



#### Introduction to Redistricting

## Redistricting Process

Step	Description				
Staff Public Hearing September 27, 2021 6:30 p.m.	Held prior to release of draft maps Educate, solicit input on the communities in the Districts				
Public Town Halls	<ul> <li>Wednesday, October 6, 1 p.m. (California National Guard Armory)</li> <li>Saturday, October 9, 10 a.m. (Immaculate Conception Church)</li> <li>Saturday, October 9, 2 p.m. (Calaveras Elementary School)</li> <li>Friday, October 22, 4 p.m. (San Juan Bautista Community Center)</li> </ul>				
Census Data Releases	<ul> <li>Census Bureau releases official 2020 Census population data – Aug. 12</li> <li>California's official 'prisoner-adjusted' 2020 redistricting data – Sept. 21</li> </ul>				
BOS Public Hearing October 26, 2021 10 a.m.	<ul> <li>Held prior to release of draft maps</li> <li>Educate and to solicit input on the communities in the Districts</li> </ul>				
BOS Public Hearing November 9, 2021 10 a.m.	<ul> <li>Discuss draft maps and sequencing</li> <li>Deadline to submit draft maps: October 26, 5 p.m.</li> <li>Posted to website by: November 1, 5 p.m.</li> </ul>				
BOS Public Hearing November 23, 2021 10 a.m.	<ul> <li>Determine final draft map and sequencing; first reading of ordinance</li> <li>Deadline to submit draft maps: November 9, 5 p.m.</li> <li>Posted to website by: November 15, 5 p.m.</li> </ul>				

### Redistricting Rules and Goals

#### 1. Federal Laws

- Equal Population
- Federal Voting Rights Act
- No Racial Gerrymandering



## 2. California Criteria for Counties

- 1. Geographically contiguous
- 2. Undivided neighborhoods and "communities of interest" (Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
- 3. Cities and CDPs
- 4. Easily identifiable boundaries
- 5. Compact

(Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

#### **Prohibited:**

"Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party."

## 3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

- Minimize voters shifted to different election years
- Respect voters' choices / continuity in office
- Future population growth
- Preserving the core of existing districts



#### 2020 Census

San Benito County - Current Districts Official Demographics									
District		1	2	3	4	5	Total		
	Total Pop	14,234	12,113	13,065	12,032	12,893	64,337		
	Deviation from ideal	1,367	-754	198	-835	26	2,202		
	% Deviation	10.62%	-5.86%	1.54%	-6.49%	0.20%	17.11%		
Total Pop	% Hisp	56.0%	53%	69%	45%	82%	61%		
	% NH White	36%	38%	23%	46%	12%	31%		
	% NH Black	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%		
	% Asian-American	4%	5%	4%	5%	3%	4%		
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	7,947	7,707	7,996	8,295	6,237	38,182		
	% Hisp	43%	43%	60%	35%	75%	50%		
	% NH White	51%	48%	36%	59%	20%	44%		
	% NH Black	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%		
	% Asian/Pac.IsI.	3%	6%	3%	4%	2%	4%		

Ideal population per District: 12,867



### Defining Neighborhoods

1st Question: what is your neighborhood?

2<sup>nd</sup> Question: what are its geographic boundaries?

Examples of physical features defining a neighborhood boundary:

- Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals and/or hills
- Areas around parks or schools
- Other neighborhood landmarks

In the absence of public testimony, planning records and other similar documents may provide definition.



# Beyond Neighborhoods: Defining Communities of Interest

#### 1st Question: what defines your community?

- Geographic Area, plus
- Shared issue or characteristic
  - Shared social or economic interest
  - Impacted by county policies
- Tell us "your community's story"

2<sup>nd</sup> Question: Would this community benefit from being "included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation"?

Or would it benefit more from having multiple representatives?

Definitions of Communities of Interest may <u>not</u> include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.



