

MEDIA RELEASE
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Kern County invites community to participate in redistricting process and a public hearing

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.

Next week, Kern County will hold a **redistricting public hearing** and is asking community members, stakeholders, and organizations to attend. Kern County recognizes its obligation to residents and values accessibility to Kern's community when it comes to this complex conversation.

- **Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**
 - Hybrid of in-person and virtual public hearing to educate the public on the redistricting process and public mapping tools and receive testimony from communities of interest.
 - Location: Kern County Board Chambers, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA, 93301
 - View on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/officialkerncounty>
 - Or call in (audio only): **1 (831) 296-3421**
 - Enter Phone Conference ID: 995 496 641#
 - For Spanish Translation, Enter Conference ID: 231 968 088#

Another way to participate in the redistricting process is by drawing maps. The United States Census Bureau will deliver the demographic information essential to the redistricting process by September 30, 2021.

Before that date, the public is encouraged to practice utilizing the County's map-drawing software by printing the provided maps using the online District R map drawing tool. Please visit districtr.org/tag/kern_county to print files and draw desired districts.

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 <https://www.kerncounty.com/government/2021-redistricting-menu> for more information.

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