



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
REDISTRICTING OF SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2021

Redistricting Overview

What We Will Cover:

- What is Redistricting?
- Governing Law
- County Process
- Timeline/Hearings Schedule
- Public Input Opportunities



What is Redistricting?

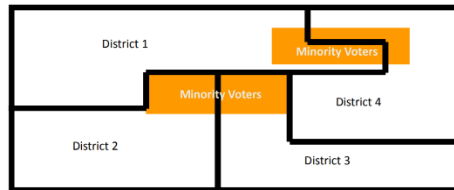
- Equalizing population among districts to ensure:
 1. Equal Representation (14th Amendment) – how effective any resident can be at advocating for themselves
 2. One Person-One Vote – equal ability to elect a candidate of choice
- Population equality based on total population (less non-resident state incarcerated population)
 - Total deviation <10%



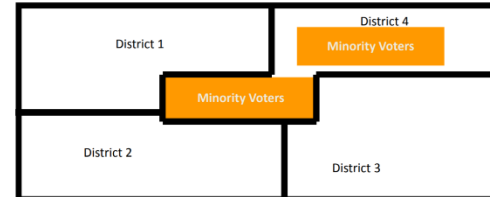
Governing Law

- Must comply with US Constitution, CA Constitution and Voting Rights Act
 - Prohibits diluting racial and language minority voting rights by denying them an equal opportunity to nominate and elect candidates of their choice

Voting Rights Act: Cracking



Voting Rights Act: Packing

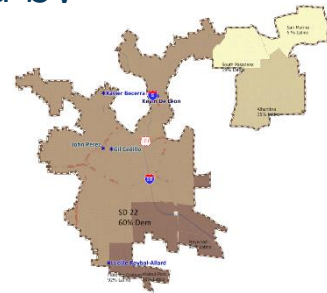


- Restricts the use of race as the “predominant” criterion in drawing districts

Governing Law – CA Fair Maps Act

Must consider (in order of priority):

- Geographically contiguous
- Maintain geographic integrity of neighborhoods/communities of interest
- Minimize division of cities or census designated places
- Boundaries must be easily identifiable and, if possible, bound by natural/artificial barriers
- Encourage geographical compactness (don't bypass areas of population in favor of more distant populations)



Governing Law – CA Fair Maps Act

Public Outreach Requirements:

- 1 hearing/public workshop before draft maps are drawn
- 2 hearings/public workshops before adoption of final maps
- 1 hearing/public workshop must be held on a weekend or after 6pm on a weekday

* Must take steps to encourage residents, including underrepresented and non-English speaking communities to participate



County of SLO Redistricting Process

County Staff Advisory Committee

- Board direction January 5, 2021
- Methodology used in 2001 and 2011 Redistricting
- Utilize staff expertise and knowledge of communities
- Will require County staff resources for drawing maps, determining legal boundaries, legal advice, public outreach and coordination
- Public input and outreach through hearings/workshops, media, and other means

* The County also has a contract with Redistricting Partners to consult and advise County staff on data analysis and map compliance



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The County Staff Advisory Committee Includes:

- *Administrative Office* – Project management, Board liaison, public engagement
- *Planning & Building* - GIS and map development
- *Public Works* - Legal descriptions (metes and bounds)
- *County Counsel* – legal advice
- *Information Technology* – Website development, GIS assistance
- *County Clerk Recorder* - Public notices, elections perspective, implementation of new districts



2021 Redistricting

Updated District Populations

Estimated Populations and Growth (2010 Census to 2020 Census)

