

MEDIA RELEASE
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**Kern County invites community to provide input on redistricting process at
Kern County Board of Supervisors meeting**

This year, Kern County will undergo the process of redistricting in accordance with the 2020 U.S. Census data. Redrawing district lines to reflect Kern's current population is vital to ensuring each district is representative of the constituents that live therein.

On Tuesday, October 26, 2021, during the Kern County Board of Supervisors meeting, an item will be heard on the redistricting process, including a presentation of four draft maps. They can be viewed [here](#). Community members, stakeholders, and organizations are invited to attend. Kern County recognizes its obligation to residents and values accessibility to Kern's community when it comes to this complex conversation.

- **Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 3:00 p.m.**
 - In-person public redistricting hearing before the Kern County Board of Supervisors.
 - Communities of interest are invited to provide testimony and input on this process.
 - Location: Kern County Board Chambers, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA, 93301
 - Spanish translation will be available.

Another way to participate in the redistricting process is by drawing maps or submitting your feedback via email at redistricting@kerncounty.com, leaving a voice comment at (661) 868-3139, or providing input through Kern County's Redistricting Feedback Form on the website listed below.

The public is also encouraged to practice utilizing the County's map-drawing software by using the online District R map drawing tool. Please visit districtr.org/tag/kern_county to draw desired districts or communities of interest. For information on how to use the software, you can visit our YouTube channel [here](#).

If you prefer, paper maps can be scanned and submitted to redistricting@kerncounty.com OR dropped off at any Kern County Library during their regularly scheduled hours of operation.

Lastly, members of the public are encouraged to fill out a Community of Interest Form to also be considered in the redistricting process. A Community of Interest (COI) is a group of people that share common social or economic interests, live in a geographically definable area, and should be included within a single district for purposes of effective and fair representation in future elections.

Please visit the County's redistricting website at www.kerncounty.com/government/2021-redistricting-menu for more information.

Please contact Ally Triolo at (661) 308-6805 for additional questions.