

REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Amador County Administration Center, Board Chambers
810 Court Street, Jackson, California
Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call:
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of September 29, 2021 Agenda
4. Approval of September 1, 2021 Minutes
5. Public Matters Not on the Agenda
6. Complete COI Review
7. Discussion of Survey Committee Summaries
8. Other Items/Questions/Agenda Items for Next Meeting
9. Adjournment

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Amador County Redistricting Advisory Committee

MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, September 1, 2021
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California

The Redistricting Advisory Committee of Amador County met at the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California, on the above date pursuant to adjournment, and the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Present on Roll Call:

Keith Sweet, District I, Chairman, Regular Member
Wayne Garibaldi, District I Regular Member
Dana Jorgensen, District I, Alternate Member
Patti Fisher-Misuraca, District II Regular Member
Robert Enyeart, District II, Alternate Member
Stephanie Thompson, District III, Regular Member
Andy Byrne, District IV, Regular Member
Bruce Baracco, District IV, Regular Member
Jan Houghton, District IV, Alternate Member – attended via ZOOM
Don Dowell, District V, Regular Member
Tom Patten, District V, Regular Member
Anne Heissenbuttel, District V, Alternate Member

Staff: Chuck Beatty, Director of Planning
Ruslan Bratan, Planner
Heather Peek, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Absent: Charles T. Iley, County Administrative Officer
Katya Anderson, District III, Vice-Chairman, Regular Member

REGULAR SESSION: At approximately 6:00 p.m., the Committee convened into regular session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Keith Sweet led the Committee and the public in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Discussion items only, no action to be taken. Any person may address the Committee at this time upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the Amador County Redistricting Advisory Committee; however, any matter that requires action may be referred to staff and/or Committee for a report and recommendation for possible action at a subsequent Committee meeting. Please note - there is a **three (3) minute limit per person**.

There were no public comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Review and possible approval of the September 1, 2021 agenda.

ACTION: Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

MOTION: It was moved by Andy Byrne, District IV, seconded by Wayne Garibaldi, District I, and unanimously carried to approve the September 1, 2021 agenda.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 18, 2021 MINUTES: Review and possible approval of the August 18, 2021 Minutes.

ACTION: Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

MOTION: It was moved by Andy Byrne, District IV, seconded by Robert Enyeart, District II, and unanimously carried to approve the August 18, 2021 Minutes.

REVIEW SUBMITTED AND MAPPED COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST: Chairman Sweet suggested to the committee members not to be too rigid since it depends on where the populations lie when the new census arrives and that some boundaries will change. The committee members reviewed and discussed a number of communities of interest (COI) maps the committee had submitted thus far, starting with Amador Pines. Mr. Reinoehl, District IV resident, stated, via ZOOM, that Amador Pines consists of a total of five units, some of which fall in both District III and V. Mr. Dowell, District V committee member mentioned there may be five sub developments that are to be broken up, but that may be untrue because they may already be. Mr. Dowell went to say that if the committee is going to break it up now with individual subdivisions as they were built, then the committee will need more information on the geographical boundaries. Chairman Sweet asked if Amador Pines should be considered as one group and Mr. Byrne replied that when you have a community that is one large subdivision that has brackets of the subdivisions, and you also have one neighbor across the street that a different supervisor; some people have the feeling that they don't have the same kind of representation. Ms. Brown, District IV resident, stated via ZOOM, that Amador Pines has been talked about and it shouldn't be in two districts and would be more realistic if it were to fall in District III. The committee moved on to the next COI, as Buckhorn. It was determined it is already a census designated area. Mr. Byrne, District IV committee member, added it might be expanded in some areas and that it's tagged, so if a line is going through, there'd be something to work with. Hearing no comments, the committee moved onto the COI of Bonnefoy, which was declared as a small neighborhood to itself bounded by Highway 88 and New York Ranch Road, falls into District I. Mr. Enyeart, District II committee member, spoke on the COI of Buena Vista as drawn, even if the boundary is a little larger and if it went beyond Highway 88 that it would still be represented as District II. With no comments, the committee spoke on Burke Ranch and their plan to keep the spheres of influence (SOI), because the city of Plymouth has eyes on those extra pieces of property. Chairman Sweet added that it doesn't affect Burke Ranch at all and won't be expanded. For the COI of Butte Mountain, Mr. Dowell, District V committee member said it will overlap with the Electra COI which has been identified. Mr. Byrne, District IV committee member, added there's one real large block that has a very small number of people on the Butte Mountain side and not on the Electra side. Mr. Garibaldi, District I committee member, stated both of these COI's are likely to remain in District I; the size and exact dimensions are not important at the moment. Next on the list was the COI of Comanche and Mr. Byrne, District IV committee member, mentioned that it's one giant community with several little communities inside of it; which can become a challenge. Mr. Enyeart, District II committee member, referenced Butte Mountain and that Comanche isn't likely to deviate from District II, yet the three areas probably all identify as their own COI, but the larger community made up of by the small parts; he doesn't see them moving anywhere. Mr. Dowell, District V committee member said that it's smaller to the south or smaller to the north, which would be Willow Springs or Comanche and that one of them would go. Mr. Enyeart, District II committee member, said he'd agree with that assessment but that District I is also likely to shrink. Mr. Byrne, District IV committee member, added that this will become very critical when the committee does start drawing the lines. Ms. Fisher-Misuraca, District II committee member also mentioned the committee will have to keep in mind that Comanche identifies as Ione and that could be troublesome because their address is Ione. Mr. Byrne stated that is the crux of the issue

