



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
REDISTRICTING OF SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2021

Redistricting Overview

What We Will Cover:

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



What is Redistricting?

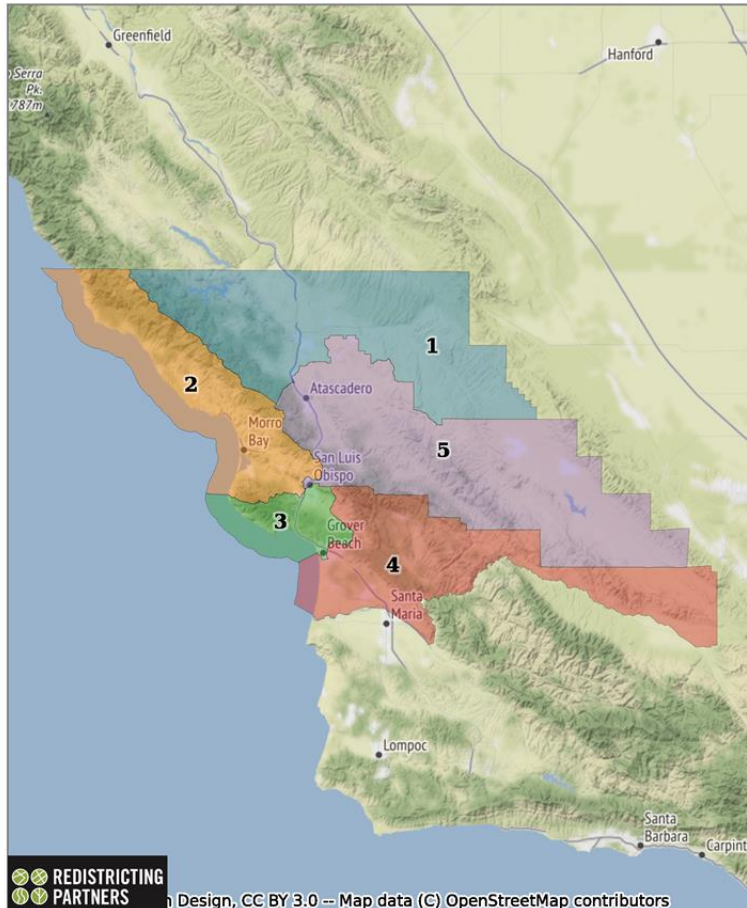
- Equalizing population among districts to ensure:
 1. Equal Representation (14th Amendment) – how effective any resident can be at advocating for themselves
 2. One Person-One Vote – equal ability to elect a candidate of choice
- Population equality based on total population (less non-resident state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



County of San Luis Obispo

Current Population Estimates

District Overview



Current Population (2020 Census Legacy Data)					
Preliminary Data - Prison Reapportionment has not yet occurred					
	District				
	1	2	3	4	5
Population	57,856	56,450	54,575	57,494	56,049
Deviation	1,371	-35	-1,910	1,009	-436
% Deviation	2.43%	-0.06%	<u>-3.38%</u>	1.79%	-0.77%

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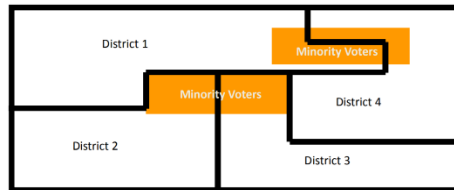
Citizen Voting Age Population (2020 Census Legacy Data)					
Preliminary Data - Prison Reapportionment has not yet occurred					
	District				
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Population	40,173	50,707	43,485	40,897	43,534
% of Total Population	69.44%	89.83%	79.68%	71.13%	77.67%



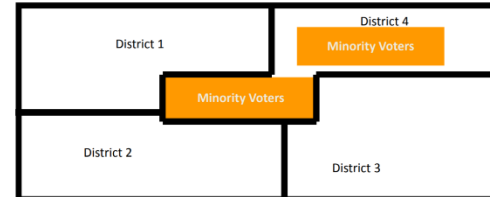
Governing Law

- 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
- No favoring/discriminating against any political party



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



County of SLO Redistricting Process

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



County of SLO Redistricting Process

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

Updated Tentative Redistricting Timeline			
Official Hearings	Required Action(s)	Date	Known/Legal Timelines
	Board meeting- Redistricting timeline update, request approval for appropriation for additional resources	April 2021	
	Launch redistricting website and public facing mapping tool	May-June 2021	
Hearing #1	Board hearing - gather preliminary input and identify communities of interest	July 20, 2021 (Regular Meeting - afternoon)	
	Release of Census "legacy" data	August 18, 2021	New date provided by USCB
	Prison adjusted information release to counties	September 20, 2021	State has 30 days after receipt of Census data
	Census Bureau releases full redistricting data with data extraction tools for drawing of maps	September 30, 2021	
Hearing or Workshop #2	Board meeting or public workshop (evening or weekend)	October 26, 2021 (Special Evening Meeting)	
	Publish 3-4 draft redistricting maps	November 15, 2021	Minimum 21 days after prison adjusted info released to the public
Hearing #3	Board hearing - 1st post draft maps	November 19, 2021 (Special Meeting)	
	Publish revised maps based on comments received (at least 7 days prior to adoption)	November 23-24	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	



Public Input

- Currently accepting general public comment and input on Communities of Interest (pre-data)
- Examples:
 - Ethnic and language minorities
 - LGBTQ+ communities
 - Senior Citizens
 - Students
 - Urban/Rural/Coastal Communities



Public Information Webpage

www.slocounty.ca.gov/redistricting



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Public Comment/Information Resources

- Email: redistricting@co.slo.ca.us
- Phone: 805-781-1085
- Public Hearings (Spanish translation and Zoom participation available)
 - October 26, 2021 @ 6pm
 - November 19, 2021 @9am
 - November 30, 2021 @9am
 - December 14, 2021 @1:30pm (Spanish translation & Zoom available ONLY upon request at least 72-hours in advance)