## Possible Neighborhoods / Communities



## Public Mapping and Map Review Tools

- Different tools for different purposes
- Different tools for different levels of technical skill and interest
  - Simple "review draft maps" tool
  - Easy-to-use "Draw your neighborhood" tool
  - Paper- and Excel-based simple "Draw a draft map" tools
  - Powerful, data-rich "Draw a draft map" tool

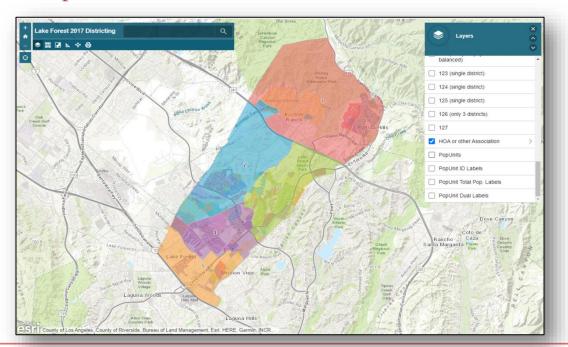
Whether you use the powerful (but complicated) online mapping tool, Excel, the paper kit, or just draw on a napkin, we welcome your maps!



#### Simple Map Review Tool

#### Online Interactive Review Map

- ESRI's "ArcGIS Online" similar to Google Maps in ease of use
- Used to review, analyze and compare maps, not to create them
- Includes overlays of "community of interest" and other Story Map data
- Sample map from Lake Forest

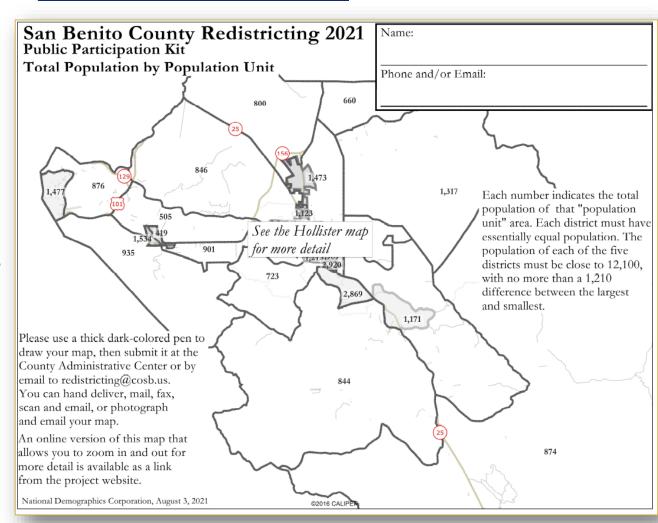




## Simple Map Drawing Tool

# Paper "Public Participation Kit"

- For those
   without internet
   access or who
   prefer paper
- Total Population
   Counts only no demographic numbers
- Geographic units would be tracts, CDP's and smaller cities

