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From: Scott McKown <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 2:58 PM
To: BOS
Subject: Re: Board of Supervisors Contact Form

Board of Supervisors Contact Form

Your Name: Scott McKown
Your Email Address: [REDACTED]
Subject: 5/25 mtg agenda item 13.
Select a Routing Method: District
What District Do You Live In? District 4 - Dennis Rodoni
Message: Letter to board from LWVMC re Redistricting process.
Attachment: [210524-BOS Redistricting Letter.pdf](#)
[Local Redistricting Checklist.pdf](#)



May 24, 2021

Marin County Board of Supervisors
Marin County Civic Center
San Rafael, CA 94903

Re: 2021 Redistricting Process

Dear Board Members:

The League of Women Voters believes our political maps should represent the people who live within them. To that end, we look forward to supporting your efforts in implementing a robust and transparent redistricting process. This letter outlines the League's recommendations for that process.

As soon as possible, the County should establish, implement and publish an outreach strategy to gather meaningful public input in developing the new maps. The delay in receipt of the final census data should not be allowed to impede this process.

The published outreach strategy should reflect the goals listed below:

- Protect and maintain communities of interest;
- Include at least one public hearing regarding the proposed consultant who will develop the map(s);
- Include at least one public hearing regarding the proposed outreach plan for the redistricting process;
- Ensure the consulting firm and redistricting process as a whole offers accessible online and in-person opportunities to provide input regarding communities of interest and the impacts of proposed lines, as well as other comments, questions, concerns, and ideas related to the proposed maps;
- Include accessibility approaches that remove physical, technological, language, and other barriers to public participation, including work schedules and family commitments;
- Include, for each of the five districts, accessible communication activities with opportunities for engagement before and after proposed maps are created

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- Leverage the trusted messengers and communities of interest infrastructure used to ensure a complete 2020 census count, Municipal Advisory Councils, Interfaith Networks, and other existing network/neighborhood infrastructure to communicate about how and why to participate in the redistricting process;
- Provide adequate funding and personnel to accomplish these goals in partnership with community volunteers; and
- Provide meeting notices at least two weeks in advance, including notices of applicable Supervisor and Redistricting Committee meetings.

Finally, we recommend that the County establish a citizens redistricting commission or committee with a well-defined role and, further, that this advisory group follow the statutory rules for a Citizens Advisory Commission, namely, excluding any person who is an elected official of the County or a family member, staff member, or paid campaign staff of an elected County official.

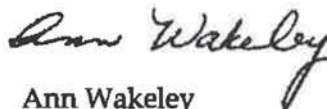
We will promote the use of the *Local Redistricting Checklist: For city and county governments of California*, a Common Cause publication, in assessing the redistricting process.

Thank you for considering these suggestions.

Sincerely,



Scott McKown
Chair, Local Redistricting Committee



Ann Wakeley
President

Attachment: *Local Redistricting Checklist: For city and county governments of California*

Guiles, Anna

From: redistricting@marincounty.org
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 3:59 PM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: New submission from Contact Us

Name

Regina Bianucci Rus

Email

[REDACTED]

Message

I live in Novato but am in the Rodini District 4 Area. This isn't right. My suburban neighborhood has nothing in common with ranches and non-urban neighborhoods in West Marin. On the other hand, the most rural neighborhood in Novato (Indian Valley) is represented by Arnold in District 5. The new maps should be adjusted to adjust the west Novato neighborhoods into Zone 5, and also adjust the Indian Valley neighborhood into Zone 4.

Guiles, Anna

From: redistricting@marincounty.org
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 1:32 PM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: New submission from Contact Us

Name

Leslie Alden

Email

[REDACTED]

Message

This interactive map is a terrific tool.

Following the redistricting guidelines to create boundaries of contiguous communities with shared interests, I have a few suggestions that would make this a more useful process:

- 1) include an overlay that shows the boundaries of all incorporated cities and towns;
- 2) include a topographical overlay that shows natural boundaries, such as ridges, watersheds, and include open space, state and national parks;
- 3) include an overlay of special districts, i.e., school districts, sewer districts, etc.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to participate.

