



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Independent Redistricting Commission

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Item 5

TO: Independent Redistricting Commission

SUBJECT: 2021 REDISTRICTING TIMELINE

Following is a proposed timeline for the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) developed to meet statutory deadlines and allow sufficient time to implement the new Supervisorial District boundaries for elections in 2022. Topics and dates are subject to change.

JANUARY 2021

- Review 2021 Redistricting Timeline
- Adopt Independent Redistricting Commission Regular Meeting Schedule
- Review topical list of proposed training/possible speakers
- Commence competitive procurement process for Demographic/Mapping services and Public Outreach services
- Receive budget detail (will be a monthly update/concurrence)
- Discuss subcommittees
- Receive presentations from members of the public and interested groups who request time slot on agenda regarding topics within the jurisdiction of the Commission

FEBRUARY 2021

- Budget update/concurrence
- Discuss/approve options for translation
- Discuss/approve options for website design and content maintenance
- Commissioners continue subject-matter training, including review of “lessons learned,” during public meeting(s) and on their own
- Continue competitive procurement process for Demographic/Mapping services and Public Outreach services
- Receive presentations from members of the public and interested groups who request time slot on agenda regarding topics within the jurisdiction of the Commission

MARCH 2021

- Budget update/concurrence
- Commissioners continue subject-matter training, including review of “lessons learned,” during public meeting(s) and on their own
- Continue competitive procurement process for Demographic/Mapping services and Public Outreach services

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APRIL 2021

April 1, 2021¹: Estimated date for California to receive federal Census data

- Budget update/concurrence
- Commissioners continue subject-matter training, including review of “lessons learned,” during public meeting(s) and on their own
- County issues contracts for Demographic/Mapping services and Public Outreach services²
- Begin working with Public Outreach contractor to develop a Public Outreach Plan for the Commission’s approval
- Begin working with Demographic/Mapping contractor to develop plan for Commission and public training on the use of redistricting tools/software and public mapping activities

April 30, 2021³: Estimated date for San Diego County to receive federal Census data as adjusted for prisoners by the California Statewide Database

MAY 2021

- Budget update/concurrence
- Discuss/approve Public Outreach Plan (Public Outreach contractor presentation to Commission)
- Demographic/Mapping contractor updates database with adjusted federal Census data and any other information desired by Commission (e.g. County planning areas, City spheres of influence)
- Discuss/approve plan for mapping activities (Demographic/ Mapping contractor presentation to Commission)
- Commission to review the demographics of the existing Supervisorial Districts based on adjusted Census data (Demographic/Mapping contractor presentation to Commission)
- Commission commences Pre-Mapping Public Hearings⁴ to solicit public testimony regarding criteria to be used for redistricting and communities of interest.

¹ Delivery of federal Census data may be delayed by several weeks by the Census. The 2021 Redistricting Timeline will be adjusted to accommodate any delay in receipt of Census data.

² Date of contract issuance will depend on procurement process selected by Commission and could occur somewhat later than April.

³ Delay in California’s receipt of federal Census data could impact this estimated date.

⁴ California Election Code requires that “Pre-Mapping Public Hearings” must include at least 7 public hearings over a period of no fewer than 30 days, with at least one public hearing held in each supervisorial district and one or more public hearing(s) on a weekend or after 6:00 p.m. on a week day, and must be publicly noticed at least 5 days ahead of time.

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JUNE 2021

- Budget update/concurrence
- Commission continues Pre-Mapping Public Hearings⁵ to solicit public testimony regarding criteria to be used for redistricting and communities of interest.
- Commission reviews all public comment received to date and identifies any communities of interest thus far
- Commission considers and adopts criteria for redistricting (to include mandatory statutory and Charter-based criteria and any secondary goals, after mandatory criteria satisfied)
- Commission instructs/directs Demographic/Mapping contractor to prepare three or more draft redistricting maps
- Commission sets the dates and opens the period for submission of draft redistricting maps from the public