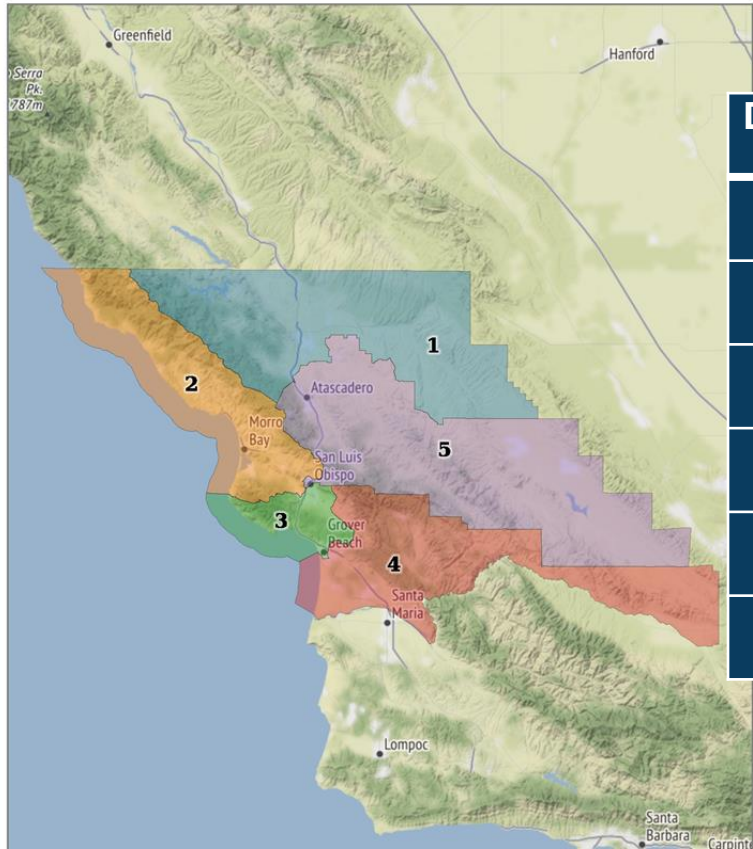
District	2020	2010	Change	
1	57,982	53,814	4,168	7.7%
2	52,753	57,733	-4,980	-8.6%
3	54,826	52,660	2,166	4.1%
4	57,646	52,797	4,849	9.2%
5	56,000	52,571	3,429	6.5%
Total	279,207	269,576	9,631	3.6%



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District Overview



2020 Population Deviations

District	Population	Deviation	
1	57,982	2,141	3.8%
2	52,753	-3,088	-5.5%
3	54,826	-1,015	-1.8%
4	57,646	1,805	3.2%
5	56,000	159	0.3%
Total Deviation			9.3%



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Themes of Public Comment/Input (Pre-Data/Maps)

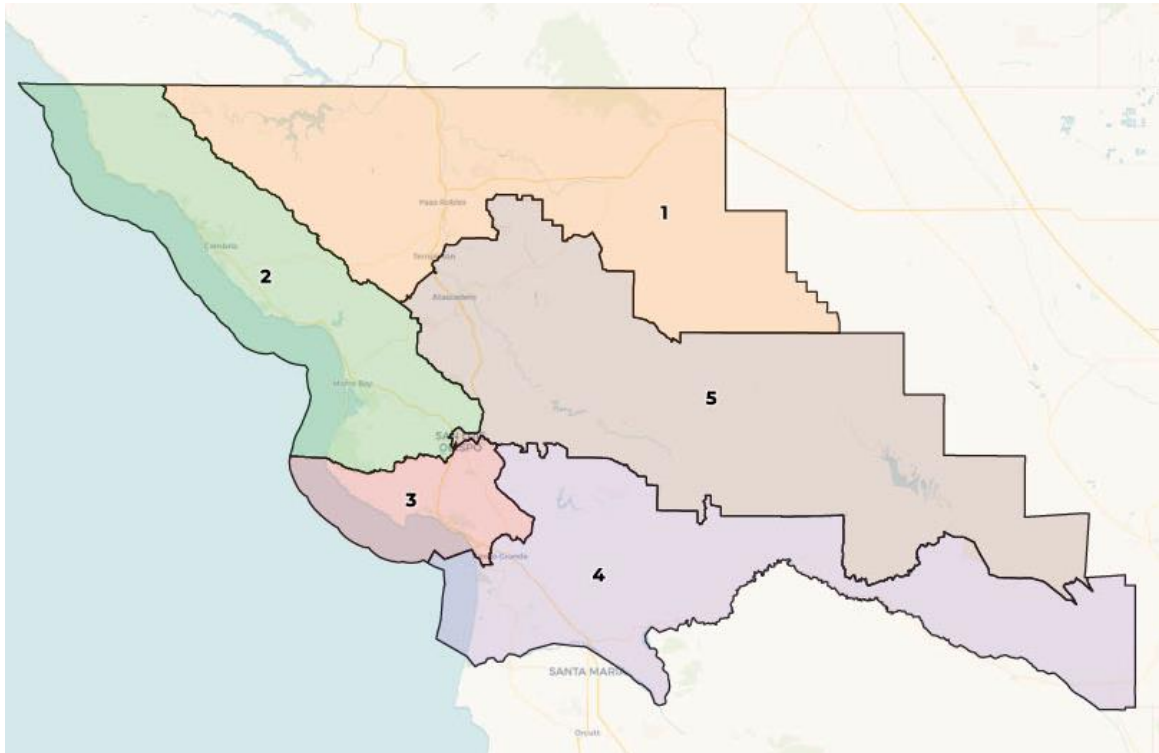
- Most common – General Process, Fairness, Transparency
1. Keep the town of Oceano in the same District as Arroyo Grande and Nipomo as a COI/ Maintain District 4 as it is
 2. Keep Cal Poly COI within one District/Keep Cal Poly and City of San Luis Obispo out of “North County” COI
 3. Keep the North Coast towns COI within one District/Maintain District 2 as it is
 4. Keep the City of San Luis Obispo in multiple Districts

