

Presentation to the North Fair Oaks Community Council May 27, 2021

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## **Background**

- San Mateo County is divided into five supervisorial districts that are roughly equal in population (approximately 147,000 in 2013).
- Under state and federal law, the Board must ensure that the County's Supervisorial districts remain substantially equal in population based on data from the 2020 federal census
- The Board of Supervisors has formed a Commission—The Supervisorial District Lines Advisory Commission—to advise it on supervisorial districts.
- The Commission will recommend draft district boundaries to the Board, which will then adopt a final map by approximately Nov. 2021.
- The Commission will hold a number of public hearings across the County before recommending a final map to the Board.

## **Commission Application Process**

- Commission will consist of 11 commissioners
  - All residents of San Mateo County eligible, regardless of voter eligibility
  - https://cmo.smcgov.org/districtlines
- This is a once-a-decade opportunity to help influence district boundaries that reflect new population data and demographic changes.
- → Applications due by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021.

## **Selection Process**

- All applications will be reviewed by the League of Women Voters
- The selection process will prioritize applicants associated with good government, civil rights, civic engagement, and community groups or organizations that are active in the County, including those active in language minority communities
- → Goal of forming a Commission with membership that is geographically diverse and consistent with the County's emphasis on valuing diversity, equity, and inclusion

## **Process Cont'd**

- The League of Women Voters will recommend candidates for the Commission to the Board of Supervisors, which will make the final selection at a public meeting.
- The Board is expected to select 11 residents to serve on the Commission, plus one or more alternates.