across the county representing a wide variety of community stakeholders and perspectives.

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 homeless is welcome in the Continuum of Care.

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

**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 5pm. Completed applications should be emailed to [Andrew.Akufo@Sonoma-County.org](mailto: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](http://getfood.refb.org) to find food distribution sites near you.

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



### Toy Drive Hosted by SMART

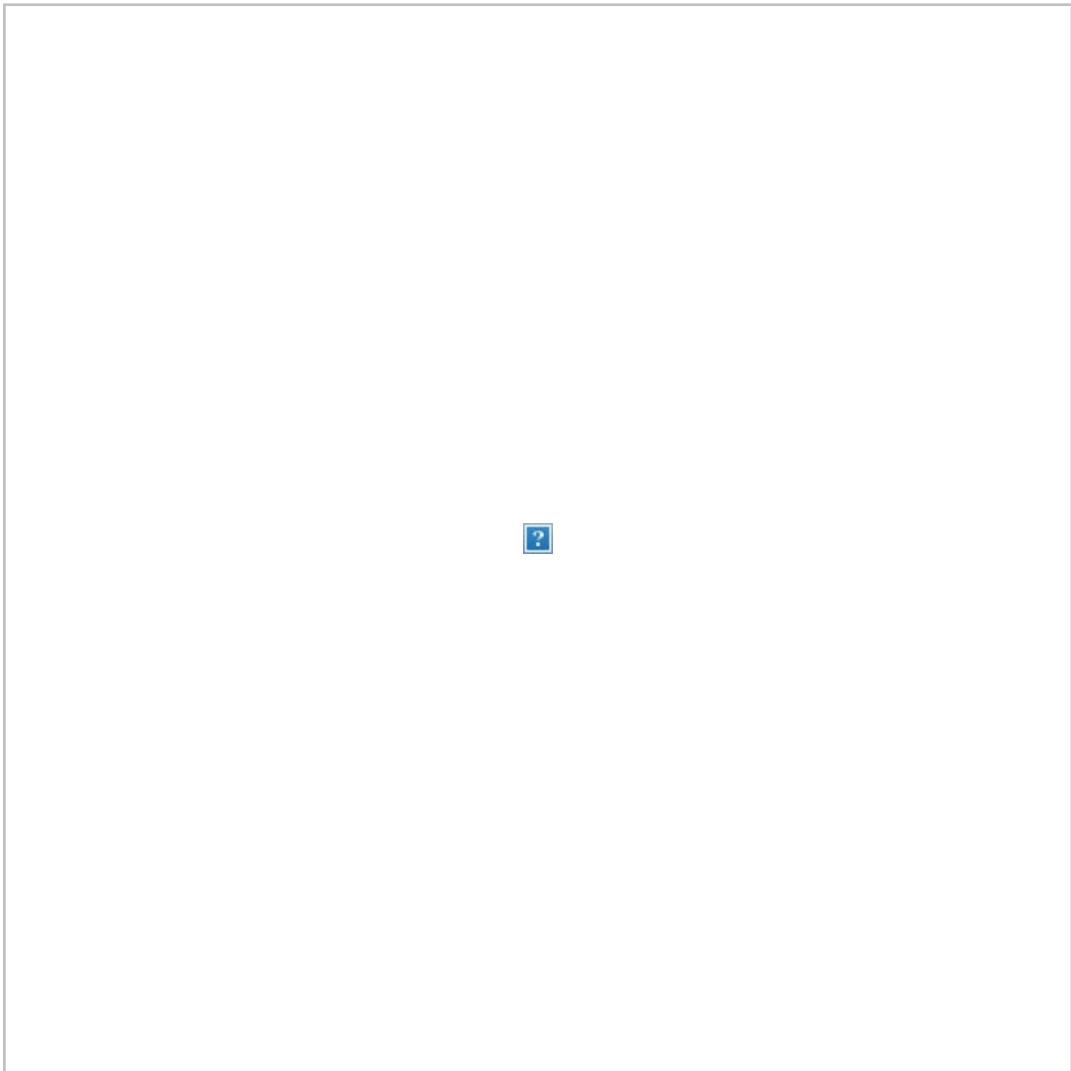
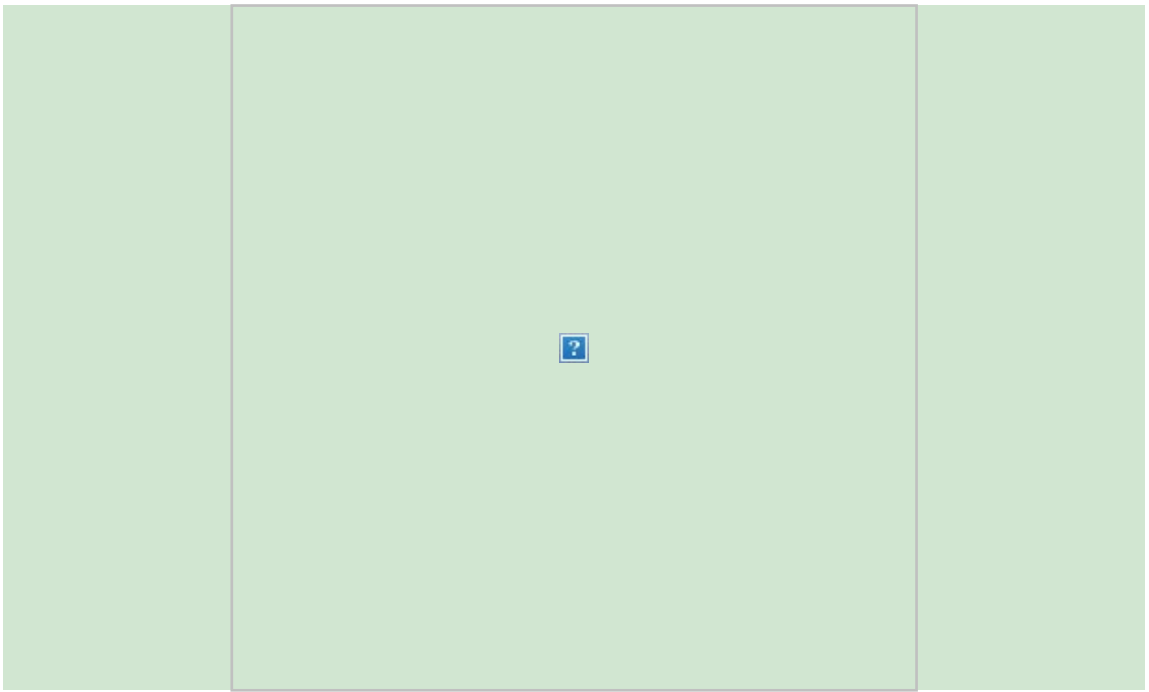
The Holiday Express 2021 Toy Drive is just around the corner! Help local kids in need by donating an unwrapped toy, game or plush animal to Toys for Tots. The Toy drive is on Saturday, December 4, at the Downtown Santa Rosa SMART station from 10 am - 1 pm, and the Novato Hamilton SMART station from 2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



