



# Redistricting Advisory Commission

## Humboldt County

### AGENDA

Monday, October 4, 2021

10:00 AM

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the Redistricting Advisory Commission meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

Instructions for Listening and Participation can be found at the end of this agenda.

- A. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
- B. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- C. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
- D. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - 1. Approval of 9.29.2021 Action Summary
  - 2. Staff Updates
  - 3. Community of Interest (COI) Testimony

Documents:

[RAC Action Summary Aug 25, 2021.pdf](#)  
[RAC Action Summary September 29, 2021.pdf](#)  
[Executed Resolution No. 21-91 - Approved 9.14.2021.pdf](#)  
[PalmerABC - REDISTRICTING.pdf](#)  
[Rice, Jack - FW\\_ Redistricting Comments to Advisory Committee.pdf](#)  
[WatkinWay - redistricting.pdf](#)

### E. **ADJOURNMENT**

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825 5th St., RM 112, Eureka, CA 95501

## **TO LISTEN OR WATCH THE REDISTRICTING ADVISORY MEETING:**

You may access the live stream of the meeting in two ways:

1. Via Web: <https://humboldtstate.zoom.us/j/87444370420>

2. Via Phone:

Dial: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 301 715 8592

Webinar ID: 874 4437 0420

## **TO SHARE PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE MEETING:**

Participate in the public comment period of the meeting in the following two ways:

1. Via Zoom:

“Raise your hand” by clicking the Raise Hand icon/button on the bottom of the Zoom window. When you click the Raise Hand icon, a hand icon will appear next to your name that will notify the host your hand is raised. You will also see the hand button turn green. When you want to lower your hand, you can click the hand icon/button again and your hand will be lowered. When you are called upon to speak the Zoom platform will ask you for permission to unmute your mic. If you encounter any issues, please use the call-in option below.

## 2. Via Phone:

Join the meeting as listed above. When the Commission Chair starts to discuss the item you wish to comment on, Press \*9 to raise your hand. When you are called upon to speak, you will be prompted to unmute your mic. Follow those instructions and begin your comment.

## **TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT IN ADVANCE:**

To submit public comment to the Redistricting Advisory Commission in advance of a meeting, please email [cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us) and provide your name, the agenda item number(s) and/or topic on which you wish to make comment. If you do not have access to email, a voicemail may be left at 707 445-7266. Be sure to include the details listed for emailed public comments. All public comment submitted after the agenda has been published will be included with the administrative record after the fact.

**Redistricting Advisory Commission  
Humboldt County  
Action Summary  
Wednesday, August 25, 2021  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Zoom**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

***Commissioners in Attendance:** Lisa Russ, Roman Rubalcava, Camilla Zapata, Brian Mitchell, Lisa Dugan*

***Staff Present:** Neftali Miller-Rubio, Senior Administrative Analyst, Humboldt County Administrative Office*

***Contracted Staff Support:** Dawn Arledge, Executive Director, California Center for Rural Policy; Devin Flynn, Research Analyst, California Center for Rural Policy*

***Training Session Presenters:** Paul Mitchell, President, Redistricting Partners; Sophia Garcia, GIS & Outreach Director, Redistricting Partners*

**A. SOLUTE TO THE FLAG**

**B. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**D. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Approval of 8.18.2021 Action Summary**

***Recommendation:** Approval of 08.18.2021 RAC Action Summary*

*A motion was made by Commission Member Lisa Dugan, seconded by Commission Member Roman Rubalcava that the RAC Action Summary be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:*

*Aye: 5- Lisa Russ, Lisa Dugan, Roman Rubalcava, Camilla Zapata, Brian Mitchell*

## 2. Staff Updates

- The agenda item focused on reducing the quorum from 3 to 4 members will be routed today for the Board of Supervisors calendar for September 14th.
- CCRP has finished creating a flyer outlining the Outreach Workshop dates.
- CCRP plans to create a second flyer outlining the different methods of public input.

The Commission made the following requests to staff:

- Agendize discussion on public input following the first draft of the supervisorial district map.

The Commission made the following requests to CCRP:

- Send the Commission the finalized Outreach Workshop flyer.
- Have the Public Input flyer ready to send to the Commission by the middle of next week.