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County Staff Advisory Maps



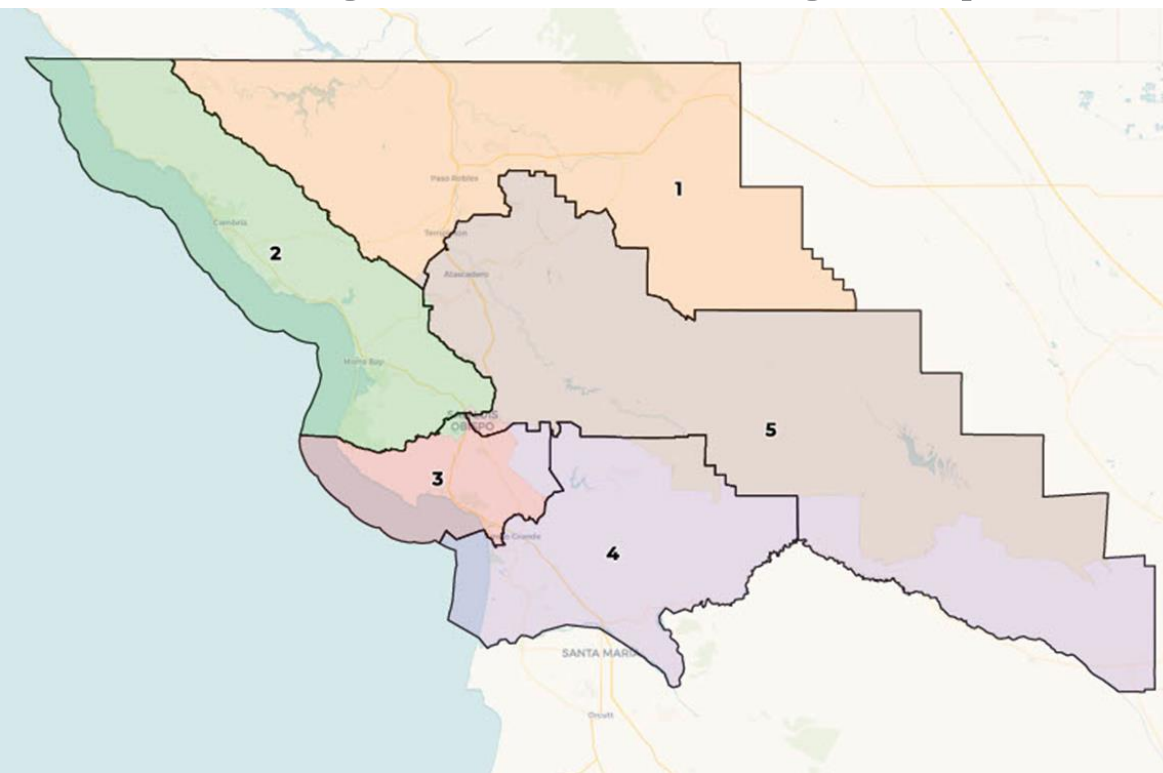
Plan A - Status Quo

- Minor changes to reflect updated Census blocks



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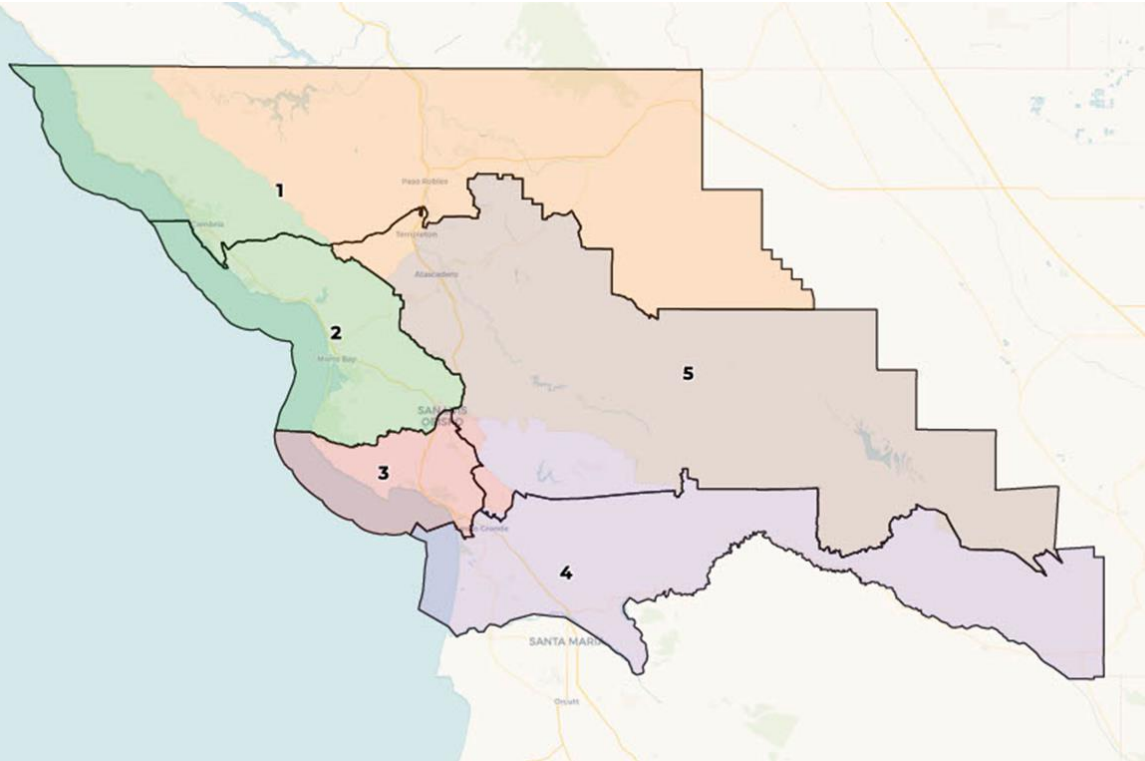


Plan B - Cal Poly COI

