2021 Supervisorial Redistricting Project Update and Public Hearing

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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 the same number of people.
- The boundaries of the supervisorial districts shall be adopted by the Board no earlier than August 1, 2021. The final map must be adopted 174 days before the June 7, 2022, Statewide Direct Primary Election, which is December 15, 2021.

Structure and Roles

Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Redistricting Commission

• Evaluate Communities of Interest and draft maps

Steering Committee

• Provide oversight on the process

Project Team

Provide operational and logistical support

Q2 Data and Research, LLC (Consultant)

Provide consultation on data and process matters

Community Members

Provide input on Communities of Interest and draft maps

Board of Supervisors

• Provide and receive input on draft maps, and adopt final map

Timeline (2021)



Board approves members of the Steering Committee, Project Team. and Commission

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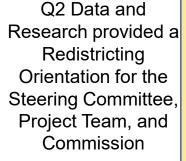
Board approves formation of the Steering Committee, Project Team, and Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Redistricting Commission (Commission)





MAY 25

Introductory Meeting for the Steering Committee, Project Team, and Commission



AUG 23





Pre-Draft Community

Workshops, Map-

Drawing Meetings,

and Map-Drawing

Tutorial Sessions

Public Hearings

NOV-DEC

Deadline for

DEC 15

Boundaries to be Finalized



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What are the Mapping Criteria?

Criteria Ranked in Order of Priority ("to the extent practicable")

- 1. Compliance with US and CA Constitution (equal population)
- 2. Compliance with **Federal Voting Rights Act** (race and language minorities)
- 3. Contiguity
- 4. Respect for* local **neighborhoods** and **Communities of Interest** (COIs)
 - COIs may not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.
- 5. Respect for* Cities and Census Designated Places
- 6. Boundaries should be easily identifiable and understandable by residents
- 7. Compactness: If it doesn't conflict with preceding criteria
- 8. Do not favor or discriminate against political parties

^{* &}quot;Respect for" means minimize divisions

Criteria Under AB 849

- 1. To the extent practicable, districts must be geographically contiguous.
- 2. To the extent practicable, districts must maintain the geographic integrity of neighborhoods and communities of interest.
- To the extent practicable, districts must minimize division of cities or census designated places.
- 4. Boundaries must be easily identifiable and, if possible, bound by natural/artificial barriers.
- 5. To the extent practicable, districts must not favor or discriminate against any political party.

Voting Rights Act (VRA) – Section 2 Analysis

- The U.S. Supreme Court established that districts violate Section 2 when there is evidence that a bloc voting majority usually defeats candidates supported by a politically cohesive, geographically insular minority group.
- To ensure compliance with the VRA, the County contracted with census and redistricting experts at Q2
 Data and Research, LLC, as well election law experts at Olson Remcho. Also, the County consulted
 with Dr. Megan A. Gal, Ph.D., GISP, an expert in VRA compliance, research, and instruction.
- Olsen Remcho, concluded that the County has a potential Federal VRA Section 2 issue.
 - To remedy this situation, an increase is needed to the Hispanic citizen voting age population (CVAP) in a "majority minority district" to create a single district that has a sufficiently large number of Hispanic voters to elect candidates of choice.
 - Currently, District 5 is a majority-plus Hispanic CVAP district with a Hispanic CVAP of 53.93%. The
 best option is to compensate for low voter turnout and to create a single district that exceeds the
 current Hispanic CVAP of 53.93%.