that the committee will be dealing with because there will be portions that will end up in a different district because of how the population lays out and that is going to be the final decision the Board will have to make. Chairman Sweet added that Comanche North Shore will be combined with Comanche Village. The committee went on to discuss the COI of Carbondale. Chairman Sweet assumed one of the boundaries is Carbondale Road. Mr. Bratan, Amador County Planner, replied that within this COI there is Moriah Heights and Willow Creek. Ms. Fisher-Misuraca, District II committee member, said she believes a lot of those residents identify with the Plymouth side. Mr. Dowell, District V committee member, added that since there are three communities in Carbondale, and the committee isn't splitting it up, that we don't need the other two designated communities. For the COI of Climax it was determined that Toyon Road is already encompassed with another COI making it larger than it needs to be. Mr. Dowell, District V committee member, added that it's close to the Pine Grove community. Mr. Byrne stated knows people that live on Toyon Road that consider themselves Pine Grovians. Ms. Houghton, District IV committee alternate member, chimed in via ZOOM that she knows people who have lived on Climax Road and that they do in fact consider themselves Pine Grovians. Mr. Reinoehl, District IV resident, via ZOOM said he also knows people on the upper end of Climax Road and that consider themselves in Pine Grove. Chairman Sweet mentioned one of the redistricting committee requirements is that we're not supposed to have boundaries like that. Climax would encompass this section that's called Toyon Road. Mr. Byrne said that he agrees, but that there's no road connection so that was why he didn't map it. At this time, Chairman Sweet thanked Mr. Bratan for all his work. For the COI of Clinton, Mr. Garibaldi, District I committee member asked if it was all in District I. The answer was yes. Mr. Byrne indicated he'd mapped this COI last week it was one that was listed, although not clear, he included in Jackson Pines and separated it out as a placeholder because he don't know the area well. Given that it's an alternate route to Highway 88, it makes it a through traffic pattern, which would give it a sense of community. If Highway 88 shuts down, that's all the traffic that goes through there and there wouldn't be a common aspect. Mr. Patten, District V committee member, commented on the COI of Dry Creek and that it's more geographical in regards to land uses and topography. Mr. Patten, District V committee member, went on to discuss the ridges of Shakeridge and Fiddletown Road and everything going down into the Dry Creek valley which includes the Rancheria creeks and the core interest in maintaining the open lands and wildfire mitigation. Mr. Dowell, District V committee member, said there are a number of COI's that will overlap. There were no changes on the COI for Drytown. The next COI on the list was Eagles Nest and Chairman Sweet said that based on the census blocks it doesn't appear to be split up easily. Mr. Byrne mentioned it is on an edge of boundaries of District II and District III, a boundary we know will happen. Ms. Fisher-Misuraca, District II committee member, stated it's another area, although small, that definitely is unique to one another with their airplane community and is a COI and doesn't know how far their airstrip runs, but there's a portion of Eagles Nest that associates with both Ione and Plymouth and need to stay together. The COI of Electra had no changes. Mr. Patten, District V committee member reflected on the COI of Fiddletown and the people along Fiddletown road up to Brockman Mill and Del Monte Estates all identify with Fiddletown. Mr. Byrne, District IV committee member said Fiddletown is a broad, cultural area where people with large properties would identify with more in the wild lands. Mr. Patten, District V committee member, stated several group community leaders live in Brockman Mills. Mr. Byrne commented that the COI Gayla Manor butts up against with the COI of Homestead and with the census blocks, Homestead has a large chunk that would really be part of the Gayla Manor COI. Initially it was mapped smaller, because he was plotting Homestead in as well, but since then, he could map them separately although they now overlap. Ms. Heissenbuttel, District V committee alternate member, discussed Grinding Rock 2 being drawn bigger than she intended, stating it goes from Grass Valley Creek along the Pine Grove end towards Sutter Creek and almost up to the Volcano COI and also from Pine Grove Volcano Road all the way out to Mitchell Mine road. Ms. Heissenbuttel, District V committee alternate member went on to say it's a subset of the original Pine Grove COI, but was broken out because residents really do associate with the park in that regional area. Mr. Byrne, District IV committee member, suggested using her COI since it's the larger one. He also mentioned the COI of Homestead in reference to Gayla Manor are two different places but have a census block that goes in between them; they don't connect together and wouldn't have a problem lumping them together and putting Homestead into Gayla Manor, although it would need to be remapped it to include it. Ms. Thompson, District III committee member asked if any of the residents from Gayla Manor and Homestead identify themselves as Pioneers or Pine Grovians and added for the maps that she proposed, she placed them in District III. Mr. Byrne, District IV committee member said he knew people who identified their COI as Pine Grove but

can't speak for anyone else. Chairman Sweet announced there were still a number of COI's to go through and asked all committee members to review and make their comments so they can run through them quicker at the next meeting. Chairman Sweet also added that now the committee knows the procedure and what they're thinking of looking at, that they'll be able to see that some of these are subsets in relationships to others. Mr. Reinoehl, District IV resident added via ZOOM, that he knows people who live in the general area of Gayla Manor and they do see themselves in District IV and that lumping them with Homestead may not be the right thing to do. Chairman Sweet thanked Mr. Reinoehl for his comment and said the committee would take it into consideration as they go along. Chairman Sweet also mentioned he'd like two volunteers to work together on the survey compilation (prior to next meeting 9/29) with Ms. Houghton, District IV committee alternate member. Ms. Heissenbuttel, District V committee alternate member and Robert Enyeart, District II committee member, volunteered to coordinate together with Ms. Houghton.

