



# County of Santa Cruz

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Agenda: April 17, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
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Dear Members of the Board:

### **Redistricting of Supervisorial Boundaries**

On March 27, 2001, your Board directed staff to return on April 17, 2001 with information on the 2000 census population of each Supervisorial District. Your Board also directed staff to return with a list of election contests requested by Board members for use in determining communities of interest for the redistricting process. And you requested that staff return with a review of the process of assigning population to census blocks and precincts, based on proportional geographic distribution.

### **Numerical Equality**

Section 21500 of the Elections Code states that "following each decennial federal census, and using that census as a basis, the board shall adjust the boundaries of any or all of the supervisorial districts of the county so that the districts shall be as nearly equal in population as may be...". According to the 2000 Census data, the County of Santa Cruz has a population of 255,602. The target for numerical equality for each district is the total population divided by 5, or 51,120. The following table illustrates the census population for each Supervisorial district, and shortages or excesses, as compared to the target population.

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**Table 1**

| District          | Population Target | Census Population | Over/Under Population Target |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>   | 51,120            | 49,297            | (1,823)                      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 51,120            | 47,325            | (3,795)                      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | 51,120            | 47,178            | (3,942)                      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>   | 51,120            | 57,196            | 6,076                        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 51,120            | 54,606            | 3,486                        |
| County Population |                   | 255,602           |                              |

### **The Process of Proportionate Geographic Distribution**

As discussed in our report of March 27<sup>th</sup>, the method approved by the Board to allocate population where census blocks are split by Supervisorial boundaries, and where census blocks are intersected by precinct boundaries is to assign population consistent with the proportional geographic area.

There are 3,625 census blocks in the County, and of those 68 that had population were intersected by Supervisorial district lines. The geographic method of allocating population was employed for those 68 blocks, which accounted for 14,648 of the County's total population of 255,602. Maps and information demonstrating this process will be displayed at your meeting.

### **Election Contests**

Staff provided your Board with a master list of election contests that have been held since 1992, and asked Board members to choose the contests that would be helpful to determining communities of interest for the redistricting process. In total, about 125 contests have been forwarded to staff by the Board offices. The contests requested are attached for your reference (Attachment 1). Staff is in the process of evaluating how best to address the differences in how voter precincts have been consolidated election year to election year, and how best to schedule the approximately 62 hours required to convert the data to the mapping software. Contest results for these elections will be provided by precinct in a report format for use in the redistricting process.

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## Next Steps

Mapping staff has begun the process of allocating population to the **County's voter** precincts, As you know, the one representative from each Supervisorial District has been added to the Staff Working Group. The newly constituted group had its first joint meeting on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Staff is in the process of developing a calendar of meetings that would coincide with the Redistricting **timeline** that was adopted by your Board on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The public meetings that your Board requested be held in North County and South County have been scheduled, and they will be noticed to the public. The first will be at your regular meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Board Chambers, and the second will comprise the evening schedule of your regular meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Watsonville City Council Chambers will be the location for the evening meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

It is recommended that your Board accept and file this report on the Redistricting process.

Very truly yours,



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County Administrative Officer

