



County of Santa Barbara
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Citizens' Independent --- Redistricting Commission

Purpose

Redistricting takes place every 10 years after the federal census. District boundaries for federal, state and local elected offices are redrawn to reflect new population data and shifting

Change in Process

- Historically, redistricting was a public process facilitated by County staff and consultants and ultimately approved by Board of Supervisors.
- In 2018, the Board of Supervisors placed on the ballot, and voters approved, Measure G2018
 - Establishes 11-person Santa Barbara Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission (CIRC).
 - CIRC now tasked with redrawing

2020 Timeline to Establish Commission

June 12-August 21	Application Period
August 23-September 4	Application review by County Elections Official to select 45 most qualified applicants
September 5-October 12	Post names of the 45 most qualified applicants for at least 30 days in sub-pools by District
October 13	<p>Random drawing of five commissioners at Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>At the Board Meeting, conduct a random drawing to select one commissioner from each of the five District sub-pools</i>
October - December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five commissioners review remaining names in the sub-pools of applicants and appoint additional applicants to the commission, one from each District and one at-large member. In order to be appointed, an applicant must receive the vote of at least four of the five commissioners. • The five initial commissioners shall interview finalists for appointment, allow public comment, and make the appointments during a public hearing.
By December 31, 2020	Appointment of 11-member County of Santa Barbara 2020-21 Independent Redistricting Commission



Selection Process

The process for establishing the Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission is outlined in County Code Section 2-10.9A. The CIRC is comprised of County residents who are not elected officials, lobbyists, candidates, campaign donors, or their close relatives.

“The selection process is designed to produce a commission that is independent from the influence of the board, political parties, campaign contributors or other special financial interests, and is reasonably representative of the county's diversity.”

- Code Section 2-10.9A. (4)(b)

Selection Process

Pursuant to County Code Section 2-10.9A(4)(e):

(1) From the pool of qualified applicants, the county elections official shall select the forty-five most qualified applicants, taking into account the following criteria:

- (A) Experience that demonstrates analytical skills relevant to the redistricting process and voting rights, and ability to comprehend and apply the applicable state and federal legal requirements.
- (B) Experience that demonstrates an ability to be impartial.
- (C) Experience that demonstrates an appreciation for the diverse demographics and geography of the County of Santa Barbara.
- (D) Nine applicants from each existing supervisorial district shall be included in the list of most qualified applicants, unless there are less than nine applicants from the district that meet the minimum qualifications set forth in subsection (d), in which case the total number of qualified applicants will constitute the pool.

Random Drawing of Five Commissioners, One Per District

- A random drawing for the initial five of 11 commissioners is being officiated by Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce Dudley during a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors.
- Displayed list of names by District are from the Elections Official's final amended list after the 30 day posting review period.
(Attachment C)
- D.A. Dudley will conduct five draws, one per District.
- For each drawing, the D.A. will spin the ball cage until one ball randomly drops with a number from 1 to 9. The applicants are numbered from 1 to 9 in no particular order. For example, if number

District I

1. Knudsen, Claudia
2. Scorso, James
3. Chase, James
4. Trosky, Cheryl
5. Montello, Daniel
6. Katz, Laura
7. Twibell, Karen
8. DeWitt, Gerald
9. Cramer, Elizabeth

District 2

1. Husak, Gregory

2. Masuda, Ken

3. Bohnett, Lynda

4. McClintock,
William

5. Carlson, Arthur

6. Jostes, John

7. Turley, Megan

District 3

1. Freid, Aaron
2. Kaseff, Kevin
3. Olmedo, Benjamin
4. Rothdeutsch,
Scott
5. Brady, Mike
6. Hudley, James
7. Beyerle, Albert
8. Alvarez, Lupe
9. Bradley, Norman

District 4

1. Gray, Cary
2. Bray, James
3. Keller, Janice
4. Pierce, Beau
5. Murti, Lata
6. Fina, Scott
7. Conlin, William
8. Ochoa, Amanda
9. Hardin, Jennifer

District 5

1. Oneill, Renee

2. Hartman,
Michael

3. Dickerson,
Robert

4. Martinez,
Tom

6. Rios, Jannet

7. Morris, Glenn

8. Adams, Kathryn

9. Ilac, Kevin

Next Steps

- Public meetings will be set with new commissioners to select six more commissioners:
 - One from each district; and
 - One at large.
- Full Commission in place by December 31, 2020
- Contracts with third parties to assist the commission are being developed

Future Steps

- Commission required to facilitate 7 public hearings before it draws the maps and 7 public hearings after it draws and posts the maps.
- Commission required to submit new district boundary maps by August 15, 2021.
- This date may be extended depending on completion of U.S. 2020 Census.

Get Involved

www.countyofsb.org/redistricting.sbc

- Sign up to receive updates and notices of public meetings
- Ask questions and participate
- Attend the public meetings to redraw the map