UPDATE ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING TIMELINE: Mr. Byrne brought this item forward and wanted to go over time schedule and where the committee was on the process. Chairman Sweet stated he'd inquired on if the Board of Supervisors had any discussions on what their timeline may be and what this committee needs to provide to them so they can make their decision. Chairman Sweet said he'd reviewed the minutes from previous Board meetings and this hasn't been discussed as of yet. Chairman Sweet also added, that as a review for everybody, the committee's drop dead date for giving the Board something is November 15, 2021. Chairman Sweet announced the committee can't publish a draft until three weeks after they've received the prison numbers locations which will be by the end of October. Mr. Garibaldi, District I committee member stated his interest on reaching out to Sacramento and El Dorado Counties to see to see what their reaction to the deadline(s) are and if they have a different plan.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE: Mr. Byrne, District IV expressed his concern and importance on committee member attendance and wanted to make sure every area of the County was being looked at and not missed. Chairman Sweet added that he'd had Ms. Peek do an attendance count and sent that on to the supervisors.

ADJOURNMENT: Until Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

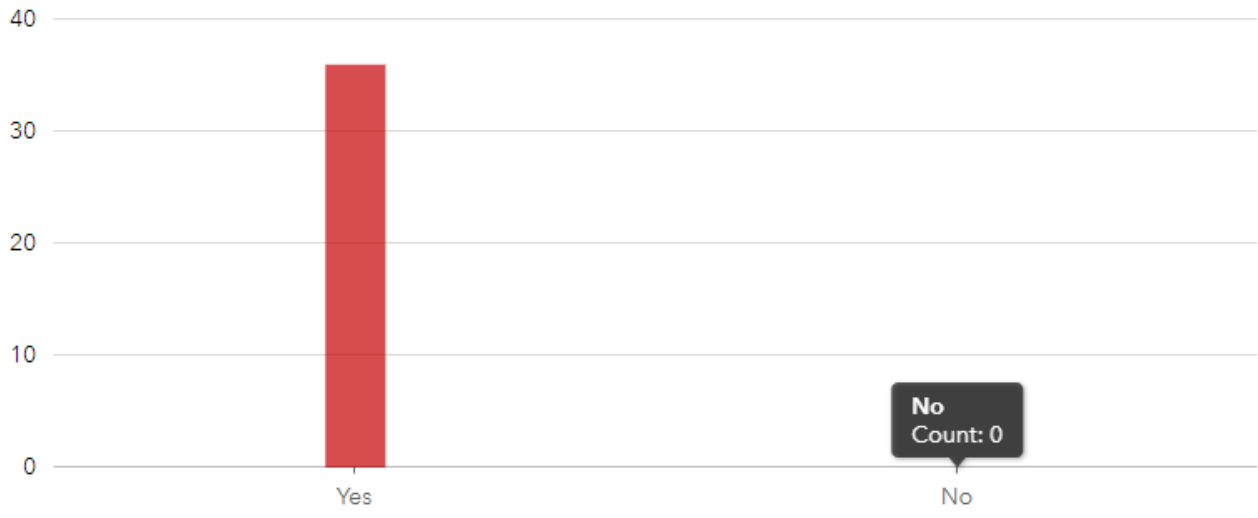
Keith Sweet, Chairman, Redistricting Advisory Committee

ATTEST:

HEATHER PEEK, Deputy Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California

● Are you a resident of Amador County?

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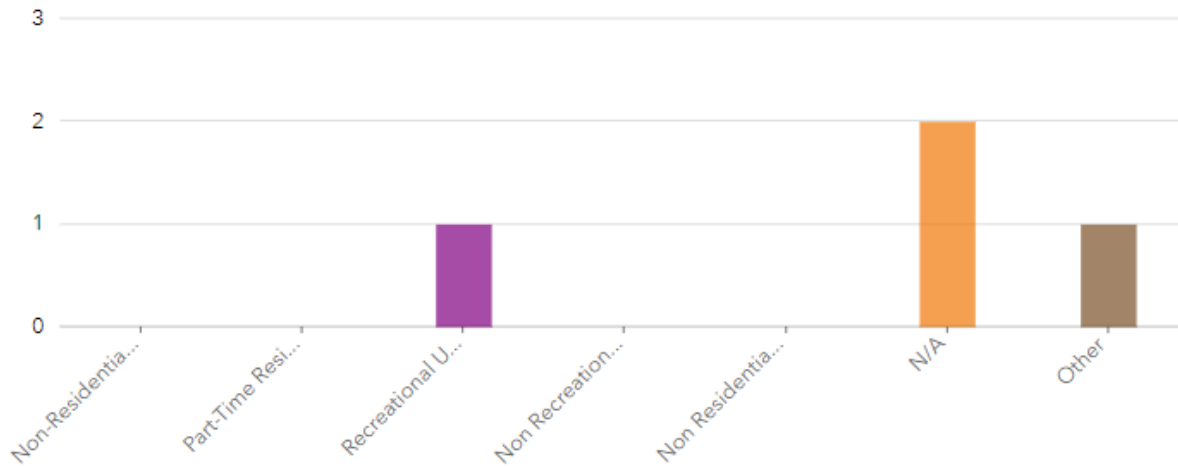
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	36	92.31%
No	0	0%

Answered: 36 Skipped: 3

● If not a resident of Amador County, what relation do you have to Amador County?

