

Redistricting Advisory Commission
Public Comment Sent Via Email
Round 2 Draft Maps
October 16-25, 2021

In Favor of Map A2

From: Pat Hughes <hughespat788@gmail.com>
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Date: Mon, 25 Oct 2021 02:13:38 +0000
Subject: REDISTRICTING
Committee,

I have been following the redistricting process.
Map A is definitely the best option for the county and for my community in Old Town.
Our connection with Arcata needs to have a common voice. We have recently been physically connected via the trail along Highway 101, now it is time to unite our voice through one representative.

Please adopt Map A2

Thank you
Pat Hughes

From: patricia azevedo <paz1011990@gmail.com>
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Date: Sun, 24 Oct 2021 23:35:48 +0000
Subject: Redistricting
Commissioners,

I am a poly sci major at HSU and live in Eureka. I commute there almost every day. I would like to comment on the current redistricting process. As someone who plans on making Humboldt my home its important for the people to have representation that reflects those shared beliefs and culture.

The proposed Map A2 best represents a future for Humboldt County. Its a unique approach to put people together that should be together and will produce a more conducive environment for work travel and lifestyle. Renting on the west side of eureka has shown me I have a lot in common with the residents of Arcata than central eureka or the suburbs. It will also allow a more

focused and central point for all the issues surrounding the bay and the challenges facing us with climate change and sea level rise.

Please consider my comments and the future of Humboldt in your deliberations.

Respectfully

Patricia

From: Richard Carlton <carltonrichard22@gmail.com>

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Date: Sun, 24 Oct 2021 23:22:43 +0000

Subject: West Side of Eureka Humboldt County Redistricting
Redistricting Committee

West Eureka and Arcata provide rental housing for HSU students. We have many of the same issues, such as public transportation, social services, housing shortages in common. Map A best represents those interests and would put us with a supervisor who understands them. Currently we don't seem to get much of a response from our supervisor. I have lived on the west side for many years and would like to see a change. Thanks for your time and consideration

Rich

From: Don Reynolds <dreyrun@gmail.com>

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Date: Sun, 24 Oct 2021 23:13:01 +0000

Subject: redistricting

Dear Commissioners

As a life long resident of Eureka mostly living in old town I would like a change and see map A2 adopted as the new supervisors district. District C has most of Old town has the same feel and vibe as Arcata and deal with a lot of the same issues. ie homeless drug use public transportation and affordable housing. I understand from a population standpoint Eureka will have to be split and putting us with Arcata will put us with people who share our issues and lifestyle.

thanks

Don

From: Brian Jones <bjarcataway@gmail.com>

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Date: Sun, 24 Oct 2021 23:01:35 +0000

Subject: Redistricting

Dear Humboldt County Redistricting:

As a resident of Arcata, I support Map A as it allows one supervisor to oversee development around the Bay -- one of our most precious resources. Our current supervisor has a great track record of environmental protection and I believe that there should be one supervisor looking out

for the best interests of the Bay. I would like to see District C in Map A2 expanded to include all of the 101 around the Bay.

Brian Jones

From: Amanda Faitt <afaitt75@gmail.com>

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Date: Sun, 24 Oct 2021 22:48:38 +0000

Subject: Redistricting

To whom it may concern the following are my comments on redistricting.

1. Map A is preferable to map C. Living on kneeleand I would much prefer to be included with my rural friends than put in map C and arcata. We have more in common with our interests as well as our issues. Roads rural security and illegal dumping to name a few.

Map C will dilute our voices when compared with the urban areas and we will suffer. Please keep the country people together.

Thank you

Amanda

From: TRAVIS CARMESIN <traviscarmesin@aol.com>

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Date: Mon, 25 Oct 2021 15:18:51 +0000

Subject: Humboldt County Redistricting

Hello,

My name is Travis Carmesin, I am a third generation Humboldt County resident and am proud to say I have lived in McKinleyville my whole life. I am writing this email today regarding the three maps drafted for our potential new county supervisor districts. Our county is a hidden gem in the state that offers great opportunities for people to make a living through agriculture, the timber industry, local fisheries, real estate, tourism and education. With that being said I believe that adopting map A would be best for all economic development and the future of our county.