### 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](https://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](https://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](https://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

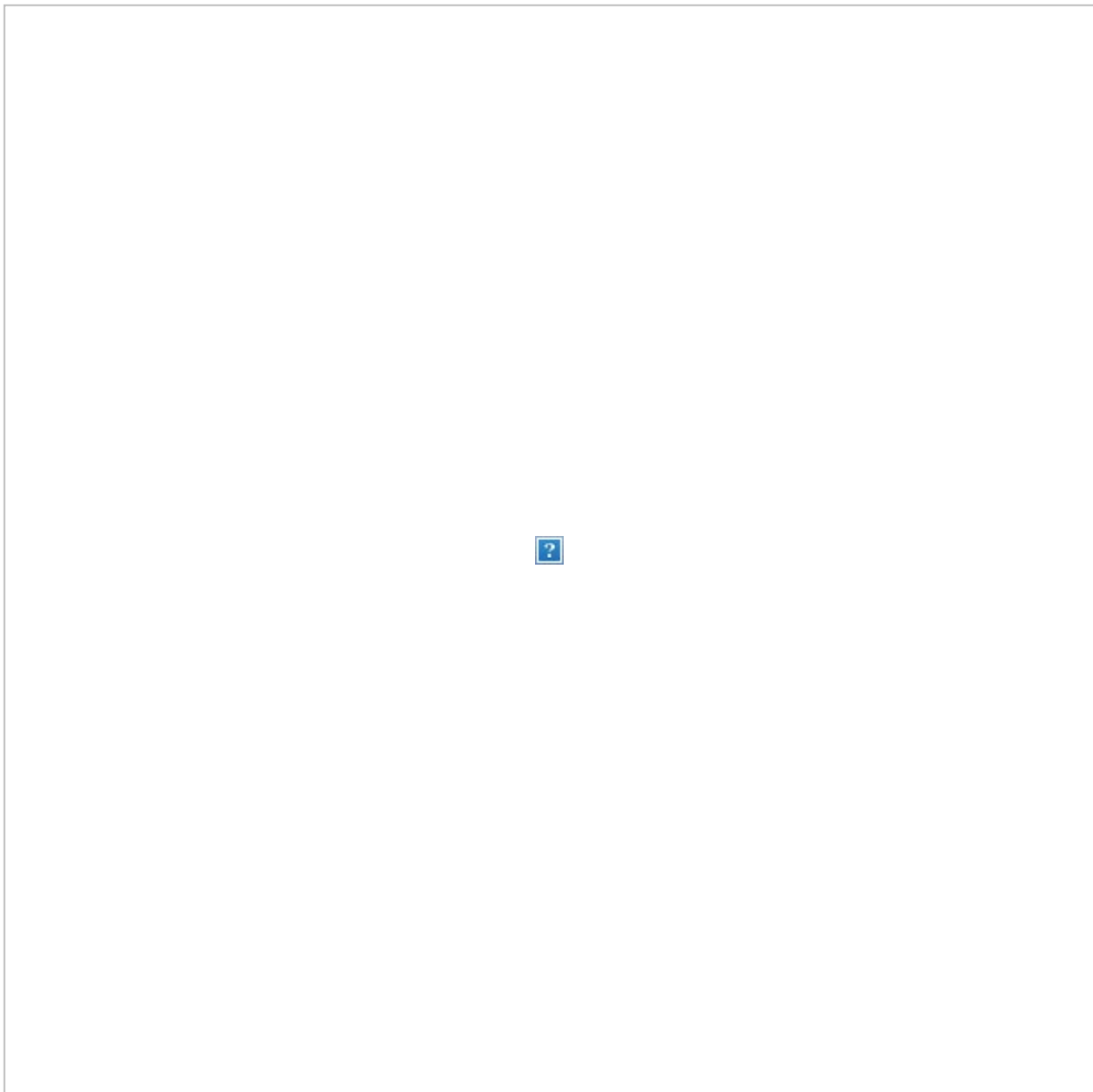
your flight or event. Not all COVID-19 test providers are approved for travel testing or can guarantee test results in time for your travel or event. Before scheduling your COVID-19 test, check with your test provider to see if they meet the required test result certification and timelines for your travel,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

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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 25th<sup>1</sup>. 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 outreach<sup>2</sup> 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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

