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Supervisory District Lines Advisory Commission Launches First Hearing on Wednesday, Aug. 25

Redwood City – The San Mateo County Supervisory District Lines Advisory Commission will hold the first in a series of meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021.

This first meeting launches a months-long public process to hear from the community about district boundaries for electing the Board of Supervisors for the next decade. The agenda is posted on <https://smcdistrictlines.org/> under the schedule tab.

The public is invited to attend via Zoom or by telephone. Details, including how to request live translation, are below.

“We invite all of our residents to participate in this once-a-decade opportunity,” said Board of Supervisors President David J. Canepa. “At the end of this process, we will be looking at adjusting the boundaries for our five supervisory districts. We want to ensure the boundaries reflect what you, our residents, consider your neighborhoods and your communities of interest.”

Redistricting: What it is

Every 10 years, local governments use new data from the [U.S. Census Bureau](https://www.census.gov/) to review their district lines to ensure each district has roughly the same number of people.

State law requires cities and counties to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and doing public outreach, including to underrepresented and non-English-speaking communities. This effort is led by the Supervisory District Lines Advisory Commission.

The Board of Supervisors, on Aug. 3, 2021, appointed 14 San Mateo County residents to serve on the commission. The 14 were recommended for appointment by a panel representing local chapters of the League of Women Voters following an extensive recruiting process. The League is expected to recommend a 15th and final member as soon as possible.

Once the 15th member is appointed, the commission will consist of three members from each of the five supervisorial districts. The commission will hold a series of public meetings over the coming months and then recommend a map or maps for consideration by the Board of Supervisors, which must adopt a final map on or before Dec. 15, 2021.

This first meeting will include an overview of the process and some of the tools that will be available for residents to draw their own districts for submission to the advisory commission.

Meeting Information

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Hearing

Zoom Webinar Link: <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/94471406745>

Zoom Webinar ID: 944 7140 6745

Dial-in: 669-900-6833

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Website

All materials and information about the work of the commission and the process will be available at <https://smcdistrictlines.org/>.

