

To: Board of Supervisors
From: County Administrative Office

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Set Public Hearing on Redistricting in Humboldt County on November 16, 2021

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Clerk of the Board to:
 - a. Schedule a public hearing with a scheduled time-set on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at _____, to review draft supervisorial district boundaries and to hear public testimony regarding Redistricting in Humboldt County.
 - b. Post and publish the attached pre-hearing summary at least five (5) days in advance of hearing.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund (1100)

DISCUSSION:

Elections Code 21500 requires the Board of Supervisors schedule no fewer than four public hearings at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of one or more supervisorial districts. As this hearing will be combined with a regular meeting of the Board that includes other substantive agenda items, it is required that the public hearing shall begin at a fixed time regardless of its order on the agenda, except that the Board may first conclude any item being discussed or acted upon, including any associated public comment, when that time occurs.

In addition, the time and date of the public hearing shall be noticed to the public at least five days in advance of the hearing. A draft map shall be published on the internet for at least seven days before being adopted as a final map by the board provided that, if there are fewer than 28 days until the deadline to adopt boundaries, the draft map may instead be published on the internet for at least three days. As such, all draft supervisorial district maps will be posted on the county redistricting webpage following this timeline.

Staff recommends scheduling the public hearing for Tuesday, November 16, 2021. The requested actions complete the public notice process for that hearing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to scheduling the public hearing. Doing so will ensure the county is able to adopt final Supervisorial District Maps by the State mandated deadline of December 15, 2021.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by fostering transparent, accessible, welcoming and user friendly services , fostering transparent, accessible, welcoming and user friendly services and by providing community-appropriate levels of service.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board may choose to not set a public hearing, however that option is not advisable as the 2021 redistricting process is an essential part of holding participatory, representative elections and has project requirements and deadlines for completion established by government code.

ATTACHMENTS:

Summary of Public Hearing Notice
Elections Code 21500

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: G-3, L-2, I-1, I-1, I-1
Meeting of: 6/07/2011, 6/21/2011, 3/16/2021, 7/13/2021, 7/20/2021
File No.: 16-3965, 16-3900, 21-273, 21-873, 21-1018