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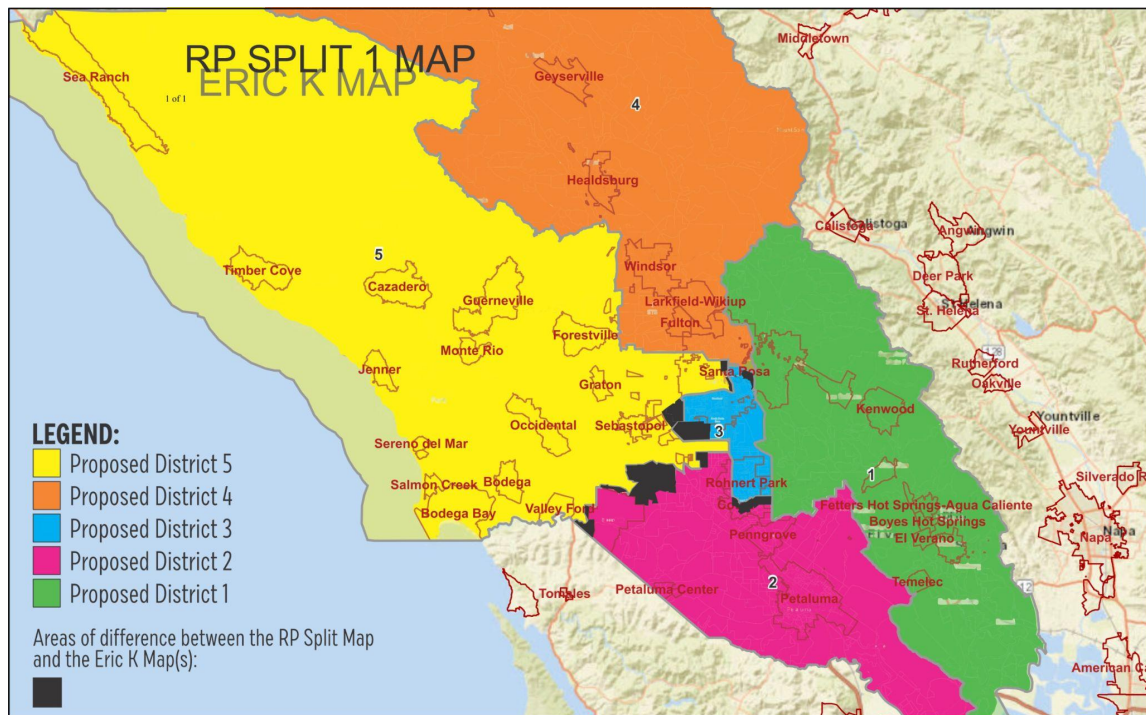
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Jill Ravitch, Sonoma County District Attorney  
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Emma Murphy, Press Democrat  
Andrew Graham, Press Democrat

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:** [no-reply@sonoma-county.org](mailto:no-reply@sonoma-county.org)  
**To:** [district3](#)  
**Subject:** Issue: Re-districting map  
**Date:** Monday, December 6, 2021 10:40:00 AM

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Sent To: County of Sonoma  
Topic: Issue  
Subject: Re-districting map

Message: I am a long time resident of Rohnert Park. Though there has been significant press and radio coverage on this proposal it is still unclear why it is necessary to begin with. The removal of the initial proposition adding part of district 3 to district 5 followed by changing it to eliminating north Santa Rosa (including Fountain Grove) and adding the Moorland area/Roseland district all to district 3 brings up a concern about the motivation behind all this. Historically the change to greenbelt and urban boundary restrictions on development to preserve our rural environment under Eric Koenigshofer in the 1970s lead to a paradox creating a conflict between needed housing development and the goal for rural preservation. Since the 1970s the county has evolved into a hugely diverse group of populations each living within their own communities. They each have their own needs and own political ideologies. You mention in your recent KSRO interview that "people will just have to get used to change" and they are hesitant to it because they "don't like change" - that sounded patronizing as though the flock must be guided. Is it possible we are just being careful-it is much more easier to put a policy in place then removing it later. One final statement - why are you adding the above mentioned areas to district 3. I would have preferred having Fountain Grove in our district for a multitude of reasons that would fill a book. Most of us are law abiding moral citizens who want to live a life of stability and contentment. Your decisions must be done with careful and responsible earnest to prevent a negative outcome as we have been seeing in the media nationwide.

Cordially,  
Jorge Gonzalez, M.D.  
December 6th, 2021

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**From:** [Christine Culver](#) on behalf of [Chris Coursey](#)  
**To:** [district3](#)  
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Warmly,



## Christine Culver

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**From:** Mike O'Neill <mikeo46@sbcglobal.net>  
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**To:** Chris Coursey <Chris.Coursey@sonoma-county.org>  
**Subject:** Subject map

### EXTERNAL

I just wanted to express my support for you in correcting the "shame" that is being led by Linda Hopkins. Splitting Santa Rosa up makes no sense, except to her. Obviously she sees you as a threat on the BOS to her and others. That's one reason we elected you. Shirley Zane was subservient to Hopkins, IMO. Best of luck.

Mike O'Neill

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**From:** [William Wesley](#)  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Support the ARC Redistricting Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, December 6, 2021 12:35:06 PM

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## EXTERNAL

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From: **William Wesley** <[wwfields3@gmail.com](mailto:wwfields3@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Dec 6, 2021 at 12:28 PM  
Subject: Support the ARC Redistricting Proposal  
To: <[Redistricting2021@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Redistricting2021@sonoma-county.org)>

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. The board's intervention 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, which is required by state law to address bias and equal 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.

