

STANISLAUS COUNTY

Redistricting

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Overview

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What is Redistricting?



- Redistricting is the process by which Supervisorial District boundaries are drawn every 10 years to ensure each district has substantially the same number of people.
- Pursuant to Elections Code section 21500 et seq., “Following each federal decennial census, and using that census as a basis, the board shall adjust the boundaries of any or all of the supervisorial districts of the county so that the supervisorial districts shall be substantially equal in population as required by the United States Constitution.”



Why Is Redistricting Important?

- How and where districts are drawn can shape communities' ability to elect representatives of their choice.
- Districts must be made as equal in population as practicable so that communities have equal access to political representation.
- Redistricting affects whether the nation's diverse communities are represented in its legislative bodies.
- Redistricting can ensure that communities have a fair shot at electing candidates who represent their worldview and will fight for their concerns.
- It can influence whether your elected officials respond to your needs, such as ensuring equal educational opportunities or health care, and avoid drawing a political district into an odd shape for some political reason or to serve one community over another.

Redistricting Requirements

Criteria as Defined by Elections Code Section 21500

State and Federal law require the Board of Supervisors to adjust their supervisorial district boundaries following each decennial census so that supervisorial districts are substantially equal in population as required by the United States Constitution.

- Population equality as determined by the total population reported by the decennial census, and adjusted to reallocate certain incarcerated populations to their last known place of residence.
- Compliance with the State of California constitution, the U.S. constitution, and the Federal Voting Rights Act.

Redistricting Requirements (Cont.)

Determining Supervisorial Lines

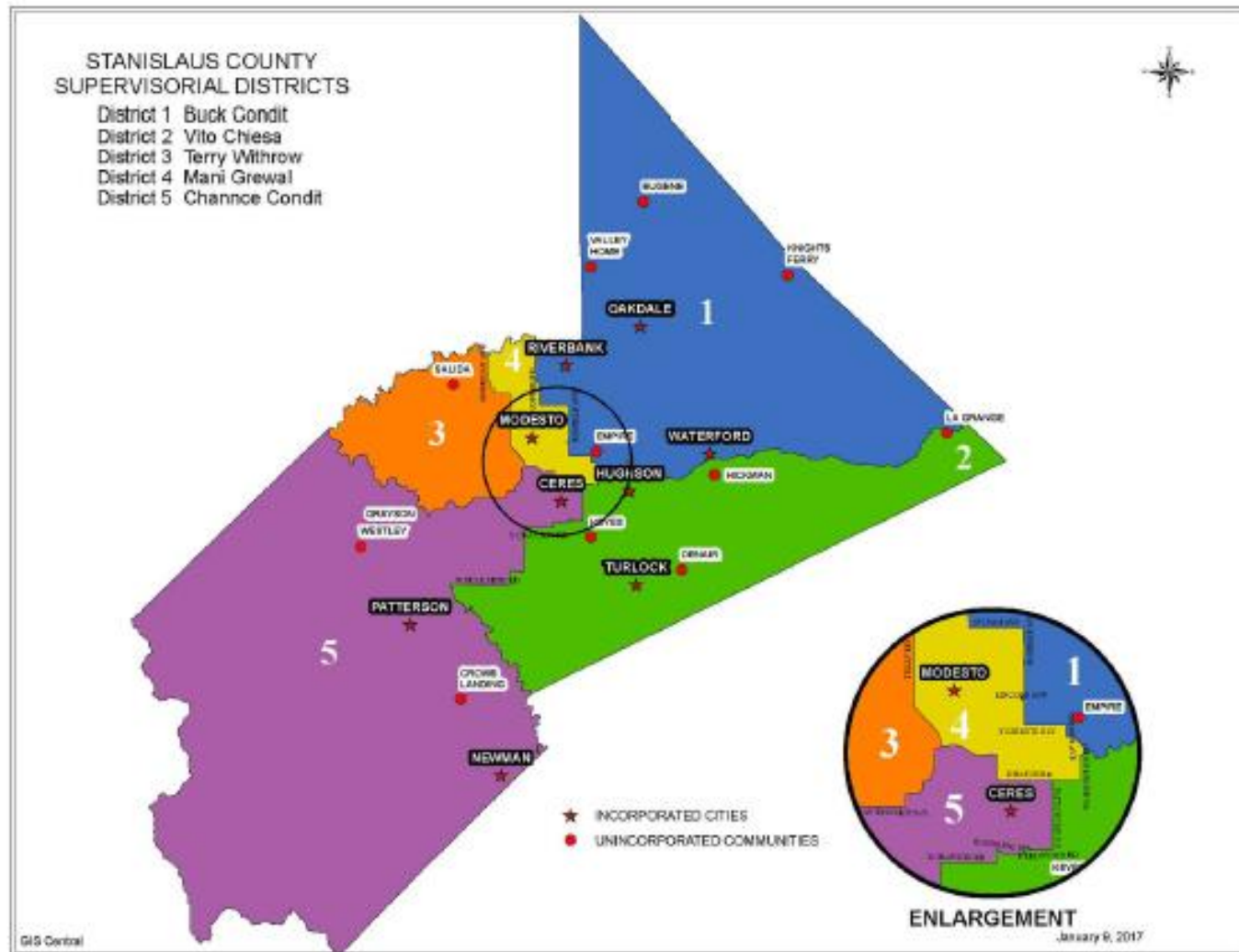
- To the extent practicable, supervisorial districts shall be geographically contiguous. Areas that meet only at the points of adjoining corners are not contiguous. Areas that are separated by water and not connected by a bridge, tunnel, or regular ferry services are not contiguous.
- To the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.
- To the extent practicable, the geographical integrity of a city or census designated place shall be respected in a manner that minimizes division.