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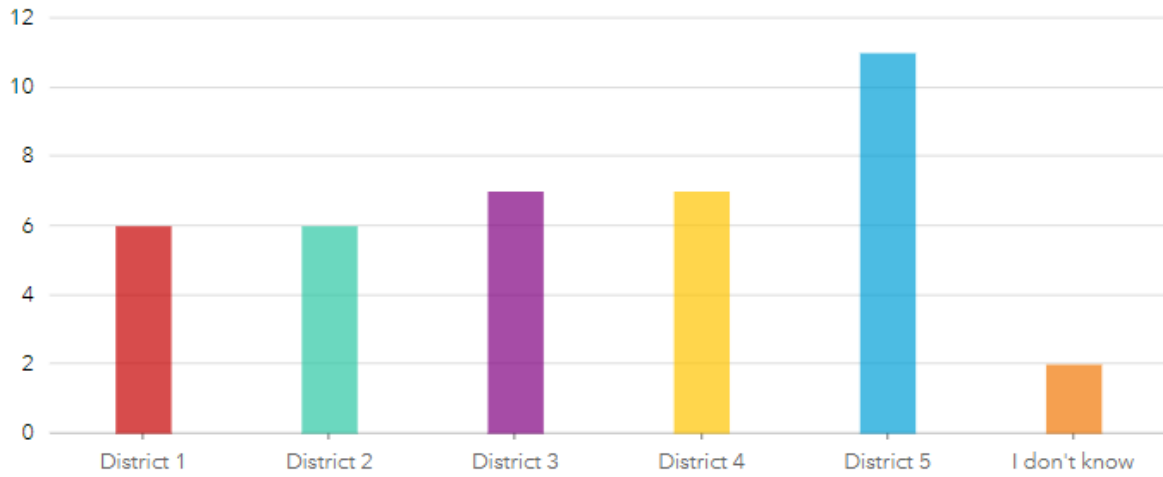
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Non-Residential Landowner	0	0%
Part-Time Resident	0	0%
Recreational User	1	2.56%
Non Recreational User	0	0%
Non Residential Businessperson	0	0%
N/A	2	5.13%
Other	1	2.56%

Answered: 3 Skipped: 36

• Which Supervisorial District do you live in?

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Answers	Count	Percentage
District 1	6	15.38%
District 2	6	15.38%
District 3	7	17.95%
District 4	7	17.95%
District 5	11	28.21%
I don't know	2	5.13%

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0

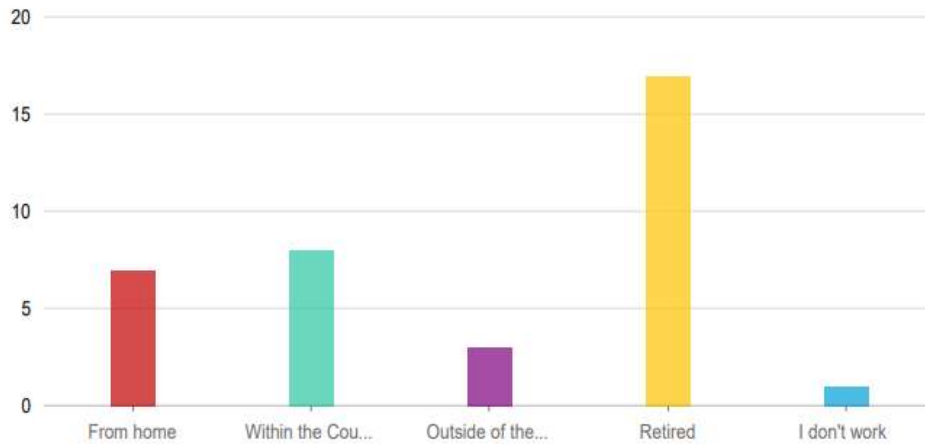
Town of Fiddletown - in town, not outlying regions	1
Small rural town	1
Sierra Vista Subdivision, Pine Grove	1
Rural.	1
Rural, best community in Amador, but sliced and diced by district lines. 4 districts in my community.	1
Rural Volcano	1
Raylan Drive to Patricia Lane. West Upper Sutter Creek.	1
Pine Grove	1
Pine Acres	1
Outskirts of town.	1
Older part of lone, residential with renters and owners	1
My small subdivision is adjacent to Indian Grinding Rock SHP, which is a central feature in our neighborhood. Surrounding subdivisions include permanent residences, summer cabins, and small farms. Open space is a key feature of the neighborhood, with IGR and BLM lands nearby. My mailing address is Pine Grove, but Indian Grinding Rock park is my landmark and identifying feature.	1
MT. ZION - Off Hwy 88 LAND:Older development (1950-1960) A "ridge"(west) and "non-ridge" (east) side.Small to large parcels.Forested. Gravel or chip and seal driveway access to most homes. UTILITIES: No public water or waste water.Homes host private propane tanks.Subject to PG&E public safety power shut offs.Power loss in winter from hazards. PG&E grid splits half way up the road.Often one half will retain power, the other (older half) will not.MANY private generators.Power loss affects water availability and internet connections.Most parcels are poor solar candidates.Major public utility for telephone, cable TV (fiber optics) and internet (DSL) is Volcano Communications.Poor to no cell phone reception.Road is snow plowed by county. RESIDENTS: Quiet.Neighbor proximity mostly wide. Friendly but unaware of who most neighbors are except immediate. Mostly full time residents. Few rentals or weekenders.High fire awareness.Medium water conservation knowledge.	1