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Map-Drawing Meetings

	Meeting Type	Date	Time	Location
1.	Map-Drawing Meeting	Monday, October 4, 2021	6:00–7:00 p.m.	County Veteran's Center
2.	Map-Drawing Meeting	Thursday, October 7, 2021	6:00–7:00 p.m.	County Veteran's Center
3.	Map-Drawing Meeting	Monday, October 18, 2021	6:00–7:30 p.m.	County Veteran's Center
4.	Map-Drawing Meeting	Thursday, October 21, 2021	6:00–7:00 p.m.	County Veteran's Center
5.	Map-Drawing Meeting	Thursday, October 28, 2021	6:00–7:00 p.m.	County Veteran's Center
6.	Map-Drawing Meeting	Thursday, November 4, 2021	6:00–7:30 p.m.	County Veteran's Center
7.	Map-Drawing Meeting	Tuesday, November 9, 2021	6:00–7:30 p.m.	County Veteran's Center
8.	Map-Drawing Meeting	Wednesday, November 10, 2021	6:00–7:30 p.m.	County Veteran's Center
9.	Map-Drawing Meeting	Monday, November 15, 2021	6:00–8:00 p.m.	County Veteran's Center
10.	Map-Drawing Meeting	Wednesday, November 17, 2021	6:00–8:00 p.m.	County Veteran's Center

Map-Drawing Meetings

	Meeting Type	Date	Time	Location
11.	Map-Drawing Meeting	Monday, November 22, 2021	6:00–9:00 p.m.	County Veteran's Center
12.	Map-Drawing Meeting	Tuesday, November 23, 2021	6:00–9:00 p.m.	County Veteran's Center
13.	Map-Drawing Meeting	Monday, November 29, 2021	6:00–9:00 p.m.	County Veteran's Center
14.	Map-Drawing Meeting	Tuesday, November 30, 2021	6:00-9:00 p.m.	County Veteran's Center

Map-Drawing Process

- Data was received via the California Statewide Database*
- 2. County's Information Technology Central (ITC) Department analyzed the data
- 3. County's Project Team received 32 submissions (24 in Spanish) on Communities of Interest
- ITC provided data and maps, along with Communities of Interest submissions, which were shared with the Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Redistricting Commission (Commission)
- 5. Project Team assisted Commission in reviewing population, race and ethnicity, and citizen voting age population data

^{*} The State originally anticipated releasing redistricting data in late March, but the final adjusted data was not released until September 27, 2021.

Map-Drawing Tutorial Sessions

	Meeting Type	Date	Time	Location
1.	Map-Drawing Tutorial Session (Commission)	Monday, November 8, 2021	10:00 a.m.–Noon	Human Relations Department
2.	Map-Drawing Tutorial Session (Commission)	Tuesday, November 9, 2021	4:00–6:00 p.m.	County Veteran's Center
3.	Map-Drawing Tutorial Session (Community)	Wednesday, November 17, 2021	10:00 a.m.– Noon	West Modesto Community Collaborative
4.	Map-Drawing Tutorial Session (Community)	Thursday, November 18, 2021	6:00–8:00 p.m.	Assyrian American Civic Club of Turlock
5.	Map-Drawing Tutorial Session (Commission)	Monday, November 22, 2021	10:00–11:00 a.m.	County CEO's Office

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Census Data – Description

- Data released from California Statewide Database*
- Information Technology Central (ITC) Department analyzed the following datasets:
 - a. The Census Bureau's P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data file, adjusted to reflect certain incarcerated persons at their last residential address
 - b. 2015–2019 Citizen Voting Age Population on 2020 Census Blocks

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Draft Supervisorial District Map Alternative 1

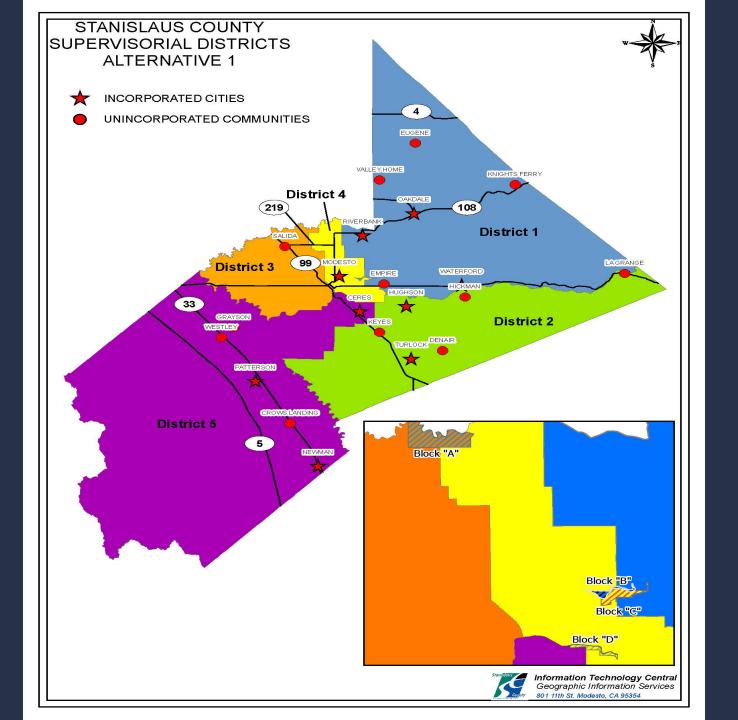
Draft Supervisorial District Map Alternative 1