cc: Information Services  
Planning  
County Clerk  
Assessor

| List of County-wide Elections for Redistricting Process |                                      |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Date  | Contest Name                         | Contest Description  |
| <b>7-Nov-00</b>   | <b>Presidential General Election</b> |  |
|   | President                            |  |
|   | US Senator                           |  |
|   | U.S. Representative                  | 15th & 17th Districts  |
|   | State Senator                        | 15th District  |
|   | State Assembly                       | 27th & 28th District   |
|   | Boards of Education                  | County, Cabrillo, West Valley, SLV, PVUSD, SC City, Aromas, Live Oak, Pacific, Soq Union |
|   | County Supervisor                    | Second District  |
|   | District Attorney - 2yr Term         |  |
|   | City of Santa Cruz Council           |  |
|   | City of Scotts Valley Council        | Long & Short Terms   |
|   | City of Watsonville, 1, 2 & 6        |  |
|   | Water Districts                      | SLV, SV, Soquel Creek, PVWMA   |
|   | Prop 36                              | Durges - Probation and Treatment   |
|   | Prop 38                              | School Vouchers  |
|   | Measure T                            | City of SC District Elections  |
|   | Measure U                            | City of SC Util Tax for Homeless   |
|   |                                      |  |
| <b>7-Mar-00</b>   | <b>Presidential Primary Election</b> |  |
|   | Presidential Primary                 |  |
|   | US Representative Primary            | 15th and 17th Districts  |
|   | State Senator Primary                | 15th District  |
|   | State Assembly Primary               | 27th and 28th Districts  |
|   | District Attorney Primary 2yr Term   |  |
|   | County Supervisor                    | 1st District   |
|   | County Supervisor                    | 2nd District   |
|   | County Supervisor                    | 5th District   |
|   | Prop 12                              | Parks Bond   |
|   | Prop 13                              | Safe Drinking Water  |
|   | Prop 21                              | Juvenile Crime, Punishment Increase  |
|   | Prop 22                              | Definition of Marriage   |
|   | Central Committee                    | Democratic Party, District 3   |
|   | Central Committee                    | Republican Party, Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  |
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| <b>3-Nov-98</b> | <b>Consolidated General Election</b> |  |
|                 | Governor                             |  |
|                 | Lt Governor                          |  |
|                 | Insurance Commissioner               |  |
|                 | US Senator                           |  |
|                 | US Representative                    | 15th & 17th Districts                          |
|                 | State Assembly                       | 27th & 28th District                           |
|                 | City of Santa Cruz Council           |  |
|                 | City of <b>Scotts</b> Valley Council |  |
|                 | City of Watsonville                  | Districts 3, 4, 5 & 7                          |
|                 | Measure E                            | PVUSD Bond                                     |
|                 | Measure G                            | SC City Bond - Greenbelt                       |
|                 | Measure I                            | City of Watsonville Utility Tax for Telephones |
|                 | Measure K                            | PV Water Management Initiative                 |
|                 | Measure L                            | Pajaro Valley Water Agumentation Fee           |
|                 |                                      |  |
| <b>2-Jun-98</b> | <b>Consolidated Primary Election</b> |  |
|                 | Governor - Primary                   |  |
|                 | US Senator - Primary                 |  |
|                 | US Representative - Primary          | 15th & 17th Districts                          |
|                 | State Assembly - Primary             | 27th & 28th District                           |
|                 | County Superintendent of Schools     |  |
|                 | County Supervisor                    | 3rd District                                   |
|                 | County Supervisor                    | 4th District                                   |
|                 | District Attorney                    |  |
|                 | Sheriff Coroner                      |  |
|                 | Republican Party Central Committee   | 1st Sup District                               |
|                 | Prop 225                             | Limit Congressional Terms/Constitutional Amend |
|                 | Prop 226                             | Political Contributions by Employee Unions     |
|                 | Prop 227                             | English Language in Public Schools             |
|                 | Measure A                            | PVUSD Bond                                     |
|                 | Measure D                            | Pajaro Valley Water Agency Initiative          |
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| <b>5-Nov-96</b>  | <b>Consolidated Presidential General Election</b> |   |
|                  | President & Vice President                        |   |
|                  | US Representative                                 | 15th & 17th Districts   |
|                  | State Senator                                     | 15th District   |
|                  | State Assemblymember                              | 27th & 28th District  |
|                  | County Supervisor                                 | 2nd District  |
|                  | City of Watsonville                               | Districts 1, 2 & 6  |
|                  | Prop 204  | Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Bond   |
|                  | Prop 208  | Campaign Contributions & Spending Limits - Restricts Lobbyists                                      |