Guiles, Anna

From: redistricting@marincounty.org
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 10:40 AM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: New submission from Contact Us

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Name

Chandra Alexandre

Email

[REDACTED]

Message

Representation of people of color across districts is essential to ensure wellbeing and fairness. Redistricting must ensure elected officials are accountable equally for communities of color and low income.

Guiles, Anna

From: redistricting@marincounty.org
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 4:24 PM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: New submission from Contact Us

Name

Clifford Waldeck

Email

[REDACTED]

Message

I'd like all of 94941 to be included in District 3.

Guiles, Anna

From: redistricting@marincounty.org
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 4:21 PM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: New submission from Contact Us

Name

Lori Schifrin

Email

[REDACTED]

Message

I would VERY MUCH like for you to PLEASE try to put the part of San Rafael that is in District 2 into District 1.
In other words the part that is not in District 4 be moved to District 1.
We very often have the same issues in the area and it becomes cumbersome to have 2 different supervisors and approvals and paperwork, etc. for this part of San Rafael.
Thank you for providing an area for me to make my request. I know I am not alone in wanting this.

If there is anything we/I can do to make this happen please let me know.
Thanks again,

Lori

Guiles, Anna

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 5:24 PM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: Dear Redistricting Committee--I realize it may be a bit of a stretch of the population numbers...

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...yet it sure would be demographically and geographically inclusive thus creating a more cohesive community to have District 3 be composed of these three distinct zip codes.

<https://www.unitedstateszipcodes.org/94920/> 12, 474

<https://www.unitedstateszipcodes.org/94941/> 30, 496

<https://www.unitedstateszipcodes.org/94965/> 10, 847

I look forward to the Ad Hoc Committees' and Board of Supervisors public discourse on Redistricting.

Thank you.

Clifford Waldeck
Former Mayor of Mill Valley and LAFCO Alternate for MCCMC

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Guiles, Anna

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 4:10 PM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: I find the "Draw A Map" page not very user friendly and difficult to understand; it needs a tutorial

<https://redistrictmarin.org/draw-a-map/>

Two different You Tube videos...which one pertains best to Marin County?
One requires a log in to use.

Maybe I'm missing something because I am certainly not a computer expert.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

Clifford Waldeck
Mill Valley

Guiles, Anna

From: Michael Lipman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 6:53 PM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: Homestead Valley should be folded into District 3

Hello Supervisors.

Thank you for seriously considering redistricting. I live in the unincorporated area of Homestead Valley and I would like to strenuously add my voice to redistrict my neighborhood so that it falls under the District 3 umbrella. As an urban "outskirts" of Mill Valley our concerns and needs are vastly different from rural West Marin - our current district.

Over the years our strange "outsider" status has lumped us in with power cutoffs that are specifically targeted to rural West Marin and have nothing to do with the urban nature of Homestead. It's maddening to be without power for 4 to 5 days at a time here in Homestead, then simply drive down to Miller Ave. (literally 1 block away) and the entire city has power. Let's make this right, shall we? Likewise it would be good (and make sense!) for our Supervisor to be the same as Mill Valley proper. Embrace us!

Thank you for considering this redistricting change.

-Michael Lipman
Homestead Valley

Guiles, Anna

From: redistricting@marincounty.org
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 1:05 PM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: New submission from Contact Us

Name

Steven Levine

Email

[REDACTED]

Message

It would make a lot of sense to have all of zip code 94941 in a single district. We have much more in common than being group with areas far noth of us.
Thank you.

Guiles, Anna

From: Suz Lipman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: Redistricting Marin

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to advocate that Homestead Valley and other parts of Mill Valley/ 94941 that are currently in Marin District 4 be reassigned to Marin District 3.

