

# **COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

## **2011 REDISTRICTING**

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH & PARTICIPATION PLAN**

#### **Introduction**

The Public Outreach and Participation Plan has been developed to ensure the widest practical participation and dissemination of pertinent redistricting information. The schedule of public meetings and of the availability of redistricting information will be sent to those organizations, media outlets, and interest groups listed on Appendix A to this Public Participation Plan (A copy of that notice is also attached as Appendix B).

This Public Outreach and Participation Plan will include:

1. Communication concerning the desire and opportunities for suggestions and submission of redistricting plans through:
  - a. Providing print, radio and television outlets with press releases and interviews,
  - b. Direct mail to community-based organizations that supported our Census participation efforts last year,
  - c. Meeting with appropriate community-based organizations that will positively contribute to the participation in the redistricting process,
  - d. Using CSB-TV to promote attendance at public meetings, and
  - e. Developing additional web and social media resources to update interested residents as the process develops.
2. A series of six public meetings to:
  - a. educate the community on the goals of redistricting and the process for their participation,,
  - b. solicit suggestions to existing plans as they pertain to communities of interest and other district considerations for determining appropriate district boundaries,
  - c. allow public testimony on redistricting proposals submitted by members of the public and those proposed for their consideration; and
3. Each public meeting will provide Community Workshop Kit to participants. The Kit will include a basic glossary of terms, FAQ, Redistricting Plan submittal instructions (see below) and county level demographic information from past and current Census.
4. Each public meeting will be recorded and afterwards, links will be provided on the redistricting website for viewing by the public and as part of the public record.
5. A package of Redistricting materials as described below will be provided through the County's Redistricting webpage to members of the public. The public can request these materials by calling (805) 568-3107. All members of the public are welcome to submit a redistricting proposal according to the timetable below.

- a. A database of pertinent information from which plans may be developed. This will be available online (or compact disc) in MS Excel and in paper form and includes:
  - i. Total population and voting age population by age, race, and ethnicity, sorted by census tract, and
  - ii. Total population and voting age population by age, race, and ethnicity, sorted by city and community;
- b. List of County census tracts (with partial and split tracts where appropriate) including current supervisorial district assignments, and location of tracts within incorporated cities and unincorporated areas.
- c. List of cities and unincorporated communities in the County with a list of census tracts included in each (including partial and split tracts where appropriate),
- d. Three (3) County base maps showing incorporated cities, unincorporated areas, census tracts, and current supervisorial district boundaries,
- e. California Elections Code Sections 21500-21506 regarding county redistricting, and
- f. Required forms for plan submittal.

## **General Instructions for Suggestions on Proposed Redistricting Plans**

- Suggestions can be general or specific recommendations from individuals or groups.
- Suggestions should be ideas, solutions to a problem or recommendations that contribute to a successful redistricting process and plan.
- Suggestions can be made at any of the six public meetings or in writing through the email address provided on the Redistricting website.
- Suggestions may be compiled and made available to the Board of Supervisors prior to the Hearings scheduled for July.

## **General Instructions for Developing/Submitting a Proposed Redistricting Plan**

- Elections Code § 21500 et seq. requires that the County be divided into five supervisorial districts, as nearly equal in population as possible. The redistricting database provides information on the population of cities and unincorporated communities and areas, census tract or tracts split by city or community boundaries and census block. A tract generally contains between 4,000 and 8,000 residents, although the population may vary from this number. For additional guidance, please see the California Elections Code materials in the Redistricting Package and the discussion below.
- A redistricting plan may not violate applicable provisions of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1973(b). The Voting Rights Act prohibits denying protected

minority groups an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice.

- The following factors may be considered in drawing boundaries: topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory and community of interests of the districts.
- Redistricting plan proposals must include the following submittal requirements:
  - A numerically ordered list of each census tract by city or unincorporated area and the supervisorial district to which it is assigned. (A required form will be available.) If portions of a tract are assigned to two or more supervisorial districts, list each census block located in each district with a description of how to split the tract. The list must be submitted in both hard copy and in MS Excel format on CD-ROM, if possible;
  - A summary table of elements of the plan. (A required form will be in the Redistricting Package ;)
  - A map outlining the proposed boundaries of all five Supervisorial districts labeled by District number. (A required map will be in the Redistricting Package.) (While a proposal submitted for consideration must include proposed boundaries for all five Supervisorial districts, public input concerning individual districts is welcome)
  - A narrative description of how the plan complies with all provisions of law including, but not limited to, the equality of population principle and the Federal Voting Rights Act;
  - A proposal must include a contact name, address and telephone number, email address is optional;
  - If upon reviewing submitted plans, the County finds discrepancies between submitted base maps and submitted lists of census tracts and census blocks, the lists will prevail.
  - Proposed redistricting plans must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 10, 2011 in the County Executive Office at 105 E. Anapamu St. Santa Barbara. Postmarks, facsimile transmission or emails by that date are not acceptable.
  - Proposed plans will be reviewed for accuracy of data and conformance with legal requirements before being provided to the Board of Supervisors. The time frame for analysis is dependent on the format of the submission. Copies of staff analysis will be available upon request.
  - Plans that have been revised as a result of staff analysis may be resubmitted. Resubmissions are subject to the 5:00 p.m. June 10, 2011 deadline. Therefore, original submissions must be received in sufficient time to allow for review, revision, and resubmission. Any initial plans submitted after June 3, 2011 cannot be analyzed and returned for resubmission because of staff analysis constraints.
  - County staff and consultants will attempt to review plans submitted by June 3, 2011 but any inability of staff and consultants to do so will not constitute cause to extend the June 10, 2011 deadline.