Late-June

- Demographic/Mapping contractor presents three or more draft redistricting maps to Commission⁶
 - All redistricting maps to be posted on website for public comment
- Begin Commission's process of directing modifications to any of the draft redistricting maps. Commission may also request development of new draft maps.
 - Ongoing website updates with all new/revised redistricting maps as they are submitted/created
- Commission solicits public testimony on draft redistricting maps by holding a Public Hearing in each of the five existing supervisorial districts⁷

JULY 2021

- Budget update/concurrence
- Continue Commission's Public Hearing(s) on draft redistricting maps
- Deadline for submission of draft redistricting maps from the public
- Public presentation and Commission review of all draft redistricting maps, Commission's modifications to date, and publicly submitted draft redistricting maps (Demographic/Mapping contractor presentation to Commission)
- Continue Commission's process of directing modifications to any of the draft redistricting maps, and refining draft redistricting maps, and Demographic/Mapping contractor's presentations of modifications to Commission

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⁶ California Elections Code requires that the initial presentation of draft redistricting maps must take place at least three weeks after release of adjusted federal Census data.

⁷ California Election Code requires that Public Hearings to solicit public testimony on draft redistricting maps must include at least 2 such hearings over a period of no fewer than 30 days and must be publicly noticed at least 5 days ahead of time.

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AUGUST 2021

Early August

- Budget update/concurrence
- Public Hearing including selection of one or more redistricting map(s) as the IRC's preferred final draft
- Final Public Hearing on Commission's preferred final draft redistricting map⁸
- Presentation of a draft resolution to adopt a final redistricting map⁷

Mid-Late August:

- Send IRC's preferred final draft redistricting map data to Registrar of Voters for 30-day review to ensure no technical discrepancies that would compromise the drafting of voter precincts in time for 2022 elections
- Commence drafting a statutorily required report explaining the basis on which the Commission made its decisions in achieving compliance with statutory criteria in the final redistricting map

SEPTEMBER 2021

- Budget update/concurrence

Late September

- Registrar of Voters completes review of IRC's preferred final draft redistricting map and proposes any revisions to the Commission (Registrar of Voters and/or Demographic/Mapping contractor presentation to Commission)
- Public Hearing, review and approval of any technical adjustments to proposed final draft redistricting map necessitated by revisions proposed by the Registrar of Voters⁹
- Finalize and approve the statutorily required report explaining the basis on which the Commission made its decisions in achieving compliance with statutory criteria in the final redistricting map
- Commission approves resolution adopting final redistricting plan and the final statutorily required report

OCTOBER 2021

- Budget update/concurrence
- Commence 30-day period for referendum of adopted redistricting map
- Work with staff to archive on the internet the full record of Commission proceedings including, among other items that have been posted:
 - A general explanation of the redistricting process for the county, in English and applicable languages.
 - The procedures that were used for a member of the public to testify during a public hearing or to submit written testimony directly to the board, in English and applicable languages.
 - The calendar of all public hearing and workshop dates
 - The notice and agenda for each public hearing and workshop.

⁸ Additional hearings may be advisable depending on Commission's modifications.

⁹ California Elections Code requires that final draft redistricting maps be made public at least 7 days in advance of the final Public Hearing.

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- The recording or written summary of each public hearing and workshop.
 - Each draft map considered by the Commission at a public hearing.
- The adopted final map of supervisorial district boundaries.

NOVEMBER 2021

- Budget update/concurrence
- Close of 30-day period for referendum of adopted redistricting map
- File final plan with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
- Estimated practical timeframe for Registrar of Voters to receive final GIS map data based on Commission’s adopted redistricting plan to allow sufficient time to prepare for 2022 elections.

DECEMBER 2021

December 15, 2021: Statutory deadline for Independent Redistricting Commission to adopt a final map of supervisorial district boundaries

December 16, 2021: First day for candidates to collect signatures (for petition in lieu of filing fee) for 2022 election

- Final budget update/concurrence
- Continued County IRC staff coordination with Registrar of Voters and County GIS on final map data based on Commission’s adopted redistricting plan
- Complete archiving of website
- Commission finalizes/approves a “lessons learned” document for 2031 Independent Redistricting Commission

FEBRUARY 2022

February 14, 2022: First day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for 2022 election

JUNE 2022

June 7, 2022: California primary election