- Minor changes to reflect updated Census blocks
- Includes entire campus of Cal Poly in District 2
- Changes to balance population in District 5

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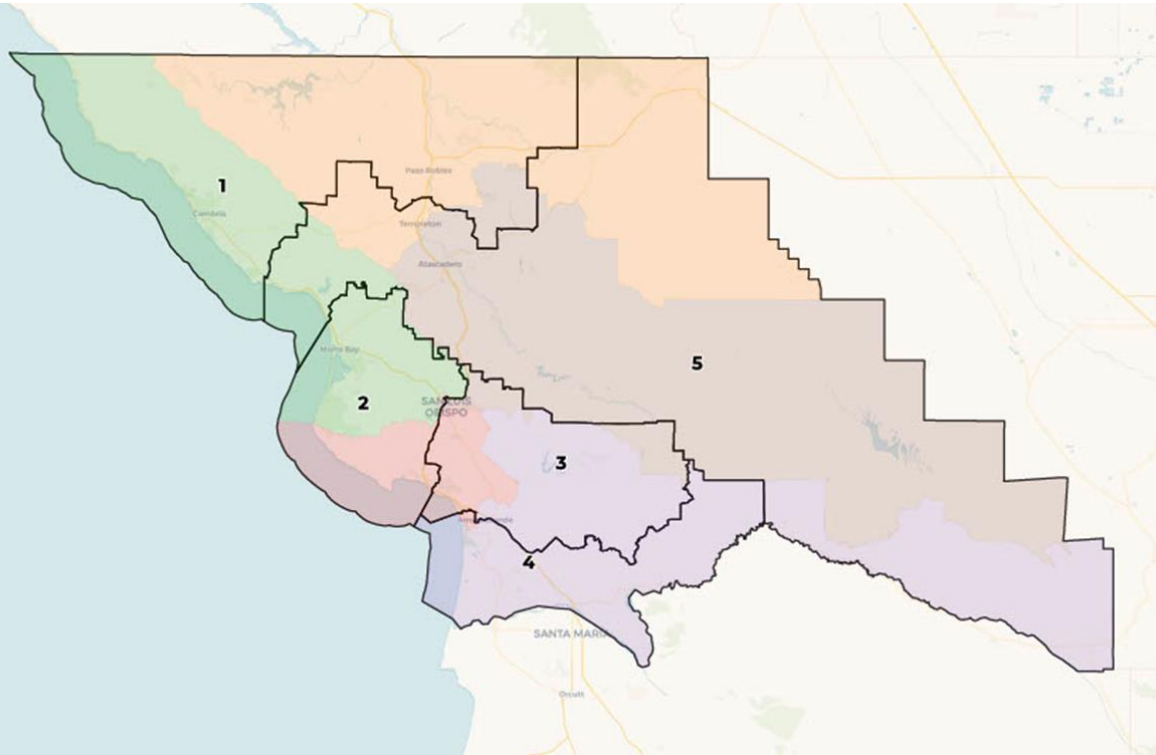
Plan C – Remove Cal Poly and SLO City from District 5