This would result in a district that is more contiguous geographically and in terms of issues and needs than our current one. It would be aligned with the fact that Homestead Valley and similar neighborhoods are currently part of greater Mill Valley /94941, the Mill Valley School District and the Tamalpais Area Community Plan. As such, we should be joined with others in our geographic block and be represented by someone in our immediate area.

As an aside, I believe that Supervisor Dennis Rodoni has been an excellent representative. Despite Homestead being a relatively small outpost at the edge of his sprawling district, Supervisor Rodoni met with the community regularly and he and his aides were always attentive to our concerns. Most of the issues I interacted with his office about involved land use and development.

I am energized by the idea of redrawing Marin Supervisors' Districts in a more logical way and appreciate the Board of Supervisors addressing this issue.

Warmly, Suz Lipman

Suz Lipman
[REDACTED]

"American Stories" Solo Photography Exhibit
O'Hanlon Center for the Arts
<https://bit.ly/americanstoriesphotos>

Guiles, Anna

From: redistricting@marincounty.org
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2021 12:02 PM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: New submission from Contact Us

Name

Kristine Brown

Email

[REDACTED]

Message

Redistributing.: Marin County ,especially west Marin, should be joined to the areas to the north, not with urban areas such as Sf.

Guiles, Anna

From: Maika Llorens Gulati [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 1:09 PM
To: Eilerman, Dan
Cc: Guiles, Anna
Subject: Proxy for Marin County Redistricting hearing around 1:30pm today October 12

Importance: High

Good afternoon!

I am trying to provide public comment today around 1:30 however I have a meeting I can't change at 2:30. Can you include my letter as part of the public comment? Can someone read it?
Thank you very much and hopefully I will be able to do it myself.

Thank you so much!
Maika

Good afternoon!

My name is Maika Llorens Gulati, and I am a former San Rafael City School Board Member, elected District-Wide before the change to Trustees Areas. Last Fall, I was elected to the newly created City Council District 1. My experience moving from representing the entire School District to my Council District have given me a clear perspective on the differences.

My District includes the Canal neighborhood, California Park, Spinnaker Point, Bay Point, portions of Bret Harte, and the Lincoln Avenue Corridor. These are all neighborhoods recognized in San Rafael's General Plan, though the Lincoln corridor is combined with San Rafael Hill. There is a definite community of interest across these neighborhoods. More than half of my constituents are immigrants; they are younger, and earn lower incomes, mostly working in service industries. Three quarters of them rent rather than own their home, and two thirds of my constituents live in multi-family housing.

This District spans Supervisors District 1 and 4, making for a jumbled political representation. I recommend the Board look seriously at adjusting the lines in Central San Rafael so that this community is not split apart including Bret Harte. There is an opportunity to closely align the School District, City Council, and Board of Supervisors jurisdiction to provide better representation to the community I represent.

Thank you very much!

Maika Llorens Gulati
Councilmember, City of San Rafael
[REDACTED]

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Guiles, Anna

From: redistricting@marincounty.org
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 10:43 AM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: New submission from Contact Us

Name

Charles Oldenburg

Email

[REDACTED]

Message

Ever since I moved to Homestead Valley in 1963. I have been active in community affairs: president of the Homestead Valley Community Association, cofounder and president of the Homestead Valley Land Trust, board member of the Homestead Valley Sanitary District, and currently member of the Flood Zone 3 Advisory Board. Since 1963, Homestead Valley has sometimes been in District 3, and sometimes in District 4. I worked with the relevant County Supervisors, but I have always felt that Homestead Valley should be in district 3 with the city of Mill Valley and Tamalpais Valley, where there are common issues. While our current supervisor from West Marin has done an excellent job of serving Homestead Valley, there are many issues, e.g. sea level rise, that require working with Mill Valley and Tam Valley.