middle class/retirees	1
Lockwood Junction	1
Jackson Gate Road (immediate neighborhood), City of Jackson (especially the area I can reach on my bike - so China Graveyard to NY Ranch Road, and across town to Raley's and up French Bar and (sometimes when I'm feeling ambitious) up to the neighborhood near the high school. I sort of consider Martell part of my neighborhood, and would consider it more if I could bike safely there.	1
Jackson Gate	1
lone valley not in lone City limits.	1
I live in Amador Pines Landowners Association (APLO) Units 2 & 5. We have common private roads and a park, as well as a Fourth of July parade and picnic lunch. Our community is split into two supervisory districts, 3 and 5. We share a lot of concerns regarding our neighborhood. We care about our neighbors, wildlife, the forest, and the beautiful place where we live. I also live in Upcountry which is represented by 4 Supervisors. The upcountry residents have many common concerns; high fire danger, tree mortality, large number of private roads, evacuation safety, vegetation encroachment on county roads, and deteriorating county roads.	1
Downtown Amador City	1
Country - different houses - some large parcels of land - others under one acre. In my neighborhood - basically elderly people.	1
Camanche Village	1
Amador Pines with full time residents and vacation-home owners.	1
Amador Pines Land Owners Units 2&5.	1
Above the Town of Pine Grove	1

A place where drugs are everywhere along with homeless ..	1
A newer subdivision that is filled with a combination of working class and retired individuals	1
residential estates 5 acre min	1
	0

Answered: 37 Skipped: 2

○ Do you work...



Answers

Count

Percentage

Answers	Count	Percentage
From home	7	17.95%
Within the County	8	20.51%
Outside of the County	3	7.69%
Retired	17	43.59%
I don't work	1	2.56%

Answered: 36 Skipped: 3

○ If you work from home, how long do you anticipate working from home?

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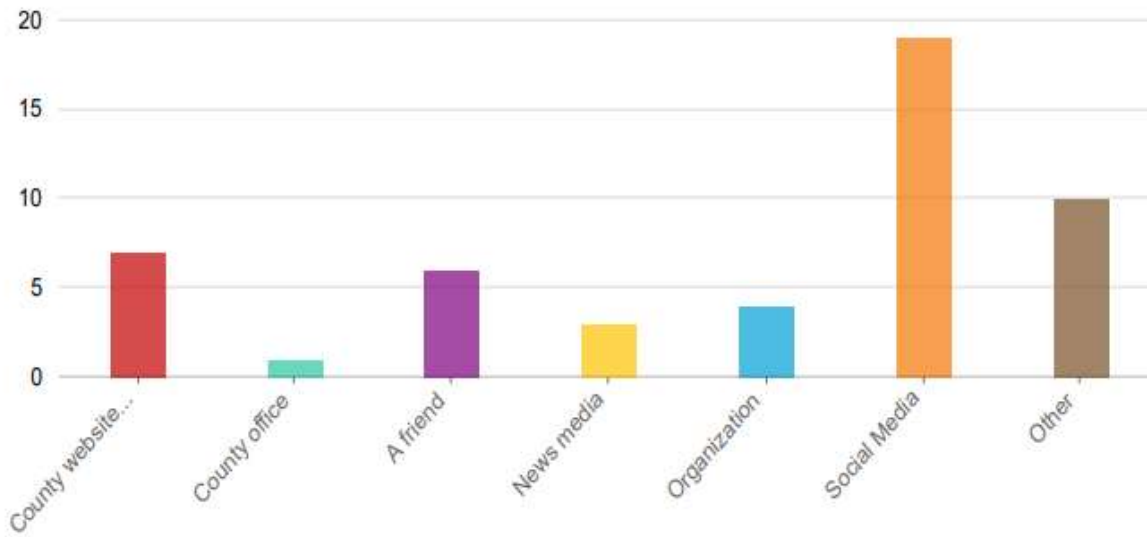
Response

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Response	Count
Years	1
retired; so, indefinitely, at Avocations ~	1
I work 3-4 days a week from home, 1-2 days in Sac	1
I will continue to telework at least three days a week indefinitely. I'll probably start having to go to my office in Sacramento one or two days a week within the next six months (depending on what happens with CoVID)	1
I have worked from home, since before the pandemic. My role has always carried remote capacity. My spouse began to work from home during the pandemic and is not expected to return to an office outside of the county.	1
Continually	1
10 yr	1
	0

Answered: 7 Skipped: 32

How did you learn about the Amador County Redistricting Advisory Committee meetings?



Answers **Count** **Percentage**

Answers	Count	Percentage
County website	7	17.95%
County office	1	2.56%
A friend	6	15.38%
News media	3	7.69%
Organization	4	10.26%
Social Media	19	48.72%
Other	10	25.64%

Answered: 37 Skipped: 2

○ I visited the Amador County Redistricting Website for...



Answers

Count

Percentage

Answers	Count	Percentage
the agenda	7	17.95%
the meeting minutes	7	17.95%
the maps and data	23	58.97%
Other	17	43.59%

Answered: 38 Skipped: 1

○ Are there any obstacles that prevent you from participating in the Redistricting meetings?



