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## Press Release

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## BOARD TO CONSIDER REDISTRICTING PLANS

After numerous public meetings and extensive public input, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors will consider several final maps and plans to redraw County supervisorial districts at its Nov. 16, 2021, meeting.

Posted as "Preliminary Final Maps for Redistricting" on the County's Redistricting 2021 site under "Mapping & Data," the proposals seek to adjust county supervisorial boundaries to account for population changes within the districts and preserve communities of interest. To view the maps, go to <a href="http://santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021.aspx">http://santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021.aspx</a>.

Every ten years, local, State and federal governments undergo a redistricting process based on decennial U.S. Census data. The Board will take public testimony on several proposed changes, including those offered by individual community members. The redistricting process has been overseen by the Advisory Redistricting Commission, but final map approval is the responsibility of the Board of Supervisors.

The proposed changes to the current supervisorial districts may impact the Apple Hill neighborhood in Watsonville, the East Harbor neighborhoods in Santa Cruz, the city of Scotts Valley (currently split among two districts along Highway 17), or the Midtown area of Santa Cruz between Harbor High school and Branciforte Middle School including an adjacent pocket down Water Street.

The public hearing will be held at 10:45 a.m. in Board Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, 5th Floor. Residents may participate in-person or online. A Zoom link will be available on the regular agenda once posted on Thursday, November 11 at <a href="http://santacruzcounty.us/Government/BoardofSupervisors.aspx">http://santacruzcounty.us/Government/BoardofSupervisors.aspx</a>. Click on "Meetings & Agendas".