

# County of Fresno Redistricting Process

Every ten years, local governments use new census data to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. [Assembly Bill 849 \(2019\)](#) requires cities and counties to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and/or workshops and doing public outreach, including to non- English-speaking communities.

## What is redistricting?

Every ten years, districts must be redrawn so that each district is substantially equal in population. This process, called redistricting, is important in ensuring that each board member represents about the same number of constituents. In Fresno County, the Board of Supervisors is responsible for drawing supervisorial districts. Redistricting is done using U.S. Census data, which is generally released around March 31, but due to the pandemic, was released on August 12, 2021. For the County of Fresno, the redistricting process must be completed by December 15, 2021.

## Why does redistricting matter to me?

Redistricting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for purposes of electing a board member.

Our redistricting commission, which is made up of members of the public, will provide input in selecting the next district map for our supervisorial districts. You have an opportunity to share how you think district boundaries should be drawn to best represent your community.

You can contact the County Administrative Office at (559) 600-1221 to find out more about how the process works.

## What do the existing supervisorial districts look like?

You can find a map of the County's current supervisorial districts here:

<https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/home/showpublisheddocument/34155/636903344568700000>

## What criteria will be used when drawing district lines?

To the extent practicable, district lines will be adopted using the following criteria: (1) geographically contiguous districts (each supervisorial district should share a common border with the next), (2) the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division, (3) geographic integrity of a city shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division, (4) easily identifiable boundaries that follow natural or artificial barriers (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.), and (5) lines shall be drawn to encourage geographic compactness. In addition, boundaries shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

## How will our Board of Supervisors notify the public about redistricting?

Our Board of Supervisors will reach out to local media to publicize the redistricting process. Also, we will make a good faith effort to notify community groups of various kinds about the redistricting process. Our public hearings and workshops will be provided in applicable languages if residents submit a request in advance. Our Board of Supervisors will notify the public about redistricting hearings and workshops, post maps online before adoption, and create a dedicated web page for all relevant information about the redistricting process.

## How can I get involved?

Our Advisory Redistricting Commission will be holding public hearings and workshops to receive public input on where district lines should be drawn. For more information, please refer to our Redistricting website: <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/resources/redistricting/calendar>

You can also submit public comments, including suggested draft maps, by emailing: [FresnoCounty2021Redistricting@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:FresnoCounty2021Redistricting@fresnocountyca.gov)

**Where can I find out more?**

The County maintains a webpage on the county's redistricting process here:

<https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/resources/redistricting>