

Supervisors set to decide on redistricting

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The Del Norte County Board of Supervisors will make its final vote about how to redistrict supervisorial districts Dec. 14.

A few weeks ago, the Advisory Redistricting Commission created four draft maps based on the 2020 Census, and one of those drafts must be approved and submitted to the redistricting commission by Dec. 15.

During previous workshops, most members of the public and a majority of the supervisors expressed support for the first of four draft maps because it most closely resembles current district boundaries.

“I believe that map series one would give residents near equal representation,” Henry Geiger, a resident of District 5, stated in a letter that was read into the record at the last workshop.

“I just want to reiterate that I think map series one is the best,” agreed Karen Sanders. “If it’s not broken, don’t fix it. I also think that with map three - the poor supervisor would have to be at every place all the time and it would be too much.”

Draft map three encompasses the communities of Klamath, Gasquet, and Hiouchi. Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation, the Yurok Tribe, Resighini Rancheria and Elk Valley Rancheria are also all in one district

“As you know, the school board is looking at redistricting as well, and map series 3 - that’s just a huge thing and I would probably suggest not adopting/using that map,” said Angela Greenough, who represents District Two and is president of the Del Norte Unified School District Board.

Greenough added that she believes the communities of north and south Del Norte are different from one another, and “as we know, even with schools those are just two completely different areas. At the end we are all Del Norte’s, but they have different needs and different land issues,” Greenough said.

The public will be able to provide more input at the Dec. 14 meeting, which will be held at 11 a.m. at the Flynn Administrative Center located at 981 H Street in Crescent City. Zoom and Web meeting links can also be found at the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors website. The proposed maps and additional information can be found at <https://www.co.del-norte.ca.us/departments/redistricting>.