Answers

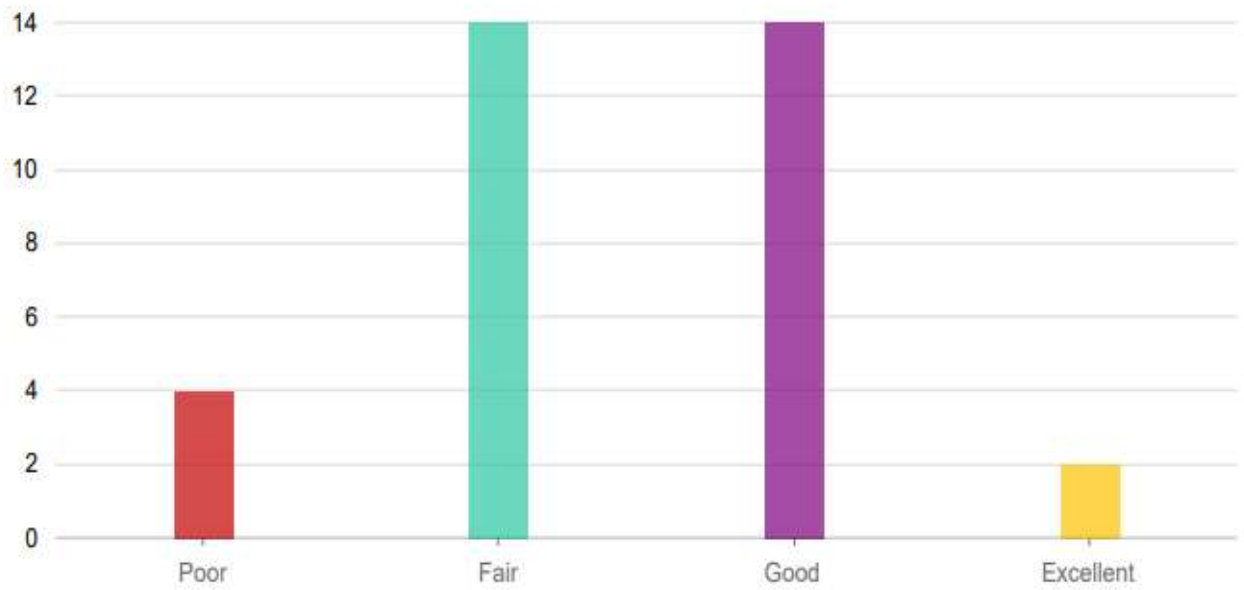
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Percentage

Answers	Count	Percentage
The time	9	23.08%
The location	4	10.26%
The noticing	6	15.38%
There are no obstacles for me	20	51.28%

Answered: 37 Skipped: 2

○ How useful is the information on the Amador County Redistricting Website?



Answers

Count

Percentage

Answers	Count	Percentage
Poor	4	10.26%
Fair	14	35.9%
Good	14	35.9%
Excellent	2	5.13%

Answered: 34 Skipped: 5

o What information did you want/need that was not available?

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Response	Count
WOW - so many questions - I'd like if possible the impact of increasing rates - such as the proposed increase in the water rate - with that importance of maintaining well-run - well attended schools - with professionals in their fields teaching and in administration - what would be the impact on housing. The questions raised about the Jackson Highway being built up - and my fear with that - tract homes - strip malls - more junky businesses - and my real fear of destroying the strength of our great farming and agricultural community. There is nothing like the Shenandoah Valley - I want that area to remain as it is. I'd like the importance of top notch medical facilities to be here - there was on FB messages from a man I know of but do not know - I believe he is the owner of Incahoots Catering - and he states he has received below standard health care - where his life expectancy has been horribly impacted, All of these items are vital to a thriving and functioning community.	1
When are you talking about?	1
The survey should be linked from the main page for the redistricting website	1

The legal definition of Community of Interest (COI). More information about the changes in the law that require the current process. A way to easily communicate to the committee about communities of interest. Also, the next question still has "votes as a bloc" in the question. That is not part of the legal definition of a COI. I thought that was removed at the last meeting.	1
The information regarding Communities of Interest is minimal when this is the basis for fair representation. When I hear the Supervisors say that they want the current map with minor tweaks, I know the decision for the map is going to be a political decision, not one that respects the individual communities within our county. I am disappointed in this survey. One's work status has no relevance to redistricting. It might be pertinent to attending meetings, but that is not what the survey seems to be about. There is a question about my neighborhood and then a question asking to describe a community of interest. This seems redundant or maybe the question about neighborhoods is irrelevant to redistricting. It seems the committee is unfamiliar with surveys and good survey questions.	1
text interpreting maps	1
proposed district boundaries	1
Other than population, what are the criteria for changing district lines?	1
None.	1
More information about the actual process	1
Main page should highlight the survey and COI form so people know to provide feedback.	1
Looking for meeting schedule.	1
Impact on City	1
I haven't really explored the website, nor attended meetings. I'm not sure I have the capacity to do so.	1
clearer directions on how to actually access, read and use the information	1
Clear info on how and why the (kind of mindboggling) districts maps were created in the first place.	1
Can't view the maps on a phone	1
Access and navigation is challenging	1
2020 Census data	1
	0

Answered: 19 Skipped: 20

◦ A community of interest is described as a geographically cohesive area, such as a city, neighborhood...



Response

Count

Response	Count
Working towards being fire-safe.	1
Upcountry forest dweller.	1
Upcountry	1
The unincorporated area known as lone Valley	1

The City of Jackson; the area of Jackson Gate	1
The city of lone	1
tall trees, large size animal wildlife, dark night sky, not noisy city life but calm	1
Small Coommunity oreiented rural town with close aliance to Sutter Creek, CA	1
Several different groups in my area. City people mixed with life-long residents.	1
Rural, small community, farming, no other businesses.	1
Rural interest--we are in an area where lot sizes are large--ours is 25 acres. Farming interests in com mon. Heritage restoration and preservation important.	1
Progressive, supportive, spiritual orientation	1
Pine Grove	1
neighbors living as friends in wild land area	1
My geographical city and area of interest is Sutter Creek.	1
My community of interest is similarly minded households, of school age children, working parents, edu cated and informed and engaged in matters locally and beyond our county borders. Geographically co hesive is only so relevant, as interests can be quite divergent.	1
My community of interest is one of those who want to be able to walk and/or bicycle within and betwe en our communities (like from Jackson to Martell to Sutter Creek. Also those who are interested in de veloping smart growth projects - which will reduce infrastructure costs and enable us to make both fire safe housing and also keep sustainable agricultural land and open space.	1
Jackson Gate	1
lone and Camanche, maybe Willow Creek.	1
Interested in maintaining quality of life in Amador County	1
Indian Grinding Rock neighborhood	1