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**EXTERNAL**

Hello,

First of all, thank you for your work on the thorny problem of redistricting. Work like that can be a thankless task, so take this one little thank you from me.

I would like you to know that as a long-time resident of West County I strongly oppose adding Rohnert Park to my district, District 5. We who live out here in “two lane road territory” have hugely different concerns from the people of Rohnert Park. Do they care about wells and over pumping of ground water by corporate wineries? No. Do they care about potholes? Hardly to the degree we do. Do they care about the ditches? No. Do they care about wildlife corridors? No. Come on! It makes utterly no sense to add RP to District 5! The voices of the people in RP will completely overwhelm ours even though nearly the entire physical area of the District is rural. It is simply not fair. I understand there has been a push for diversity in your new map, but diversity comes in lots of flavors, and our rural concerns will be completely swamped out by the concerns of that one urban center. Please accept changes that enable us to have a reasonable say in Sonoma County’s politics.

Judy Johnson

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[Rev RP-split analysis.docx](#)

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## EXTERNAL

Fred Allebach

12/9/21

### **Cursory, amateur analysis of BOS Redistricting process and effects on the 1<sup>st</sup> District**

The Revised RP-split map is what the Board of Supervisors have chosen for supervisor district boundaries for the next 10 years.

-The 1<sup>st</sup> District gains 3,197 more people.

-In about all cases, the ARC map was worse for Latino representation in the 1<sup>st</sup> District, with less percent Hispanic and less Latino/ Spanish surname voter turn-out.

-IMO, the Revised RP-split map is worse for unincorporated 1<sup>st</sup> District Latino representation than the current 1<sup>st</sup> District map.

-In both ARC and Revised RP-split maps, it seems by adding more Santa Rosa/ Bennett Valley people, this increases the percent of 60+ older people by a lot (10-11%), and thereby increases percent of graduate degrees and the percent of non-Hispanic white voter turnout.

-Both the ARC and Revised RP-split maps increase percent of non-Hispanic white voter turnout by 3% over the current. With whites already kicking Latino's asses with voter registration and at the ballot box by an extreme margin (87% to 9%), getting 3% more white voter turnout is an embarrassment of riches.

-Take home point: with Latinos at 21.4% of 1<sup>st</sup> District population (29% of whole county) but only 10% of registered 1<sup>st</sup> District voters, this means that @ half of 1<sup>st</sup> District Latinos are likely undocumented. The local economy depends in these "essential workers" yet they get the total short end short end of the stick in about all cases as shown by Redistricting Census indicators and by Measure of America and Portrait of Sonoma County Census stats.

-The 1<sup>st</sup> District tips farther to more educated white people in both ARC and Revised RP-split maps.

-The ARC map would make 2% more property owners and 2% less renters than either the Revised RP-split or current maps.

-Current 1<sup>st</sup> District has 15% Spanish spoken at home, with 13% for Revised RP-split and 12% for ARC.

- An anomalous stat is that the current 1<sup>st</sup> District has 44% high school grads, with ARC at 38%

and Revised RP-split at 39%.

Thus, while the Board of Supervisors were enmeshed in central county-dominated, highway 101 Corridor political map drawing intrigue, Sonoma Valley unincorporated Latinos lost out again. The current 1<sup>st</sup> District is 37% unincorporated, which means 34,800 people only have one representative. At the end of the day, supervisorial redistricting did not do anything to better enfranchisement of Sonoma Valley/ Springs Latinos and in fact, the process seems to have made things worse for this cohort by diluting them even more by adding more Bennett Valley/ Santa Rosa people to the 1<sup>st</sup> District.

1 <sup>st</sup> District	ARC	Rev. RP-split	Current
total pop	99,959	97,248	94,051
% Latino	20.8%	23%	21.4%
Voter turnout			
Latino	9%	9%	11%
Spanish surname	8%	9%	10%
Non-Hispanic white	87%	87%	84%
Language spoken at home			
Spanish	12%	13%	15%
Age 60+	36%	35%	25%
High school grad	38%	39%	44%
Bachelor's degree	27%	26%	25%
Graduate degree	19%	18%	13%
Renter	34%	36%	36%
Home owner	66%	64%	64%

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