Review and Decision Steps:

- 1. 4 Census Blocks* that spanned districts were identified by ITC
- 2. On October 28, 2021, the Commission voted initially to recommend Draft Supervisorial Map Alternative 1 and finalized their recommendation on November 9, 2021

Census Block	Location	Spans Districts	Population by Block	District Recommendation
А	Northwest Modesto	3 and 4	81	3
В	East Modesto	1 and 4	164	1
С	East Modesto	1 and 4	154	4
D	South Modesto	4 and 5	299	4

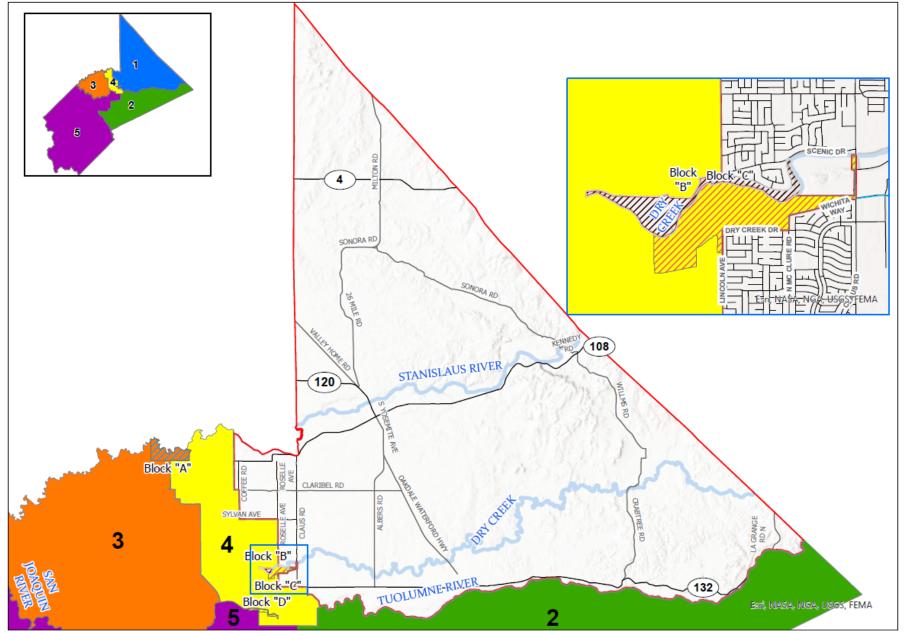
^{*} Detailed descriptions of the Census Blocks are available in Attachment 2.