In my little neighborhood - it is about aging - and health care - securing proper and vital and professional medical care. There is also the elephant in the room of danger of fire. Shut ins are dependent on really everything - when I look at my street - I see no children - only aging people - some pissed off people - some lonely people - and a lot of them are afraid. I do not include myself - I love my little mountain home.	1
I wouldn't...I don't understand the need for redistricting based on community of interest. I think we all deserve equal representation, a safe living environment, medical care, and peacefulness.	1
I work with the Senior community, so the whole county is my community of interest.	1
I live in Amador Pines Landowners Association (APLO) Units 2 & 5. We have common private roads and a park, as well as a Fourth of July parade and picnic lunch. Our community is split into two supervisory districts, 3 and 5. We share a lot of concerns regarding our neighborhood. I also live in Upcountry which is represented by 4 Supervisors. The upcountry residents have many common concerns; high fire danger, tree mortality, large number of private roads, evacuation safety, vegetation encroachment on county roads, and deteriorating county roads.	1
Geographically, Shake Ridge Road-Lockwood-Volcano-Pine Grove. High and very-high fire area with rural ranchettes, historic working ranches, small towns, Pine Grove as a commercial center and Volcano as cultural and community center. People who care about rural quality of life and community character more than shopping opportunities or convenient access to shopping, etc. It's part of Amador's upcountry, which pretty much begins with the yellow-pine belt and extends east.	1
Fiddletown, then Plymouth, then Shenandoah Valley	1
amador city should not be part of Ione's district. there should not be 3 districts coming together around pine grove.	1
Amador City has more in common with Sutter Creek.	1
Again drugs and homeless .. haladone clinics bring more drugs and homeless	1
A sliced and diced community, needing one district, in place of 4.	1
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Answered: 31 Skipped: 8

○ What other comments do you have about the 2021 Redistricting Process?

The word cloud requires at least 20 answers to show.

Response	Count
We should be aligned with Sutter Creek, not Lone, Ca. There is very little commonality between the two towns.	1

Use GIS to be objective. Good luck! 1

The Board should pay attention to the Committee and follow the current prescribed methods to draw the district lines, not gerrymander based on their individual pockets of support - i.e., don't make it political!! 1

Stop with this area of interest nonsense. 1

none 1

Just let it be fair and just without gerrymandering 1

It needs to be more publicized. Not that many people know it's happening and it's such a crucial process to ensure that our board actually represents the majority of our citizens and not just a small minority of us. 1

I would not like Pine Grove divided into 3 separate supervisorial districts. 1

I would like to see the county's "cities" (incorporated or not) combined within one district -- Pine Grove and Amador City specifically - but all of them when possible. 1

I wonder if this survey will actually give the committee or the Board useful information on which to make decisions regarding changes in Supervisor districts. I am concerned that the Board may only slightly modify the current district boundaries rather than looking at the COIs and establishing districts that make more sense and minimize the division of COI's. 1

I was shocked when I saw the maps of the districts. For example, I am in District 1 but am almost completely surrounded by District 4. That means that I have no voice (via my vote) with the supervisor whose votes could completely affect my immediate surroundings. I hope our new district maps will make more sense. Thanks! 1

I think it should be much more representative of where people live and gather. Upcountry is definitely under represented and representation is split up and sparse. Communication about the process and getting information to Amador citizens could *definitely* be improved to achieve greater participation. I found out about this survey/assessment from the Amador Democrats on the facebook page.

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I have no comments only more questions - probably questions I have yet to think of so far.

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I don't want the Supervisors or Advisory Committee to override the people so we end up being just like 2010.

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I am very concerned that the Committee and the Board will make a political decision on the redistricting rather than working to ensure fair representation of the residents. I have heard the Supervisors say they want to tweak the current map. That is a political decision to drive the process in a way the majority of current elected officials want it. Under current law, one of the priorities in redistricting is to minimize the splitting of communities of interest. So, start with the communities of interest, add in the population figures from the 2020 census and then decide where the supervisory district boundaries need to be to minimize the splitting of the communities or interest to meet the other legal requirements.

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I am glad the county has a citizen commission, and I hope it leads to supervisorial district boundaries that better represent local communities and are as free as possible from political gerrymandering.

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District 2 is currently too large geographically.

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DEADLINE: With a requirement to use Census blocks and data not available until April 2022, May deadline is absurd. Preliminary data must be released. Get on the Feds! MEDIA: Where's the all out campaign to inform all residents this is happening? I own a newspaper and no one contacted me. LOVE to help! Social media? Where's the request to five city councils to host a presentation? Special Districts? Committees from all? Animal clubs (Lion, Elks, ...) All clubs. Showing at events-Italian Picnic, Fireworks, Fair, etc.... Hate to think there is an intentional "hush" on this important once in a lifetime opportunity.

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At this time, I do not.

