



# ADVISORY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP

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## SUMMARY MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP AGENDA

Hybrid Meeting – In-person and via Zoom

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 6:30pm

Sheriffs Community Room  
5200 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz

Attend Meeting by Internet: <https://zoom.us/j/92519338521>  
(Webinar ID: 925 1933 8521)

Attend Meeting by Conference Call: Dial 1 (669) 900-9128

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### HYBRID MEETING PROCESS

Pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, and upon the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors and the County Health Officer, public meetings and workshops convened by the Santa Cruz County Advisory Redistricting Commission will be in a hybrid format, so attendance can be virtually by teleconference or in-person. If you attend in person, a mask is required. Meeting content will be recorded and placed on the Santa Cruz County Redistricting 2021 website for reference.

**Public Workshop Agenda Materials** are available for review in person at the office of the Clerk of the Board, Government Center, 5th Floor, 701 Ocean Street, Rm 520; and electronically on the County's Redistricting website, at: [www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021](http://www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021).

**Public Comments** on agenda items can be made on the County's Redistricting website at [www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021](http://www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021). Comments must be received before 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting to be included with agenda materials. Comments received after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday and before 4:00 p.m. on the day of the workshop will be included in the minutes record. For additional information, call the County Administrative Office at 454-3400 (TTY/TDD call 711). If attending via Zoom, public comment can be made using the link provided to access a Zoom-based meeting, or by calling the telephone number provided on the agenda.

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**1. Roll Call**

**Present:** Commissioners: O’Neil, Reyes, Mosher, Vice-Chair Radin and Chair Watkins

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

This is an opportunity for Advisory Redistricting Commission members present and staff to introduce themselves and give an overview of the agenda.

**3. Staff Presentations**

- A. Redistricting Basics: Presentation on the fundamentals of redistricting, the new legislative environment guiding redistricting in 2021, what is (and isn’t) a community of interest, and a timeline for the redistricting work ahead.
  
- B. Redistricting Software: Introduction to the software available to capture Communities of Interest via a form and mapping tool located on the County’s redistricting website; an overview of Census data for redistricting including the two-phase release of the data; and a preview of the web-based redistricting software that will allow the public to create their own maps.
  
- C. Census Data for Redistricting: Presentation on the Preliminary 2020 Census data for redistricting, a timeline for final redistricting data, and an opportunity for Commissioner discussion.

**Presented**

**The commission discussed**

- Census population data and distribution
- Effects of COVID pandemic and UCSC student population on 2020 Census count
- Current redistricting legislative criteria
- Division of cities between districts and representation

**4. Communities of Interest Exercise**

Testimony on communities of interest, which determine how neighborhoods or communities might be grouped together for the purposes of elections, will be taken through a mapping exercise and storytelling. Opportunity will be provided to members of the public attending the workshop in-person and online to share how they think district boundaries should be drawn to best represent their communities.

**Presented**

**5. Public Comment**

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on any item listed on today’s agenda or a topic not on the agenda provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Please note that the Commission is not able to take actions or engage in discussion on any item that is not on today’s agenda. Such items may be referred to staff for follow up or placed on a future agenda. Each speaker will be permitted a maximum of three minutes each, with a maximum of 30 minutes set aside for this period.

No public comment

## **6. Reports and Announcements**

This is an opportunity for Commissioners and Staff to provide updates on Public Workshops and Public Hearings, an update on what's happening at the State and local level, and any items associated with redistricting that may be of interest.

There were no announcements.

## **7. Adjournment**

Public Workshops will be noticed on the redistricting website at least five days in advance of the meeting at [www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021](http://www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021)

Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.