



Santa Barbara County
Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

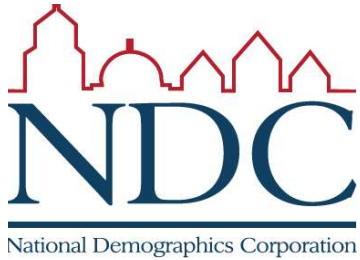
Review of Census Data Status and
CIRC Process Requirements

February 22, 2021

- ❑ Redistricting total population counts:
 - ❑ Statutory release date: March 31, 2021
 - ❑ Original postponement: “no sooner than July 31”
 - ❑ Latest update: “by September 30”
 - ❑ California’s prisoner-adjusted data could be as late as October 30

- ❑ Delayed:
 - ❑ Total population counts
 - ❑ Race/ethnic breakdown of total population and voting age population counts

- ❑ Not delayed: American Community Survey Data
 - ❑ Citizen Voting Age Population data
 - ❑ Socio-economic data
 - ❑ California data on registration and turnout by surname



Current Timeline Requirements

3	Dates	Source	Description
	March – Sept.	Ordinance	7 pre-draft-map hearings over “no fewer than 30 days” at various times and days of the week, with 1 in each district
	Sept. 30		Census Data Release
	Oct. 30		State Database Release
	Nov. 21 (waived) *	Elections Code 21508(d)(3)(A)	The board and employees or contractors of the county shall not release draft maps of supervisorial districts earlier than three weeks after the block-level redistricting database . . . is first made publicly available
	Oct. 30 to Dec. 12	Ordinance	6 post-draft-map hearings (7 th hearing is the map adoption hearing listed below) at various times and days of the week over “no fewer than 30 days”
	Dec. 12 th at the latest	Elections Code 21508(d)(1)	A draft map shall be published on the internet for at least seven days before being adopted as a final map (or 3 days within 28 days of deadline to adopt)
	Dec. 15 th at the latest	Ordinance	7 th post-draft-map hearing & adoption
	Dec. 15	Ordinance	Deadline is the sooner of 6 months from the release of Census data (which would be March 30, 2022) or the deadline in Elections Code Section 23003 (“the same redistricting deadlines, requirements, and restrictions that would otherwise apply to a legislative body,” which is Election Code Section 21501’s deadline of Dec. 15, 2021)
		Ordinance	Backup if deadline missed: a Commission per Elections Code 21501 and 21502 shall draw map by Dec. 31, 2021

* Elections Code 21508(d)(3)(B) waives this requirement within 60 days of the deadline.

Outreach Requirements: County Ordinance

- (a) The commission shall take steps to encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities, to participate in the redistricting public review process. These steps shall include:
 - (a) Providing information through media, social media, and public service announcements.
 - (b) Coordinating with community organizations.
 - (c) Posting information on the Internet website of the County of Santa Barbara that explains the redistricting process and includes a notice of each public hearing and the procedures for testifying during a hearing or submitting written testimony directly to the commission.
 - (d) Encouraging interested citizens and community organizations to submit proposed maps for review and consideration by the commission.

Elections Code Section 21508:

(a) The [commission] shall take steps to encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities, to participate in the redistricting public review process. These steps shall include a good faith effort to do all of the following:

- (1) Providing information to media organizations that provide county news coverage, including media organizations that serve language minority communities.
- (2) Providing information through good government, civil rights, civic engagement, and community groups or organizations that are active in the county, including those active in language minority communities, and those that have requested to be notified concerning county redistricting.

1. Equal population
2. Federal Voting Rights Act
3. California Voting Rights Act
4. A Combined Criterion:
 - ▣ Elections Code 21500
 - i. Contiguous
 - ii. the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division
 - iii. the geographic integrity of a city or census designated place shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division
 - iv. Easily understood boundaries (streets and “natural and artificial barriers”)
 - v. Compact (not bypassing one group of people to reach another group of people)
 - vi. Shall not favor or discriminate against any political party
 - ▣ Shall give consideration to the following factors (a) topography, (b) geography, (c) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory, and (d) community of interests of the supervisorial districts
5. Contiguous
6. Cities, Neighborhoods and Communities of Interest
7. Compact
8. Shall not consider incumbent or candidate locations, nor be drawn to favor or discriminate against any incumbent, candidate, or political party

- Seven (7) votes are required to adopt a final map.