Guiles, Anna

From: Michael Bornstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 10:43 AM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: Redistricting Marin - Homestead Valley Voters

I am writing in support of including Homestead Valley in District 3 with the rest of Mill Valley 94941. This would be consistent with the school district and improve community representation at the County Board of Supervisors. Those of us that are in the unincorporated areas of Homestead Valley already lack a voice on the Mill Valley City Council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Bornstein
[REDACTED]

From: marie porti [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox <Redistricting@marincounty.org>
Subject: Redistricting Homestead Valley

Redistricting Marin

Date: October 20, 2021
From: Marie -Louise Porti
Resident of Homestead Valley, Marin County, District 4

Email: [REDACTED]

To: Redistricting 2021
Subject: Redistricting Homestead Valley

Dear Supervisors,

As a 41 year resident of Homestead Valley, I have seen
The complexion of the neighborhood change, as well as its needs.

We need a more local representative. It is unrealistic for
One person to be able to respond to 50,000 people {This is most likely not an up to date number}, in such
a **large** geographic area.

The needs of West Marin, as I have studied, are very different than Homestead Valley.

Density issues affecting, flooding, traffic, school and library services are quite different in Southern Marin and have
changed. All of which I have witnessed first hand.

I live on Reed Creek which borders 2/3 of my property. As the size of houses have grown, there is less land to absorb
water. As a result there is more chance of flooding in the lower portion of the valley. This is an issue of concern that
needs more attention from a local supervisor.

Having a local person who is already involved in this area
Would better serve our community.

I would like to thank Denise Rodini for his service.

Also, Stephanie Moulton Peters, former Mill Valley Councilmember and Mayor, has always including Homestead Valley
as part of the City of Mill Valleys Boards, Commissions, Task Forces and community initiatives.

Thank you for attending to this issue.
Sincerely,
Marie-Louise Porti

Homestead Valley resident.

Guiles, Anna

From: redistricting@marincounty.org
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 6:06 PM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: New submission from Contact Us

Name

Debra Howell

Email

[REDACTED]

Message

I live in San Rafael. I ask that there be one Supervisorial District that includes the Canal neighborhood, the Lincoln Avenue Corridor, and portions of the Bret Harte and Montecito neighborhoods. I believe this is a larger 'community of interest' which includes more than the Canal neighborhood. Representation could be improved if the district lines reflected this. Both the City of San Rafael and the San Rafael School District recognized a larger community of interest when drawing their maps, and the County of Marin should do the same.

While drawing the lines, the Board must consider not only balancing population numbers but also 'communities of Interest' defined by State law as "a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation." This can include income, education, language, immigration status, and housing types.

The San Rafael City Council and School District drew areas that share these characteristics:

- Younger
- Majority immigrant population
- Nearly half have child at home (close to double found in other districts)
- Half have income under 50k (other districts average 30% under 50k)
- Three quarters are renters vs average of 46% across all districts
- Two thirds live in multi-family housing

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Debra Howell

Guiles, Anna

From: C Dorinson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:35 PM
To: Eilerman, Dan
Cc: Guiles, Anna; Kristen Parks
Subject: Re: 10/26 Redistricting Public Hearing Board Letter

Congrats on a nicely done meeting. Very efficient and clear info from Kristen on the background info, how tos etc. And I like the image Dan gave of a "closed system" to help think about this process, that pushing one place results in pulling somewhere else. And, also, the comment from a supervisor about making a smaller number of line changes if and when possible, instead of tweaking in multiple places. This is quite an interesting process.

Cathleen

Guiles, Anna

From: Eli Beckman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 4:04 PM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: Proposed Map: Core Communities

To whom it may concern,

I'd like to submit for your consideration a proposed mapping concept for Marin County's Supervisorial districts.

