# HELP SHAPE SONOMA COUNTY'S FUTURE



The Sonoma County
Board of Supervisors are
an elected government
body that sets the
direction for and
oversees all aspects of
the County's operations.

Every 10 years, Sonoma County must redraw its five County Board of Supervisor district boundaries using new Census data – this process is called redistricting. The new election lines determine which communities are placed in each supervisorial district, and voters within each district will elect one of their own as County Supervisor.

Redistricting balances population counts within each supervisorial district to ensure equal representation. It ensures our diverse communities are fairly represented and have a voice at the decision-making table.

#### **Draw New District Boundaries for Sonoma County**

The Sonoma County redistricting process is happening **now**, and we need **your** help to draw the new district boundary maps. We need your input on the neighborhoods and communities that should remain together to elect a County Supervisor. You can submit maps of neighborhoods or sketch an entire countywide map of Supervisorial districts.

### Why should I get involved?

Sharing your unique point of view will help ensure our diverse communities are fairly represented by the County Board of Supervisors. These elected representatives impact our day-to-day lives by affecting the taxes we pay, the food we eat, the air we breathe, community safety, assistance programs and so much more.

## Are there guidelines for drawing maps?

In accordance with federal and state law, district lines must be drawn pursuant to a set of strict criteria, which can be reviewed in more detail on the County's redistricting website. Ultimately, all district lines must meet requirements for population equality and voting rights protections.

### How can I get involved?

The County will be holding a series of public meetings to receive public input on where district lines should be drawn. A schedule of these public meetings is posted on the website and on the reverse side of this fact sheet.

You can also draw district boundaries by using our paper and online mapping tools by visiting the website. Public comments can also be submitted to redistricting2021@sonoma-county.org.



#### **Sonoma County Redistricting Public Meeting Schedule**

An Advisory Redistricting Commission (ARC), made up of residents like you, is advising and assisting the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors (BOS) with redrawing supervisorial district boundaries. Both the Commission and Board of Supervisors are gathering community input during public meetings to make sure everyone's voice is heard and included.

Sonoma County residents are invited to participate and provide input during any and all of the following meetings:

- June 28, 2021 @ 4 PM

  ARC Meeting Redistricting Overview
- July 26, 2021 @ 4 PM ARC Meeting - Redistricting Overview
- August 23, 2021 @ 6:15 PM
   ARC Public Hearing Redistricting overview, input on communities of interest and mapping tools training
- September 1, 2021 @ 4 PM
   ARC Meeting Redistricting Map-Drawing Training
- September 13, 2021 @ 4 PM ARC Meeting Equity
- September 15, 2021 @ 4 PM
   Virtual Town Hall-Overview of the process and how the public can provide input
- October 5, 2021 @ 9 AM
   BOS Public Hearing Review of new Census data
- October 18, 2021 @ 4 PM
   ARC Meeting Introduction of draft maps
- October 22, 2021 @ 4 PM
   ARC Meeting Public feedback on draft maps
- October 25, 2021 @ 4 PM
   ARC Meeting Narrow/prioritize map options
- November 2, 2021 @ 9 AM
   BOS Public Hearing Review ARC focus maps
- November 16, 2021 @ 9 AM
   BOS Public Hearing Preferred map and modifications
- December 7, 2021 @ 9 AM
   BOS Public Hearing Introduce ordinance to adopt district map
- December 14, 2021 @ 8:30 AM
   BOS Public Meeting Adopt ordinance/district map

Spanish interpretation will be provided at all meetings. Requests for ASL and other languages will be accommodated if made at least three working days (72 hours) in advance of the scheduled meeting date.



