



# ADVISORY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Website: [www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021](http://www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021)

Email: [redistricting2021@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:redistricting2021@santacruzcounty.us)

## Summary Minutes

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Hybrid Meeting – In-person and via Zoom

**Wednesday, October 6, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Redwood Conference Room, Fifth Floor**  
**701 Ocean St, Santa Cruz**

**Attend Meeting by Internet:** <https://zoom.us/j/92519338521>

(Webinar ID: 925 1933 8521)

**Attend Meeting by Conference Call:** Dial - 1 (669) 900-9128

(Webinar ID: 925 1933 8521)

### HYBRID MEETING PROCESS

Pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code section 54953, due to the ongoing COVID-19 state of emergency and upon the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors and the County Health Officer, public meetings and workshops convened by the Santa Cruz County Advisory Redistricting Commission will be conducted in a hybrid format. Members of the public can attend and participate virtually by teleconference or in-person. If you attend in person, a mask is required. Meeting content will be recorded and placed on the Santa Cruz County Redistricting 2021 website for reference.

**Agenda Documents** are available for review in person at the office of the Clerk of the Board, Government Center, 5th Floor, 701 Ocean Street, Rm 520; and electronically on the County's Redistricting website, at: [www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021](http://www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021).

**Public Comments** will be accepted both live and in writing until the close of the public comment period at the meeting. Additionally, written comments can be submitted on the County's Redistricting website at [www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021](http://www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021). For additional information, call the Clerk of the Board's office at 454-2323 (TTY/TDD call 711). If attending via Zoom, public comment can be made using the link provided to access a Zoom-based meeting, or by calling the telephone number provided on the agenda.

### Translation Services/Servicios de Traducción

Spanish language translation is available on an as needed basis. Please contact the Clerk of the Board's office at 831-454-2323 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to make arrangements.

Las sesiones pueden ser traducidas del inglés al español y del español al inglés. Por favor haga arreglos con 72 horas de anticipo con la Secretaria de la Mesa Directiva de los Supervisores llamando al número 831-454-2323.

### Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities

The County of Santa Cruz does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and no person shall, by reason of a disability, be denied the benefits of its services, programs, or activities. If you are a person with a disability and wish to attend the meeting and you require special assistance in order to participate, please contact the Clerk of the Board's office at 454-2323 (TTY/TDD call 711) at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to make arrangements. Persons with disabilities may request a copy of the agenda in an alternative format.

## Advisory Redistricting Commission Minutes – October 6, 2021

### 1. ROLL CALL

**Present: Commissioners: O’Neil, Mosher, Reyes, Vice-Chair Radin\*, and Chair Watkins**

\*Vice-Chair Radin was experiencing technical difficulties and could not participate in the roll-call votes.

### 2. AGENDA REVIEW

County Staff may provide additional materials submitted after the distribution of the agenda packet. Commissioners may request postponement or removal of agenda items and/or other non-substantive changes to the agenda.

Staff announced that Minutes and community interest reports were sent to commissioners on Monday.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on any item listed on today’s agenda or a topic not on the agenda provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Please note that the Commission is not able to take actions or engage in discussion on any item that is not on today’s agenda. Such items may be referred to staff for follow up or placed on a future agenda. Each speaker will be permitted a maximum of three minutes each, with a maximum of 30 minutes set aside for this period.

There was no public comment

### 4. REGULAR AGENDA

There is an opportunity for public to comment after each item listed on the Regular Agenda, for up to two minutes. Additionally, County Staff or Commissioners may make brief announcements, submit written reports, or make presentations that may or may not require Commission action.

#### A. Approve Minutes from:

1. September 8, 2021, Meeting
2. September 1, 2021, Special Meeting and Workshop
3. September 22, 2021, Special Meeting and Workshop
4. September 29, 2021, Special Meeting and Workshop
5. September 30, 2021, Special Meeting and Workshop and Public Hearing

**Commissioner Mosher moved to approve the Minutes. Commissioner O’Neil seconded the motion which carried 4/0; Excused: Vice-Chair Radin**

## Advisory Redistricting Commission Minutes – October 6, 2021

- B. Initial round of draft maps/plans on Supervisorial District Boundaries
1. Commissioners to share the initial round of draft plans and/or maps for their supervisorial district, in consideration of community of interest forms and/or maps received, public input at public workshops held on 9/1, 9/22, 9/29 and 9/30, legislative redistricting criteria, conversation(s) with their home district Supervisor; and other relevant framework.
    - i. First District
    - ii. Second District
    - iii. Third District
    - iv. Fourth District
    - v. Fifth District

### **The Commission discussed:**

- Potential to consolidate divided cities into one district
  - Evening out the boundaries between districts
  - ESRI software and map creation
  - Maintaining communities of interest
  - Requested information on history of current/previous boundary lines
  - Redrawing boundary lines to better distribute resources/funding
  - Options for meeting with staff to review recommendations at the 10/13/21 meeting
2. An opportunity for Commission discussion of the plans and/or maps shared, which may or may not yield direction to staff to prepare materials for consideration at the next Advisory Redistricting Commission meeting.
- C. Confirm the next meeting of the Commission as October 13, 2021, beginning at 1:00 p.m. with the goal to achieve consensus on a plan or plans and maps that will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at a Public Hearing on October 26, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m., and discuss redistricting project timeline and notice and posting requirements going forward. Directions to staff may or may not be issued.

**Commissioner Mosher motioned to authorize commissioners to work individually with staff to map out proposals in preparation for the October 13, 2021, meeting. Commissioner O’Neil seconded the motion which carried 4/; Excused: Vice-Chair Radin.**

- D. Consider a presentation by the County Clerk and GIS Manager regarding parcel lines, census blocks, and district boundaries and grant staff the authority to make administrative adjustments to any final proposed maps, to the extent practicable and as needed.

**Commissioner O’Neil motioned to continue the item without discussion to the 10/13/21 meeting. Commissioner Mosher seconded the motion which carried 4/0; Excused: Vice-Chair Radin.**

**Advisory Redistricting Commission Minutes – October 6, 2021**

E. Update from staff on other subjects related to redistricting.

**Staff announced that one plan proposal was submitted and has been made available to the public on the redistricting website under the “Maps and Communities of Interest” tab**

**5. COMMISSIONERS REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This is an opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates and reports on work related to the Commission. No discussion or action may occur or be taken, except to place the item on a future agenda.

There were no announcements from the commission.

**6. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

ARC 21 staff may receive written correspondence, Community of Interest forms/maps and other materials on occasion that may or may not be related to a specific agenda item. Correspondence submitted to the Commission will be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board and is available to the general public upon request. All submitted Community of Interest Forms and Maps are posted on the Redistricting website.

**7. ADJOURNED** at 2:02 p.m.

**Commissioner Mosher motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O’Neil seconded the motion which carried 4/0; Excused: Vice-Chair Radin.**