

Sacramento Redistricting Affects Our Community

Sacramento County Board of Supervisor District Boundaries must be redrawn every 10 years using US Census data to make 5 Districts as equal in population as possible. To learn more about the redistricting you can follow this link:

<http://www.elections.saccounty.net/Redistricting/default.htm>

The community participated in the redistricting process April, May and June 2011, resulting in 5 Draft Plans. The 5 Draft Plans were presented to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors July 26, 2011. As a result of the meeting Draft Plans B and E (and a newly presented Draft Plan F) were selected to be reviewed again August 9. To learn more about the Draft Plans you can follow this link:

http://www.elections.saccounty.net/ElectionInformation/SAC_VRE_DF_Draft_Plans

California Elections Code states that consideration must be given to factors including geography, contiguity, and communities of interest within the districts. Districts should recognize other political or geographic boundaries when possible; reflect the core of existing districts; be compact and contiguous; and preserve local communities of interest based on cultural, ethnic, and socio-economic similarities.

Given the considerations stated above individuals who participated in the Draft Plan process show overwhelming support for Draft Plan E. Public testimony demonstrated overwhelming support for Draft Plan E. Labor organizations have demonstrated their support for Draft Plan E and on July 26, 2011 the UPE Local #1 Board of Directors voted to officially support Draft Plan E.

One of the major benefits of Plan E is that none of the county's cities or communities is divided by the boundary lines. District 3 Supervisor Susan Peters the most vocal critic of Plan E complains that District 3 would not have a city within the boundaries however; UPE Local #1 as well as other supporters do not believe this truly is an issue. Please understand as the lines are redrawn voter bases change, some may become more neutral, conservative or liberal. Therefore the elected Supervisors have a vested interest to sway things their way – which may not be in the best interest of county residents.

August 9, 2011 @ 2:15pm the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will revisit Plans B, E and F as well as modifications to them. There is a strong need for individuals that reside within the Sacramento County to support Plan E. We also need individuals within Supervisorial District 3 (Susan Peters) to be present to testify that Plan E best preserves Sacramento Counties geographic boundaries, local communities and socio-economic similarities. We strongly urge you to attend the meeting.

If you are unsure which Supervisorial District you live in please use the following link:

http://www.saccounty.net/coswems/groups/public/@wcm/@pub/@cos/documents/webcontent/sac_003556.pdf