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Answered: 19 Skipped: 20

Summary of Survey Responses (39 responses received through 9/14/2021)

- Q 1: 36 respondents are residents of Amador County.
(3 respondents skipped the question).
- Q 2: If *not* a resident – One respondent is a recreational user, and one replied ‘other’
- Q 3: All Supervisor districts are represented, with at least 6 respondents from each district:
D 1 = 6 respondents D 4 = 7
D 2 = 6 D 5 = 11
D 3 = 7 “Don’t know” = 2 (both from upcountry districts)
- Q 4: How do you define your neighborhood? Key descriptive words in the ‘word cloud’ include:
rural neighborhood subdivision small large
town upcountry roads downtown
city private country water
- Q 5: The majority of respondents are retired (17). Another 15 work from home or within the county. Three work outside the county, one replied “I don’t work”, and 3 did not respond.
- Q 6: The majority of respondents learned about the redistricting through social media (19 of 37). Eight learned about it through the County website or office, and six learned from “a friend”. Only 3 learned of the process through the news media, while 10 responded “other”.
- Q 7: The majority of respondents visited the Redistricting website for the “Maps & Data” (23 of 38). 17 replied “other” and 7 each responded for “the agenda” or “the meeting minutes”.
[Some respondents selected more than one category]
- Q 8: 20 respondents (nearly half) indicated they had “no obstacles” to participating in the meetings. Others indicated obstacles due to “time” (9), “location” (4), and “noticing” (6).
2 respondents skipped the question.
- Q 9: Most respondents (28) indicated the usefulness of information on the website is “fair” or “good”
4 replied it is “poor” and 2 said “excellent”.
- Q 10: There were a number of recommendations for improving the information available on the county website. Suggestions include:

Highlight the request for feedback (via the survey and COI form) on the main Redistricting page;
Provide text on interpreting the maps;
Explain criteria (other than population) for changing district lines;
More information about the actual process;
Explain the impact of redistricting on cities (or census designated places);
Provide clear directions on how to access, read and use the information provided;
Explain what data is currently available and when the 2020 census data will be received.

Q 11: The Community of Interest word cloud highlights the following descriptive terms:

City	roads	farming	children
People	working	shopping	medical
Upcountry	small	aging	homeless
Rural	fire	drugs	

Q 12: Comments about the process include:

Concerns about the decision-making process and gerrymandering;

Avoid dividing communities into multiple supervisorial districts;

Need better dissemination of information to seek public input;

Recommend presentations to the five city councils, the Special Districts, committees and clubs.

SUMMARY
COI Submission Forms

Six responses, 5 from Pine Grove; 2 from Pioneer

COI Name: (a, b, f,) Pine Grove
(c) Ridge Road/Lupe (Pine Grove)
(d) Amador Pines
(e) Upcountry
(a) Wildfire risk
(f) Grinding Rock

Location: (a, b) Pine Grove (Irishtown)
(c, f, g,) Pine Grove
(d) Between Shakeridge Road and Hwy. 88
(e) 3000 ft. in Pioneer
(f) Both sides of Hwy. 88 and within portions of Districts 1,3,4, and 5
(g) Between Pine Grove and Volcano (near Indian Grinding Rock SHP)

Description: (a) Fire risk,
(c) Lupe Rd and Ponderosa Rd are the main roads with many smaller ones.
(d) 3,500-ft. elevation
(e) Forested between 2-4,500 ft.
(f) Gayla Drive to Upper Ridge and from Pine Grove/Volcano Rd. to Clinton
(g) PG/Volcano Rd. Mitchell Mine Rd to Sutter Creek/Volcano Road

Shared interests: (a) Wildfire danger concerns and non-renewal of fire insurance
(b) Roads, parks, rec. opportunities, services for community
(c) Families with kids, seniors, working folks, retired, weekenders, etc.
Many have been there since original development. Neighborhood friendly and supportive. Pride and love of our place.
(d) Neighbors, wildlife, snow plowing, road repairs, children
(e) Need for better, expanded internet and transportation services; localized medical services. Feeling of isolation and being ignored by down county Amador.
(f) Pine Grove is a sense of place, of community, of belonging, of home. It is "hometown" to more than 4,000 culturally, economically, socially, and politically diverse people.
(g) Open space, outdoor recreation, local history, and rural residential living. Fire safety and water sources.

One most important reason for COI to be within one supervisorial district:
(a) Wildfire danger concerns and non- renewal of fire insurance

- (b) Funds for needs of Pine Grove
- (c) One supervisor will have our best interest in their heart and mind. No split allegiance and priority with more time to focus on needs.
- (d) Residents should be able to know exactly what district they are in to eliminate confusion about who is their Supervisor.
- (e) One supervisor who will better address and be a stronger advocate for issues.
- (f) "Supervision by more than one is supervision by none."

Are there nearby COIs you want your COI to be grouped with in one district:

- (a) Upcountry unincorporated area has more in common than with incorporated cities.
- (b) No
- (c) Pine Grove
- (d) Lockwood Fire Department
- (f) Pine Acres, Gayla Manor, Mt. Zion, Upper Ridge, Lupe, Irishtown, Climax
- (g) This COI could be aggregated with other rural/open space communities such as Upcountry, agricultural lands of Shenandoah Valley, and upper Sutter Creek drainage.

Other thoughts: (c) Looking forward to a favorable outcome.

- (f) Pine Grove needs to be taken seriously as a single entity, not as a convenient area to wedge into other districts.
- (g) While I agree with many of my neighbors that Pine Grove should have consolidate representation, I feel my community is better suited to an adjacent district rather than Pine Grove, because of the rural/recreation/agricultural nature of the surrounding area.

Letters in parentheses represent individual responses. A missing letter indicates no response by that individual to the question.