- Minor changes to reflect updated Census blocks
- Removes Cal Poly and SLO City from District 5
- Changes to balance population in District 5 – expands into Templeton, Edna
- Changes to balance population in District 1 – moves to North Coast



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Plan D – Consideration of School Districts

- Minor changes to reflect updated Census blocks
- Align Districts to the extent possible with proposed school districts



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Themes of Public Comment/Input (Post-Data/Maps)

- General Process, Fairness, Transparency
 1. North Coast cities/towns COI
 2. Leave Districts (especially Districts 2 & 4) as they are/don't draw new maps
 3. Conflicting comment to keep City of SLO/Cal Poly in one district v. Maintaining City of SLO in multiple districts
 4. Support for publicly submitted map
 5. Received 18 publicly submitted maps (as of 11/4/2021 at 12:00 p.m.)
 - ❖ Last Day to submit public map for consideration – November 5 at 5:00p.m.

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Hearing #2 – Consideration of Initial Draft Maps

- Board considered County Staff Initial Draft Maps and public comment
- Board directed Staff to present all maps (County Staff Advisory Committee and all publicly submitted maps) at Hearing #3 for consideration



County of SLO Redistricting Timeline

- Deadline for final passage of updated maps/plans is December 15, 2021 under Fair Maps Act

Redistricting Timeline			
Official Hearings	Required Action(s)	Date	Known/Legal Timelines
Hearing #2	Board Hearing - Consideration of Initial Draft Maps and Provide Staff Direction	October 26, 2021 (Special Evening Meeting)	
	Last day to submit maps/comment for consideration in revised maps for November 19 hearing	November 5, 2021	Allows 1 week for drawing before publication
Hearing #3	Board Hearing - Second consideration of Draft Maps and Provide Staff Direction	November 19, 2021 (Special Meeting)	
	Last day to submit maps to revise finalist maps/comment for consideration in revised maps for November 30 hearing	November 21, 2021	Allows only three days for finalization of maps
	Publish revised/finalist maps	November 24	At least 7 days before final adoption (12/14)
Hearing #4	Final hearing to approve redistricting plan	November 30, 2021 (Special Meeting)	
	Legal Metes and Bounds complete and ordinance drafted	December 3, 2021	72 hours agenda publication deadline
	Introduce County ordinance amendment	December 7, 2021	
Hearing #5	Amend County ordinance to reflect Board approved revised redistricting map	December 14, 2021	1 day before legal deadline
	Effective date of ordinance amendment	January 14, 2022	



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* While the County will accept publicly submitted maps in any format, residents are encouraged to use the [District-R](#) mapping tool, to allow for the best and fastest analysis of maps.

* Any maps intended to be considered for the November 19, 2021 Redistricting Hearing must be submitted **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 5, 2021**. General public comment will continue to be considered throughout the process.

Every ten years, supervisorial districts must be redrawn so that each district is substantially equal in population. This process, called redistricting, is important in ensuring that each Board of Supervisors member represents about the same number of constituents. Redistricting is done using [U.S. Census data](#), which is usually released around March 31 of the year after the Census is conducted, but is expected to be delayed until September of 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the County of San Luis Obispo, the redistricting process must be completed by December 15, 2021.

Why is redistricting important?

Redistricting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a supervisorial district for purposes of electing a Board of Supervisor member. Our independent redistricting commission, made up of members of the public, are responsible for redrawing the next district map for our supervisorial districts. You have an opportunity to share how you think



Public Comment/Information Resources

- Email: redistricting@co.slo.ca.us
- Phone: 805-781-1085
- Public Hearings (Spanish translation and Zoom participation available)
 - November 19, 2021 @9am
 - November 30, 2021 @9am – Final map/plan adopted
 - December 14, 2021 @1:30pm (Spanish translation & Zoom available ONLY upon request at least 72-hours in advance)