## E. TRAINING SESSION

### 1. Communities of Interest / DistrictR - *Redistricting Partners*

Sophia Garcia

## F. ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting Adjourned: 11:08am**

### **Meeting Recording:**

<https://humboldtstate.zoom.us/rec/share/WYfy21JozKNXmVfGciTf67a10yNDVYdGgGBeKjO3pXnICIMhr27fm8KI-eL0kN96.WY0m776YzzA6fmlp>

**Redistricting Advisory Commission  
Humboldt County  
Action Summary  
Wednesday, September 29, 2021  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Zoom**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

*Commissioners in Attendance: Lisa Russ, Roman Rubalcava, Camilla Zapata, Brian Mitchell, Lisa Dugan*

*Staff Present: Neftali Miller-Rubio, Senior Administrative Analyst, Humboldt County Administrative Office*

*Contracted Staff Support: Alannah Smith, Program Manager, California Center for Rural Policy*

*Training Session Presenters: Liz Stitt, Redistricting Partners; Chris Chaffee, Redistricting Partners*

**A. SOLUTE TO THE FLAG**

**B. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**D. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Approval of 8.25.2021 Action Summary**

*Recommendation: Approval of 08.25.2021 RAC Action Summary*

*A motion was made by Commission Member Roman Rubalcava, seconded by Commission Member Brian Mitchell that the RAC Action Summary be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:*

Aye: 5- Lisa Russ, Lisa Dugan, Roman Rubalcava, Camilla Zapata, Brian Mitchell

**2. Staff Updates**

- The Board of Supervisors approved the Redistricting Advisory Commission's request to change the quorum from 4 to 3 members.

- The California Center for Rural Policy (CCRP) will be taking over the staffing duties for RAC meetings. County of Humboldt Administrative Office staff will still be present in meetings to help answer questions for the County.

### 3. Outreach Update

- CCRP completed 4 Redistricting Community Outreach Workshops via Zoom. A summary of the Community of Interest (COI) public testimony shared during the workshops was sent to RAC members and will be available on the Redistricting website soon.
- CCRP will continue outreach through community partners and local media outlets.

The Commission made the following requests to staff:

- Follow up with the Humboldt County Library to ensure that the paper mapping tool is available for pickup at all branches.
- Check that links to meeting recordings are all working properly

## E. TRAINING SESSION

### 4. Presentation of Census Redistricting Data & Public Submission of COI Maps- *Redistricting Partners*

The Commission made the following request to Redistricting Partners:

- Have data on rental units in Eureka available to share at the next meeting.

***Recommendation:*** Hold a special RAC meeting on Monday, October 4 at 10 am to allow more time for discussion on COI testimony to help inform the maps that Redistricting Partners will be drafting.

*A motion was made by Commission Member Camilla Zapata, seconded by Commission Member Roman Rubalcava that the recommendation for a special meeting on October 4 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:*

Aye: 5- Lisa Russ, Lisa Dugan, Roman Rubalcava, Camilla Zapata, Brian Mitchell

## F. ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting Adjourned: 11:48 am**

**Meeting Recording:**

<https://humboldtstate.zoom.us/rec/share/cXp8934bQZ3EenQHfgG6N4mVqIXKGwhcGgbkRXxmEy6yEwJtDNMH7dilz2RZ-BQ.l8buGk2onTTHCIlo>

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
Certified Copy of Portion of Proceedings for the Meeting of September 14, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 21-91

RESOLUTION OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING THE  
RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION

**WHEREAS**, following each decennial census, and using that census as a basis, the Board of Supervisors (Board) must adjust supervisorial district boundaries within the County so that the supervisorial districts remain substantially equal in population, as required by the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, in adopting the supervisorial district boundaries, the Board shall use the criteria set forth in California Elections Code section 21500 and following—including the recent amendments implemented by Assembly Bills 849 and 1276 and Senate Bill 1108—and such boundaries shall comply with the Unities States Constitution, the California Constitution, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, California Elections Code section 23001 allows the County to establish by resolution a Redistricting Advisory commission composed of residents of the County to recommend to the Board changes to the supervisorial district boundaries; and

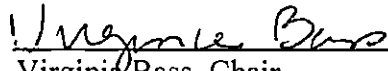
**WHEREAS**, on July 20, 2021, the Board adopted Resolution 21-76 establishing the Humboldt County Redistricting Advisory Commission (RAC) and adopting Rules and Procedures therefore; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board now wishes to amend the RAC Rules and Procedures which were adopted as an attachment to Resolution 21-76, as set forth below.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Humboldt County Redistricting Advisory Commission (RAC) Rules and Procedures are amended so that three members of the RAC shall comprise a quorum, as set forth in the attached RAC Rules and Procedures, which are incorporated as though set forth in full herein.