- Plans submitted to the County become subject to the deliberations of the Board of Supervisors and may be revised or modified as the Board of Supervisors deems appropriate.
- All plans submitted to the County by the 5:00 p.m., June 10, 2011 deadline and which meet the five (5) submittal requirements listed in the General Instructions section above will be available for public review through the Redistricting website.
- Proposed plans which meet the submittal requirements listed above and meet the 5:00 p.m., June 10, 2011 deadline will be considered at Board of Supervisor meetings. Persons proposing plans may wish to attend the meetings and testify on their plans. Attendance is not required.

## **Timetable for Adoption of Supervisorial District Boundary Ordinance**

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on or about July 5 and 12, 2011 to consider the accepted (based on criteria listed above) proposed maps and direct County staff to draft a redistricting ordinance. The Board of Supervisors will hold another public hearing on or about August 9, 2011 to consider adoption of the Supervisorial District Boundary Ordinance.

Adoption of the Ordinance by August 9, 2011 allows for the requisite 30-day period for the District Boundary Ordinance to become effective. During this time, the public has the right to challenge the Ordinance.

## Appendix A - Redistricting Contacts

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City of Carpinteria	Dave	Dufflinger	City	5775 Carpinteria	Carpinteria	CA	93013
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Goleta Community Center	Randy	Rosness	Executive	5679 Hollister	Goleta	CA	93117
Goleta Union School District	Dr. Kathleen	Boomer	Superinten	401 North Fairview	Goleta	CA	93117
Housing Authority of the County of	Frederick	Lamont	Executive	5575 Armitos	Goleta	CA	93117
Isla Vista Youth Projects	LuAnn	Miller	Executive	6842 Phelps Road	Goleta	CA	93117
Libraries-Guadalupe Branch"				4719 West Main Str	Guadalupe	CA	93434
City Hall-Guadalupe"				918 Obispo Street	Guadalupe	CA	93434
Boys and Girls Clubs Of Santa Maria				4689 11th Street	Guadalupe	CA	93456
Marian Community Clinics, Inc.-Guadalupe*				4723 West Main Str	Guadalupe	CA	93434
Guadalupe Area Senior Citizen's Center*				4545 10th Street	Guadalupe	CA	93434
Guadalupe Union School District				P.O. Box 788	Guadalupe	CA	93434-0788
Police Department-Guadalupe*				4490 Tenth Street	Guadalupe	CA	93434-1420
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Libraries-Lompoc Village Branch				3755 Constellation	Lompoc	CA	93436
Catholic Charities-Lompoc *				903 East Chestnut	Lompoc	CA	93436
Adult Education-AHC Lompoc Valley Center*				One Hancock Drive	Lompoc	CA	93436
Police Department-Lompoc'				107 Civic Center Pla	Lompoc	CA	93436
Lompoc Valley Community Center				201 West College Av	Lompoc	CA	93436
Lompoc Adult School*				1501 East Ocean	Lompoc	CA	93438-0597
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## **Appendix B – Announcement of Redistricting Meetings**

**For immediate release:** Additional information available through Dennis Bozanich, Assistant to the County Executive at 805-568-3107.

## **PRESS RELEASE**

(Santa Barbara, April 12, 2011) The County of Santa Barbara today announced the launch of an updated County website and a series of public meetings to involve residents in the Supervisorial redistricting process taking place during 2011. Redistricting is required after each census to balance the population among the districts.

By logging onto [www.countyofsb.org/ceo/redistricting2011](http://www.countyofsb.org/ceo/redistricting2011), residents can learn why it is important for them to be aware of and take part in the redistricting process. The website includes background information on the Supervisorial redistricting process, timelines, as well as schedule of upcoming public meetings. As the redistricting process continues through the spring and summer, the website will add agendas, links to the video recordings of the public meetings and any complete redistricting plans that may be submitted by the public. Online maps and 2010 Census data for Santa Barbara County will allow the public to develop and submit redistricting plans to the County for consideration.

“Our goal is to educate and empower County residents to become involved in this redistricting process,” said County Executive Chandra Wallar. “The website is user friendly, enabling all residents to access information, review plans, make suggestions and develop plans. Anyone can sign up to receive Twitter announcements or email notifications of the latest news and information of upcoming community meetings in each Supervisor’s district.”

The first public meeting will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM to 9:00PM at the Carpinteria City Hall. A brief presentation on the legal requirements of redistricting, overview of the 2010 Census data and an outline of the steps and timeline will lead off the agenda. The presentation will be followed by a public question and comment period.

Other public meetings will be held:

May 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00PM to 4:00PM at the Board Hearing Room in Santa Barbara

May 23rd from 1:00PM to 4:00PM at the Lompoc City Hall

May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00PM to 9:00PM at the Guadalupe City Hall

May 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM to 9:00PM at the Board Hearing Room in Santa Maria

May 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00PM to 9:00PM at the Goleta City Hall

June 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00PM to 9:00PM at the Solvang City Hall

Spanish translation will be available at the public meetings on May 18<sup>th</sup> in Santa Barbara, May 23<sup>rd</sup> in Guadalupe and May 25<sup>th</sup> in Santa Maria.