



Town of Yountville

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Staff Report

Agenda Item #: {{section.number}}E

Yountville Town Council Staff Report

DATE: April 6, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Steve Rogers, Town Manager

PREPARED BY: Michelle Dahme, Town Clerk

SUBJECT:

Adopt Resolution Numbers 21-4043 (US House of Representative), 21-4044 (State Assembly), and 21-4045 (State Senate) urging the Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep Napa County in a single US House of Representative District, State Assembly District and State Senate District together and to share those districts with counties which share our interest in agricultural, tourism and environmental sustainability.

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

The Napa County Registrar of Voters has requested each municipality in Napa County Adopt Resolutions urging the Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep Napa County in a single US House of Representative District, State Assembly District and State Senate District together and to share those districts with counties which share our interest in agricultural, tourism and environmental sustainability.

On March 16, 2021, the Napa County Board of Supervisors adopted the three resolutions referenced above, and the staff report prepared for the Board of Supervisors is attached for reference.

Staff reached out to the other municipalities to see how they were going to proceed with the request and the City of Napa will be placing an item on their City Council Agenda to consider a letter of support, signed by the Mayor, be sent to the Citizens Redistricting Commission. It is expected that the other municipalities will support this effort, as well, but no comments to date.

About the Citizens Redistricting Commission

The Citizens Redistricting (CRC), a fourteen (14) member commission, is authorized to draw the boundaries of the following districts using 2020 Federal census data:

- Fifty three (53) Congressional districts;
- Forty (40) State Senate districts;
- Eighty (80) State Assembly districts; and
- Four (4) Board of Equalization districts

The CRC plans to hold meetings throughout California to gather information from communities of interest about their communities, neighborhoods, and the issues that are most important to them. The CRC has until February 14, 2022 to approve the final district lines.

The CRC must draw district boundaries based on the following criteria (by order of priority):

1. Draw districts with equal population;
2. Comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act;
3. Draw districts that are contiguous;
4. Respect counties, cities, communities of interest and neighborhoods where possible;
5. Draw districts to be compact where practicable;
6. Draw districts to nest within each other where practicable. That means:
 - One (1) Senate district contains two (2) Assembly districts
 - One (1) Board of Equalization district contains ten (10) Senate districts

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

Is it Currently Budgeted? N/A

Where is it Budgeted? N/A

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Is there a Staff Resource Impact? No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

Is item Identified in Strategic Plan? Indirectly

If yes, Identify Strategic Goal and Objective. **Visionary Leadership:** The Town's leadership maintains an open-minded, forward-thinking decision-making process. We value engagement and participation from all members of the community as we work together to create policies and plan for the future.

Briefly Explain Relationship to Strategic Plan Goal and Objective. This Town Council lobbying effort serves to advise the California Redistricting Commission of our interest in keeping all of Napa County as whole in the same legislative district due to our shared communities of interest.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution Numbers 21-4043 (US House of Representative), 21-4044 (State Assembly), and 21-4045 (State Senate) urging the Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep Napa County in a single US House of Representative District, State Assembly District and State Senate District together and to share those districts with counties which share our interest in agricultural, tourism and environmental sustainability.