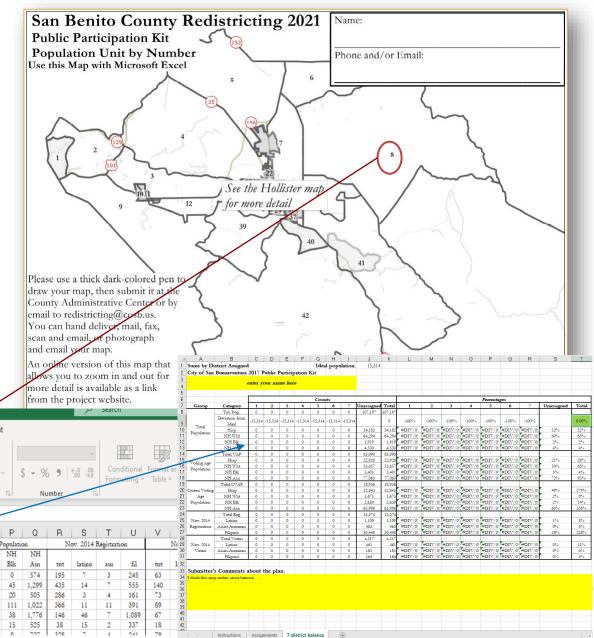




### Simple Map Drawing Tool + Excel Supplement

#### "Public Participation Kit"

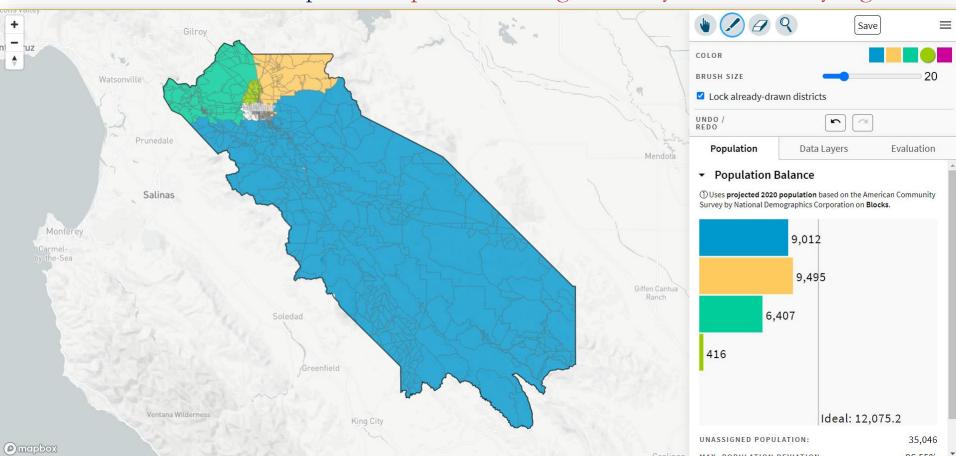
- For those who know
   Excel and do not wish
   to use online tools
- Adds CVAP data
- Excel does the math
- Geographic units would be tracts, CDP's and smaller cities



#### **DistrictR**

#### "Draw Your Community of Interest" focus

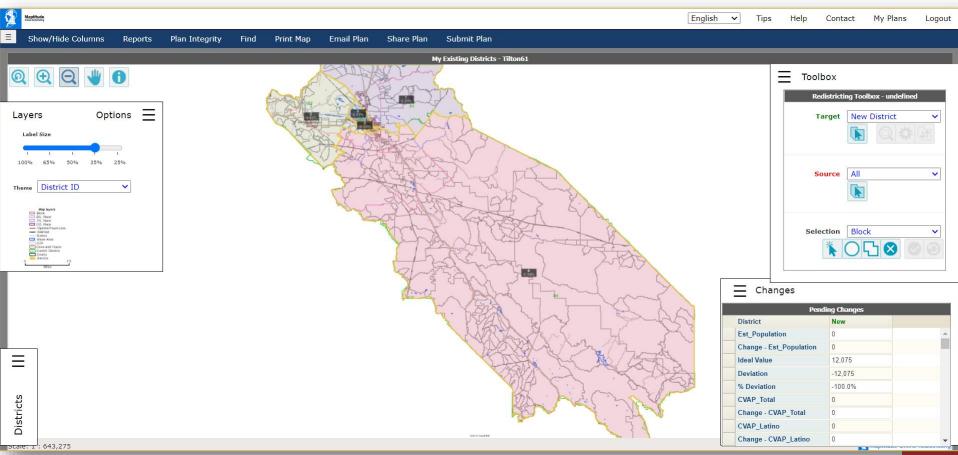
- districtR.org/tag/SanBenito
- Also includes simple district-mapping tool; Only available in English
- Similar external options: Representable.org, DrawMyCACommunity.org



## Caliper's "Maptitude Online Redistricting"

#### Full Database, Powerful Online Mapping Tool

- Powerful, common, data-rich online tool
- Six language options: English, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Mandarin and Korean



#### Share Your Thoughts



www.cosb.us/government/county-of-san-benito-board-of-supervisors-bos/supervisorial-redistricting

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#### Public Hearing & Discussion

What is your neighborhood and what are its boundaries?

What other notable areas are in the County and its cities, and what are their boundaries?

Any questions about the mapping tools?

