

July 31, 2021, 10am- Redistricting Workshop- Public Comments

- Johanna Coronado
 - Would like to have hands on public workshops in a place like the library where the public can get assistance in real time when they are trying to draw on the virtual maps.
 - Also, would like the website to differentiate workshops from public meetings.
- Lori Pesante
 - Would like to have additional promotion of the redistricting process in multiple languages so that it can increase community engagement in the process.
 - Would like to get notifications regarding outreach programs as her foundation as well as other CBO's have not received any information on the redistricting process.
 - Remote communication is not working properly and both conference ID's for English and Spanish are only providing information in English.
 - Would like to look into increasing participation in non-English-speaking languages.
 - Appreciates the clarification that the presentation provided in terms of voting rights act and communities of interest.
- Jesus Garcia
 - The kern County Board of Supervisors does not currently reflect the ethnic makeup of Kern County and would like the Board to take that into consideration when drawing new districts.
 - Would like training sessions for the district R mapping tool as well as downloadable pdf maps be available to the public.
 - When the PDF maps become available, would like them to be in a color-blind pallet so the color blind can see the colors properly.
- Teresa Macias
 - Would like an interpreter team that is better prepared for the community because not everyone is hearing about the redistricting meetings due to lack of public outreach.
 - She believes that many people were not counted in the 2020 census because they were afraid, and they will be excluded from the districts.
 - Would like districts drawn according to the needs of each community.
- District 1 citizen (name was cut off)
 - Her community of interest was split up in the last redistricting and she does not have much in common with the district that she was put in.
 - Concerned that the demographics in kern county has changed, but the representation on the Board of Supervisors has not changed and they do not reflect the communities that they serve.
 - Hopes that the new redistricting will better represent the population of Kern County.
- Lori Pesante
 - Would like the community of interest of the mountain communities in Kern County to be recognized and represented as a whole, distinct community by someone who does not live on the county floor.
- Troy Hightower
 - Identify a community of interest California Ave south to Brundage lane. And Chester Ave east to south king street which is past or east of union Ave (which also includes union Ave.
 - Concerned with the technical difficulties with trying to make a phone testimony.

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- Ivan Sandoval
 - Would like the mountain communities to be in one geographical district.
 - Mountain communities have different needs than residents on the county floor and it is unfair for each to be fighting over representation.