District 1 - Supervisorial Alternative Map 1

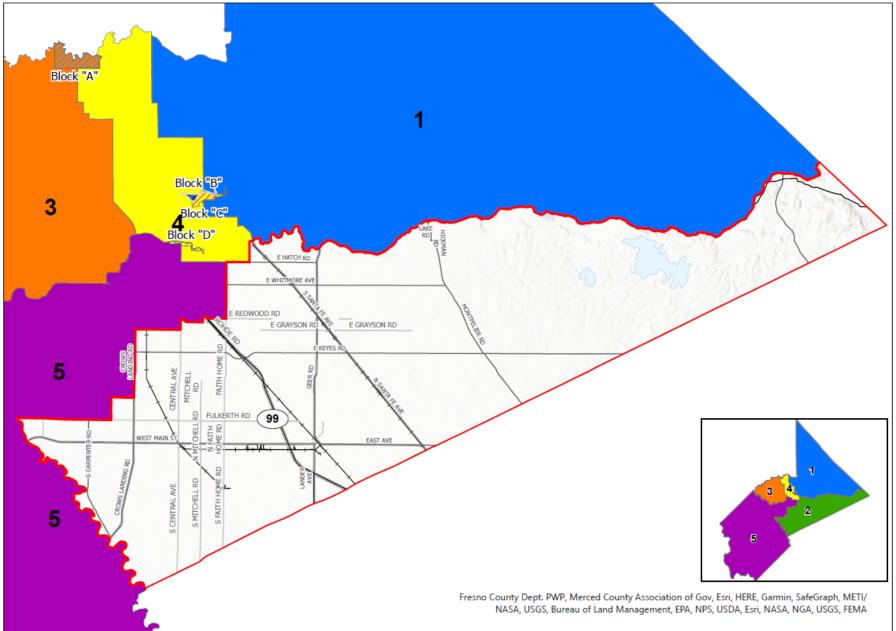


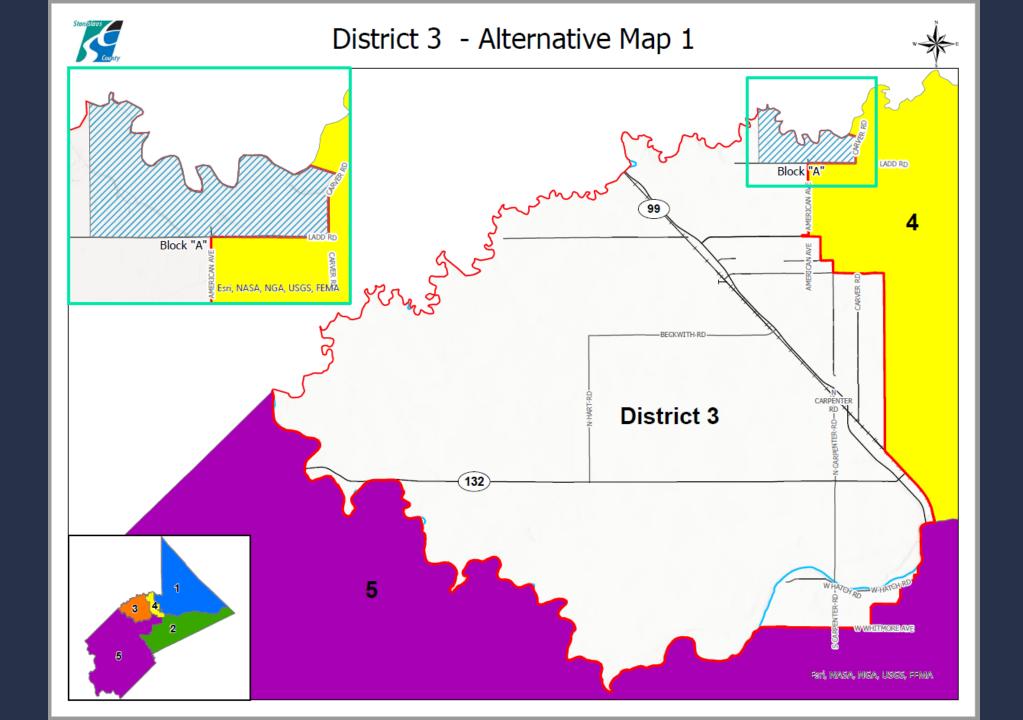




District 2 - Alternative Map 1



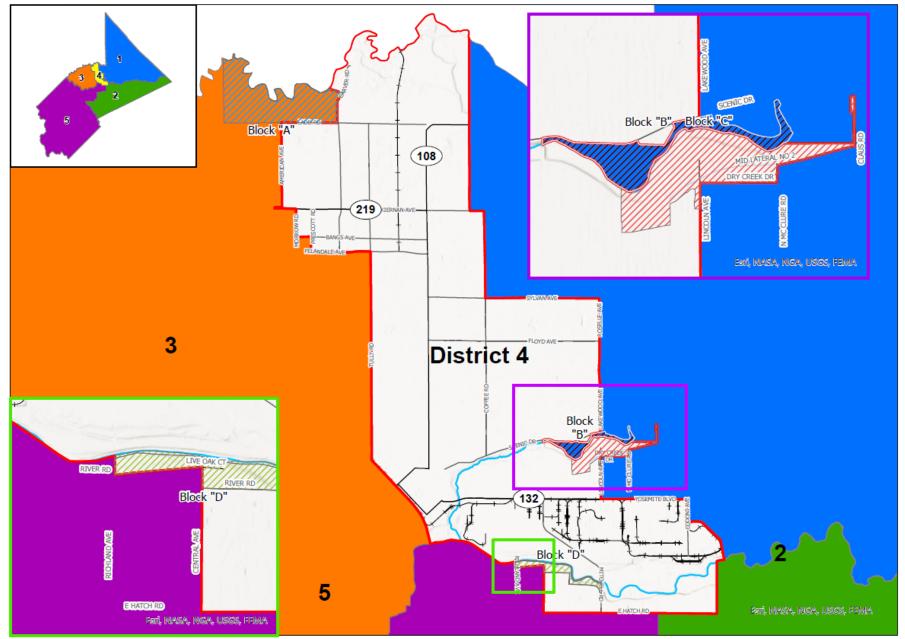






District 4 - Alternative Map 1

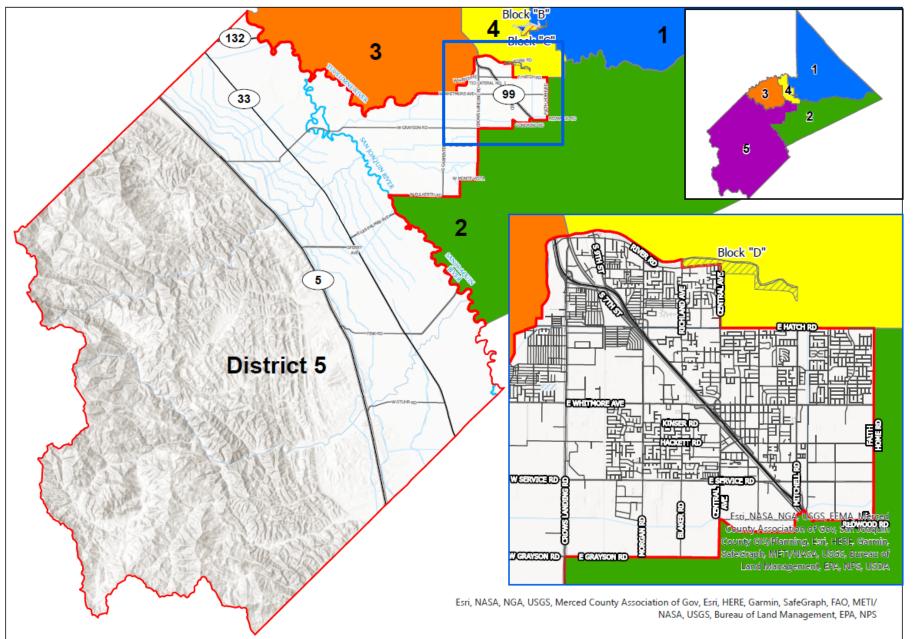




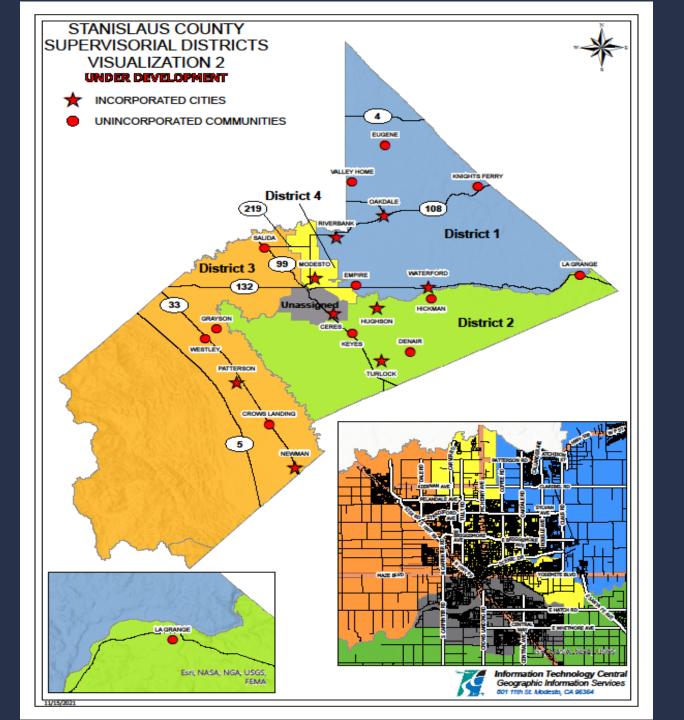


District 5 - Alternative Map 1





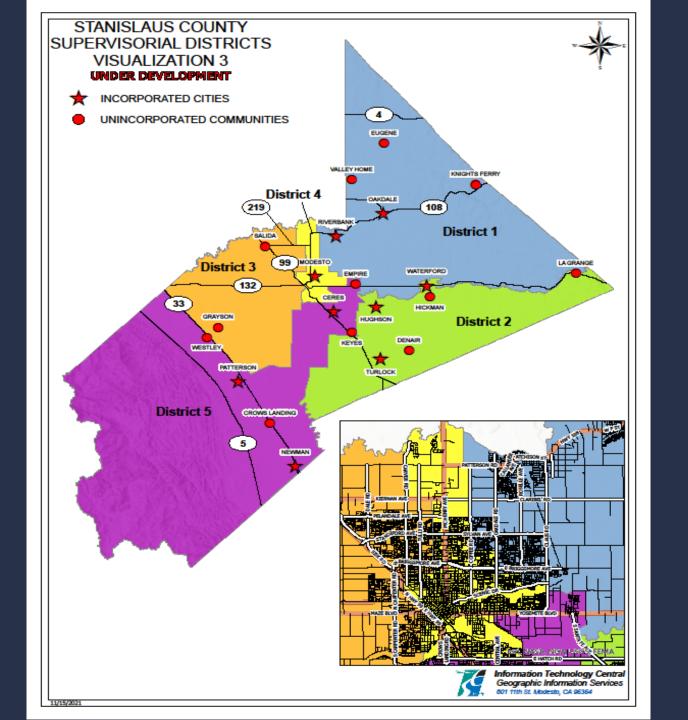
Supervisorial District Visualization 2 (Under Development)



Supervisorial District Visualization 3

Supervisorial District Visualization 3 - Update

- On November 22, 2021, the Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Redistricting Commission voted to recommend Visualization 3 as Draft Supervisorial District Map Alternative 2:
 - Minor changes to Visualization 3 were recommended, specifically including
 Grayson and Bret Harte in District 5
 - Boundary lines are currently being finalized and associated data are being calculated, and the final recommended draft map will be made available to the Board and public via the County's Redistricting website by November 24, 2021



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Public Hearings

	Meeting Type	Date	Time	Location
1.	Draft Public Hearing	Monday, November 8, 2021	6:00–8:00 p.m.	Board Chambers
2.	Draft Public Hearing	Tuesday, November 23, 2021	9:00–11:00 a.m.	Board Chambers
3.	Draft Public Hearing	Monday, December 6, 2021	9:00–11:00 a.m.	Board Chambers
4.	Adoption Public Hearing	Monday, December 13, 2021	9:00–11:00 a.m.	Board Chambers

Staff Recommendations

- 1. Receive an update on the County's 2021 Redistricting Project;
- 2. Open the public hearing to receive comments on the Draft Supervisorial District Map Alternative 1 and Visualizations 2 and 3; and
- 3. Direct staff to make modifications to maps as needed or for purposes of review.

Thank You

Questions?