Redistricting Requirements (Cont.)

Determining Supervisorial Lines

- 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.

Current Supervisory Map



Who Draws The Map?

- **Elections Code § 23001:** A local jurisdiction may establish by resolution, ordinance, or charter amendment an:
 1. Independent redistricting commission
 2. Hybrid redistricting commission
 3. **Advisory redistricting commission**
- Commissions are composed of residents of the local jurisdiction to change the legislative body's district boundaries, or to recommend to the legislative body changes to those district boundaries

Roles and Responsibilities

Project Team Roles and Responsibilities

- Coordinate resource allocation
- Monitor project schedule
- Assist with scheduling internal and external meetings, and County communication
- Provide technical assistance to the Redistricting Steering Committee
- Provide technical assistance to the Advisory Commission

Steering Committee Roles and Responsibilities

- ·Oversee supervisorial district alternatives within required guidelines
- ·Consider, evaluate and incorporate public input
- ·Advise Project Team on redistricting process, as needed
- ·Finalize options for Board consideration
- ·Provide guidance to the Board on redistricting issues

Commission Roles and Responsibilities

- Attendance at, and participation in, all community meetings and hearings.
- Work collaboratively with the Redistricting Steering Committee, Project Team, and the consultant, Q2 Data and Research, LLC.
- Meet with County staff to draw proposed district boundary lines.
- Provide a minimum of two alternative recommendations proposing changes to the location of the Board of Supervisors' District boundaries.
- Serve as "trusted ambassadors" in your community, promoting redistricting input.
- Distribute and publicize redistricting materials through your existing networks and document outreach activities.

Meetings

Public Meeting Requirements

Hold a minimum of 4 public hearings

- Minimum of 1 Pre-Draft Maps Hearing
- Minimum of 2 Post-Draft Maps Hearings



Timeline of Upcoming Meetings

In total, 10 community workshops/public hearings will be held.



1 community workshop will be held in every district.

Public Review Process

Public Review Process Overview

Elections Code 21508

(a) The board shall take steps to encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities, to participate in the redistricting public review process. A good faith effort satisfies the requirements of this subdivision. These steps shall include the following:

- (1) Providing information to media organizations that provide county news coverage, including media organizations that serve language minority communities.
- (2) Providing information through good government, civil rights, civic engagement, or community groups or organizations that are active in the county, including those active in language minority communities, or that have requested to be notified concerning county redistricting.

Public Outreach Plan

Project Team Activities

Advertise on and promote through:

- City Council Meetings
- Community Events
- Email Announcements
- Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Meetings
- Newspaper
- Radio
- Stanislaus County Social Media

Recommended Commission Activities

Advertise on and promote through:

- Community Events
- Email Announcements and Signatures
- Existing Network Correspondence
- Public Meeting Announcements
- Social Media Postings
- Website Promotion

Community of Interest



Reach Out

Reach out to your community to urge them to participate in the redistricting process in a principled way.



Speak Out

Provide comments and testimony during redistricting hearings, where you can speak to the priorities of your community.



Fill Out

We need input!
Complete a Community of Interest Form and Draw a Map of your Community.

A [Community of Interest \(COI\)](#) is a group of people who: share common social or economic interests, live in a geographically definable area, and should be included within a single district for purposes of effective and fair representation in future elections.

Community of Interest Form and Mapping

DESCRIBE AND MAP YOUR COMMUNITY

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**YOUR INPUT
WILL ENSURE YOUR
COMMUNITY ISSUES
ARE REPRESENTED**

DESCRIBE
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2 MAP
YOUR COMMUNITY

SUBMIT YOUR INPUT

- Visit <http://www.stancounty.com/redistricting/eoi.shtm>
- Visit your local County Library to pick up a form and map

Questions?
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Thank You!

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