The link to the map is here: [Core Communities ID: 71483 Marin County Supervisorial Districts from 2020 Blocks Updated 10/27/2021, 6:46:55 PM](#)

Named "Core Communities," this map seeks to create Supervisorial districts based on groupings of communities with the strongest shared connections. Generally described, they are:

- Coastal Communities (Mill Valley, Sausalito, West Marin): these communities follow Marin's Pacific Coast from north to south. Mill Valley and Sausalito are already in the same district based on their community similarities, but both also share many interests and concerns with the communities and protected areas of West Marin (i.e. land management, fire hazard, and coastal flooding).
- Twin Cities + Tiburon-Belvedere: Tiburon and Belvedere are closely intertwined and are already in the same district for obvious reasons, but current maps overlook both the historically strong (and ever-strengthening) ties between the Twin Cities of Corte Madera and Larkspur. Furthermore, Corte Madera and Tiburon are connected by the Ring Mountain Open Space Preserve, a crucial local asset to both communities that links the Twin Cities with Tiburon-Belvedere. All four share both issues of fire hazard and flooding.
- San Rafael: as Marin's foremost city (with a population near the ideal district size) there is already a primarily "San Rafael district" for obvious reasons; this map cleans up and further clarifies that concept.
- Woodland Communities: Fairfax, Sleepy Hollow, and Saint Vincent share common lifestyles and land use patterns, as well as critical fire hazard. Grouping these communities and their environs into a common district allows reflects their common interests and challenges.
- Novato: as Marin's other major city (with a population near the ideal district size) there is already a primarily "Novato district" for obvious reasons; this map cleans up and further clarifies that concept.

This map and narrative are intended to recommend key concepts, but the exact locations of boundaries between districts (at the tract level) have not been carefully considered and are not intended as concrete recommendations.

As a Corte Madera resident and Councilmember, I do feel strongly that Corte Madera, Larkspur (including Greenbrae and Kentfield), and Tiburon-Belvedere belong in the same Supervisorial district. These communities are deeply intertwined both geographically and socially, sharing a common history and common interests.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Eli Beckman
Mayor
Town of Corte Madera



Guiles, Anna

From: redistricting@marincounty.org
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:08 AM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: New submission from Contact Us

Name

Jim Schutz

Email

[REDACTED]

Message

Dear Board of Supervisors - Thank you for this opportunity to comment on your redistricting process. As you know, the City of San Rafael went through a redistricting process only a few years ago (2018) and are doing so again. At this point in your redistricting process, we'd like to communicate the importance of keeping together communities of interest, such as areas with high concentrations of Latinx populations. The City of San Rafael had a similar conversation in 2018 which led the City Council to create District 1 covering the Canal neighborhood area of East San Rafael and also traveling north up the "spine" of Lincoln Avenue to keep communities of interest together. Since your District 4 has a concentration of communities speaking Spanish and other areas of interest such as demography, lifestyle, and place-based issues/needs, should you add population to that District, we would suggest that population come from the Lincoln Avenue area and consider the needs of the Latinx population. Please feel free to reach out to me if any questions or if you need further detail. Thank you again for your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Jim Schutz

City Manager, City of San Rafael

Guiles, Anna

From: Tanya Grasser [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 11:45 AM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: redistricting suggestion for Districts 4 & 5

Hello,

I live in the Pleasant Valley area of Novato. Currently my part of western Novato is in District 4. This boundary doesn't feel correct because I'm more a part of Novato than I am of West Marin.

Is it possible to move the boundary west to Stafford Lake, so that all of the more populated parts of Novato are in District 5?

Thank you,
Tanya Eckert Grasser
[REDACTED]

Guiles, Anna

From: Zachary Richard Griggy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:56 PM
To: Redistricting 2021 Inbox
Subject: Draft Map Submission
Attachments: Marin_ZRG_Map_1_BlockAssignment.xlsx; Marin_ZRG_Map_1.zip

To whom it may concern,

I'd like to submit my first draft map (ZRG Map 1) for discussion at the Nov. 9 meeting. This map aims to move Homestead into District 3 and fix the current split of the San Marin neighborhood by moving Indian Valley into District 4. Areas of improvement for future drafts include the proposed boundaries in the Twin Cities area and central San Rafael.

I've attached a shapefile and block assignment file below. Please let me know if you have any questions or if any issues arise.

Best regards,

Zachary R. Griggy