Dated: September 14, 2021

  
Virginia Bass, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Wilson, Seconded by Supervisor Bushnell, and the following vote:

AYES: Bohn, Bushnell, Wilson, Bass, Madrone

NOES:

ABSENT:

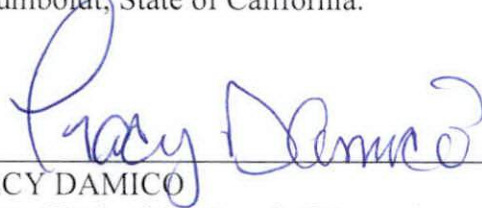
ABSTAIN:

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
County of Humboldt

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**Certified Copy of Portion of Proceedings for the Meeting of September 14, 2021**

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors. KATHY HAYES Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tracy Damico", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and includes a large initial "T" and a stylized "D".

TRACY DAMICO  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Humboldt, State of California

## Miller-Rubio, Neftali

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**From:** County Administrative Office  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 2:32 PM  
**To:** Miller-Rubio, Neftali  
**Subject:** FW: REDISTRICTING

**From:** SLM <palmerabc391@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:34 AM  
**To:** County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Subject:** REDISTRICTING

The needs of our Rural Communities are vastly different from any of the incorporated areas of Humboldt. It doesn't matter if it is Kneeland, Bridgeville or So Humboldt the interests of these communities are much more aligned with each other than say the City of Arcata. I ask that the committee consider this when looking at the maps.

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## Miller-Rubio, Neftali

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**From:** County Administrative Office  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2021 9:52 AM  
**To:** Miller-Rubio, Neftali  
**Subject:** FW: Redistricting Comments to Advisory Committee

**From:** Jack Rice <jayellarr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 4:43 PM  
**To:** County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Redistricting Comments to Advisory Committee

Redistricting Advisory Committee:

Sunday evening (9/26), I listened to most of the redistricting advisory committee meeting but was unable to comment at the time. Thank you for the information on redistricting and for providing the opportunity to comment. Hopefully you will be able to consider these email comments as you work on redistricting recommendations.

I am a resident in the semi-rural area just north of Fortuna. Like others at the meeting, I believe rural communities throughout Humboldt County have very different interests than urban areas of the County. Rural voters generally have very different perspectives on issues like county road maintenance, public safety, fire protection, agriculture, and economic development opportunities than voters in the most urban parts of Humboldt County. Because of this, I encourage the Advisory Committee to put rural areas together so their voice is not lost.

When considering the differences between rural and the most urban areas, it is worth considering that communities like Ferndale and Fortuna, for example, do fit pretty well with the surrounding rural areas. In contrast, cities like Arcata and Eureka are the most urban areas (not SFO but urban for Humboldt) have very little in common with rural areas. I encourage the Committee to consider this when making mapping recommendations and work to make sure the voice of rural voters is not lost to overwhelming urban interests.

It isn't my personal community of interest, but one issue that resonated with me when I heard it on the call was the idea of connecting the residents in the West part of Eureka that rent with the residents of Arcata, many of whom also rent. It makes a lot of sense to connect this community of interest in a district.

Thank you for considering these comments. I was really impressed with the ideas I heard at the advisory committee meeting. I believe that if some of the ideas mentioned could be implemented (the population and mapping sounds complicated) it would really help align the interests of our communities better.

Thanks for all your work!

Jack

## Miller-Rubio, Neftali

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**From:** County Administrative Office  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 2:32 PM  
**To:** Miller-Rubio, Neftali  
**Subject:** FW: redistricting

**From:** WAT LM <watkinway124@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:50 AM  
**To:** County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Subject:** redistricting

With the majority of the west side of Eureka being made up of residents that rent their homes, it makes sense to align this area of Eureka with Arcata. Our needs for public transportation and other services are a much better fit for this district, and our community interests are far more similar with Arcata than the rest of Eureka. There is a lot of value in these two areas being combined and I would like to see this considered as the redistricting committee moves forward.