|                  | Prop 209  | Prohibition Against Discrimination & Preferential Treatment by State and other public entities      |
|                  | Prop 210  | Minimum Wage Increase   |
|                  | Prop 212  | Campaign Contributions and Spending Limits - Repeals Gift and Honoraria Limits, restricts lobbyists |
|                  | Prop 215  | Medical Use of Marijuana  |
|                  | Prop 218  | Voter Approval required for local government taxes - limits fees, assesment, charges                |
|                  | Measure B   | County Library Sales Tax  |
|                  | Measure D   | City of Watsonville Mobilehome Rent Stabilization   |
|                  | Measure E   | City of Scotts Valley Utility Users Tax   |
|                  | Measure G   | SLV Unified School District - Continuation of parcel assessment -advisory vote                      |
|                  |   |   |
| <b>26-Mar-96</b> | <b>Consolidated Presidential Primary</b>          |   |
|                  | Presidential Primary                              |   |
|                  | US Representative Primary                         | 15th & 17th Districts   |
|                  | State Senator Primary                             | 15th District   |
|                  | State Assembly Primary                            | 27th & 28th District  |
|                  | County Supervisor                                 | 1 st District   |
|                  | County Supervisor                                 | 2nd District  |
|                  | County Supervisor                                 | 5th District  |
|                  | Prop 193  | Property Appraisal Exception - Grandparent  |
|                  | Prop 197  | Wildlife Protection Act - Moutain Lions   |
|                  | Prop 203  | Public Education Facilities Bond Act  |
|                  | Measure C   | Santa Cruz Fire Dept Binding Arbitration  |
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| <b>8-Nov-94</b> | <b>Consolidated Gubernatorial General Election</b> |  |
|                 | US Senator   | Feinstein's seat                                     |
|                 | US Representative                                  | 15th & 17th Districts                                |
|                 | State Assembly                                     | 27th & 28th District                                 |
|                 | Pajaro Valley Unified School Dist.                 | Trustee Areas 5 & 7                                  |
|                 | County Supervisor                                  | 3rd District run-off (Wormhoudt v. Hopkins)          |
|                 | County Sheriff/Coroner                             | run-off (Tracy v. Aluffi)                            |
|                 | City of Watsonville – Councilmember                | Districts 3, 4, 5, 7                                 |
|                 | Prop. 181  | Clean Air Bond (Rail Bonds)                          |
|                 | Prop. 184  | Increase Sentences (Three Strikes)                   |
|                 | Prop. 187  | Illegal Aliens (SOS)                                 |
|                 | Measure L  | County Library Sales Tax                             |
|                 | Measure Q  | Watsonville Charter Amendment, Appt. of Mayor        |
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| <b>7-Jun-94</b> | <b>Consolidated Gubernatorial Primary</b>          |  |
|                 | Governor - Primary                                 | Dem; Rep; AIP; P&F; Lib; Green                       |
|                 | U.S. Senator - Primary                             | (Feinstein's Seat) Dem; Rep; AIP; P&F; Lib; Green    |
|                 | US Representative - Primary                        | 15th & 17th Districts (Dem. & Rep.; Green–17th only) |
|                 | State Assembly - Primary                           | 27th & 28th District (Dem & Rep; Lib – 27th only)    |
|                 | County Supervisor                                  | 3rd District   |
|                 | County Supervisor                                  | 4th District   |
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| <b>2-Nov-93</b>  | <b>Consolidated Special Statewide Election</b> |   |
|                  | State Assembly 27th District                   | Special Run-Off to Replace Sam Farr   |
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| <b>31-Aug-93</b> | <b>Special Primary Election</b>                |   |
|                  | US Representative 17th District                | Special Run-Off Election to Replace Leon Panetta  |
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| <b>13-Apr-93</b> | <b>Special Primary Election</b>                |   |
|                  | US Representative 17th District                | Special Election to Replace Leon Panetta  |
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| <b>3-Nov-92</b>  | <b>Presidential General Election</b>           |   |
|                  | President                                      |   |
|                  | US Senator (Full Term)                         |   |
|                  | US Senator (Short Term)                        |   |
|                  | US Representative                              | 15th & 17th Districts   |
|                  | State Senator                                  | 15th District   |
|                  | State Assemblymember                           | 27th & 28th Districts   |
|                  | County Supervisor                              | 2nd District  |
|                  | County Supervisor                              | 5th District  |
|                  | Prop 157                                       | Toll Roads Highway Construction Amendment   |
|                  | Measure A                                      | Medical Marijuana Initiative  |
|                  | Measure E                                      | City of Watsonville Charter Amendment - Mobilehome Rent Stabilization                         |
|                  | Measure F                                      | City of Watsonville Charter Amendment - Companion to Measure E, Mobilehome Rent Stabilization |

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