



**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda Item No.**

(ID # 17271)  
**MEETING DATE:**  
**Wednesday, September 22, 2021**

**SUBJECT:** EXECUTIVE OFFICE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Riverside County 2021 Redistricting Update. All Districts [\$0]

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Case Number(s): N/A

Environmental Type:

Area Plan No.

Zoning Area/District:

Supervisorial District: All Districts

Project Planner: Rania Odenbaugh

Project APN(s):

Continued From:

  
John Hildebrand, Planning Director 9/16/2021

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION**

Riverside County 2021 Redistricting Update; All Districts.

**PROJECT RECOMMENDATION**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**THAT THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADVISORY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION(S):**

1. Receive and file the Executive Office Technical Committee's (EOTC) updates on the status of the dissemination of Redistricting Data and the County's redistricting schedule.

**PROJECT BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

**Background:** Redistricting is the process by which Supervisorial District boundaries are drawn every 10 years to ensure each district has an equal number of residents.

Under state law, the Board of Supervisors may establish, by resolution, ordinance or charter amendment, an independent redistricting commission, a hybrid redistricting

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commission, or an advisory redistricting commission composed of residents of the County to change the Board's district boundaries.

Elections Code 23002 applies to Advisory Redistricting Commissions. It states in relevant part, "(b) Notwithstanding any other law, the local jurisdiction may prescribe the manner in which members are appointed to the commission; (c) A person who is an elected official of the local jurisdiction, or a family member, staff member, or paid campaign staff of an elected official of the local jurisdiction shall not be appointed to serve on the commission; (d) A local jurisdiction may impose additional requirements or restrictions on the commission, members of the commission, or applicants to the commission in excess of those prescribed by this section."

On November 17, 2020, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors established the 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission by resolution, which is the existing Planning Commission for the County of Riverside and is a Brown Act body of five members selected by the Board of Supervisors. Each of the Planning Commissioners are residents of the County with one Planning Commissioner from each Supervisorial District. The Planning Commission receives support through the County of Riverside Planning Department and meets on Wednesdays within the county.

The 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission receives direct support through a Technical Committee established by the Executive Office, which is comprised of the five Chiefs of Staff for each Supervisorial District, as well as staff from County Counsel, the Executive Office, Riverside County Information Technology Department, Registrar of Voters, and the Transportation Land Management Agency, among others.

In prior census years, data collection was complete by July of the census year. However, due to challenges in collecting data posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Census Bureau extended data collection to October 2020. In addition, during prior census and redistricting cycles, the Census Bureau has released data to the states by April of the year following the census. This year, the Redistricting Data is expected to be released by September 2021, nearly five months later than prior redistricting cycles. The significant delays on the release of data by both the federal and state governments have created a very tight timeline for local jurisdictions to complete the redistricting process, which by law must be complete by no later than December 15, 2021, to allow for those districts to be ready for use in the June 7, 2022 primary election.

Since the last update provided to the Advisory Redistricting Commission on August 18, 2021, progress has been made on the dissemination of the Redistricting Data to the state and local governments. Today, the EOTC is presenting an update on the

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Redistricting Data and the impact to the County's redistricting schedule that was previously presented in August.

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