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The County of Fresno Hosts Redistricting Public Workshops at Gaston Middle School and Fresno High School

The County of Fresno will host Redistricting Public Workshops at 6pm on Tuesday, August 3, at Rutherford B. Gaston Middle School and 6pm on Wednesday, August 4, at Fresno High School. At these workshops, the County will seek to educate the community about the redistricting process as well as listen to residents on what geography constitutes their neighborhoods and who their communities of interest are. Identifying these areas will inform the County's Advisory Redistricting Commission on how to preserve the County's unique and diverse communities when it recommends revised supervisorial district boundary maps to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

Every ten years, local governments use new data from the Census to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. The Commission invites members of the Fresno County community to participate in the redistricting process to ensure district lines respect neighborhoods, history, and geographical elements. During the workshop, residents will learn how to define communities of interest, neighborhoods, and how to draw maps of the districts using the online and paper mapping tools. The public's identification of communities of interest enables the Commission to better evaluate the County's Board of Supervisors district boundaries--the input from these communities of interest will help shape these supervisorial districts as well as in the elections for the next ten years.

If residents are unable to attend the County's upcoming workshops in-person, there is a Zoom option to listen in Spanish and English. Live Spanish interpretation will also be offered to those attending in-person, via a remote interpreter. There will also be additional hearings and workshops throughout the coming months during which residents can submit feedback on local communities and maps.

August 3, 2021 - Public Engagement Workshop, District 1

- Location: Rutherford B. Gaston Middle School (Library) 1100 E. Church Ave., Fresno, CA 93706
- Time: 6:00 pm

August 4, 2021 - Public Engagement Workshop, District 3

- Location: Fresno High School (Senate Room) 1839 N. Echo Avenue, Fresno, CA 93704
- Time: 6:00 pm

August 12, 2021 – Commission Hearing

- Location: Fresno County Health and Wellness Center 1925 E. Dakota Ave. Fresno CA 93726
- Meeting start time: 6:05 pm; Public Hearing start time: 6:30 pm

August 21, 2021 - Public Engagement Workshop, District 2

- Location: Woodward Park Regional Library 944 E. Perrin Ave. Fresno, CA 93720
- Time: 9:30 am

August 21, 2021 - Public Engagement Workshop, District 5

- Location: Veterans Memorial Center (Patriot Room) 808 4th Street, Clovis, CA 93612
- Time: 2:30 pm

October 21, 2021 - Commission Hearing

- Location: Fresno County Health and Wellness Center 1925 E. Dakota Ave. Fresno, CA 93726
- Time: Meeting start time: 6:05 pm; Public Hearing start time: 6:30 pm

November 2, 2021- Board of Supervisors Hearing

- Location: Fresno County Hall of Records 2281 Tulare Street, Room 301, Fresno, CA 93721
- Time: 1:00 pm

November 16, 2021 - Board of Supervisors Hearing

- Location: Fresno County Hall of Records 2281 Tulare Street, Room 301, Fresno, CA 93721
- Time: 1:00 pm

For updates and information about the redistricting process and future public meetings, please visit the County's redistricting website: www.co.fresno.ca.us/resources/redistricting or email FresnoCounty2021Redistricting@fresnocountyca.gov.