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County of Imperial Seeks Applicants for 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission

June 25, 2021 – The County of Imperial seeks applicants for the 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission to begin the redistricting effort of redrawing the County's five supervisorial district boundaries as required after every decennial census. The Board of Supervisors has established the formation of a 5-member commission to hold public hearings and mapping sessions, collect community input, and recommend to the Board of Supervisors possible changes to the supervisorial district boundaries. Applications are due no later than 5:00 P.M., July 16, and can be accessed online at <https://imperialcounty.org/>.

Redistricting occurs every 10 years after the U.S. Census is completed. District boundaries for federal, state and local elected offices are redrawn to reflect new population growths and equalize district populations.

"The members of this Advisory Commission will serve a critical role in gathering community feedback as they develop updated district boundaries and draw mapping that ensures fair representation across our County," stated Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Michael W. Kelley.

The redistricting process framework, approved by the Board on July 22, takes into consideration unusual time constraints faced during this decennial census. The U.S. Census Bureau is expected to finish processing 2020 Census data by September 30, 2021, which is six months later than the original anticipated date of completion and significantly reduces the timeframe for district map updates.

Taking into consideration the time constraints, the County Executive Office, Registrar of Voters, and Clerk of the Board will be providing the necessary staff assistance to ensure the following: the appointment of Advisory Commission members, scheduling and holding public hearings and mapping sessions in each of the five supervisorial districts, and conducting Board review and adoption. Per state law, redistricting must be completed no later than December 15, 2021, and be in place before the next election cycle, so that candidates and voters know in which district they reside.

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ELIGIBILITY

Individuals interested in serving as a 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commissioner must meet specific qualifications, which include:

- Must be a registered voter in Imperial County.
- Must not be an elected official of the County, or a family member, staff member, or paid campaign staff of an elected official of the County.
- Must have the ability to serve from July through December 2021 and participate in all meetings of the Commission.
- Must not be a candidate for an elective office of the County or serve as an appointed officer of the County (including service on another board or commission).
- Must possess experience that demonstrates the ability to comprehend and apply the applicable State and Federal legal requirements.

Applications for the 2021 Redistricting Advisory Commission can be accessed online at <https://imperialcounty.org/>. Request paper applications by emailing linseydale@co.imperial.ca.us.

GET INVOLVED

During the redistricting process, community members will have many opportunities to participate, including:

- Apply to be a member of the 2021 Redistricting Advisory Commission.
- Attend and speak at the 2021 Redistricting Advisory Commission's meetings.
- Submit maps electronically with proposed supervisorial district boundaries.
- Advocate throughout the process for the district you want or the district map you prefer.

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