Thank you

Travis Carmesin

From: Jackie Saunderson <jackie95503@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:49 PM
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: Redistricting

I believe map A2 is the best for redistricting purposes.
Thank you
Jackie Saunderson

From: Lane Christiansen <lcferndale@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:06 PM
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: Map A support

To whom it my concern,

I'm a lifelong resident of Humboldt County and I want to show my support for Map A. I appreciate how Map A gives a fair voice to those of us in rural areas. Map A will provide us with representation and leadership that can address issues that pertain to our rural communities.

Thank you,
K Christiansen

From: Phillip Ayers <pgayers54@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:08 PM
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: Redistricting choice

Hello,

I like the idea of joining part of Eureka with Arcata. My vote is for map A2.

Map C2 does not make good sense to put southern Eureka, Cutten, or Pine Hill in with Petrolia or Honeydew, which are very rural.

Thank you
Phil Ayers

From: Kelley McBeth <kelleymcbeth2017@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 9:26 AM
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: Map A2

I think Map C2 is really out of touch and I don't like it at all. I kind of like the way A2 hooks up part of Eureka with Arcata I think that would work well.

Thank you, Kelley

From: Ben McWhorter <ben@sequoiagas.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:19 AM
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: redistricting

I would like to comment on the redistricting of Humboldt County. I would encourage and highly recommend that the RAC promotes map A rather than map C. I believe that map A represents our rural population to a much better extent than that of map C. Although the First Dist. covers an extensive area, those areas are better served due to their ruralness, rather than having influence over densely populated areas. Within our county it is hard to get the numbers needed in each district without taking large swaths of Land, and I believe map A does a great job by separating Dist 1 and 2 by keeping communities within them intact. Furthermore I believe that the 3rd and 4th Dist are better served within the densely populated areas of Eureka and Arcata as shown in map A. I also encourage the connection of Samoa with Arcata as we are seeing much development in that area tied to Arcata such as the onshore high speed cable. Map A is a progressive way of redistricting and in my opinion, much needed to help keep our County well represented for its constituents for years to come.

Thanks to the committee for the time and effort into this project
Ben McWhorter
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In Opposition of Map C2

From: Nicole Pettit <nicole.pettit@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:16 PM
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: Thank You

As someone living in the Pine Hill area I really don't want My representation to be so influenced by Southern Humboldt and I don't like the way the C2 map lines are drawn.

From: Kya Hulcy <kyahulcy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:15 PM
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject:

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General Comments/Questions

From: Linda Miller <krazykat745@gmail.com>
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Date: Sat, 16 Oct 2021 21:59:53 +0000
Subject: Submission of COI for the Glendale-Blue Lake Community
Hello,

At Friday's meeting of the RAC, I commented that none of the first round of draft district maps put the community of Glendale and the city of Blue Lake together. Lisa Dugan asked that I submit a map that encompasses what I see as this COI. My COI map and description has just been submitted in DistrictR and this is the link: <https://districtr.org/COI/65190>

I would like to say that I am not the only one who thinks that this COI should be kept in one district, however, many others may draw the map differently on the outer boundaries. For instance, perhaps the community of Glendale includes those residents all the way to the top of Liscom Hill Road, or further into Fieldbrook, or would continue the boundary farther to the West along Glendale Drive. I am only one person drawing this COI by myself, and I do hope that others will chime in as to where this boundary should be.

Thank you,
Linda Miller
Glendale

From: Tracy OConnell <Tracy1952@mail.com>
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Date: Sun, 24 Oct 2021 01:26:37 +0000
Subject: Redistricting maps for Districts 1 and 2
Hi, I write the newsletter for the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce and am interested in learning more about the proposals to alter the lines between county board supervisory Dist. 1 (serving Scotia) and Dist. 2 (serving Rio Dell). I see a lot of information online about surveys, response mechanisms, generalized maps and how to describe communities of interest that should be kept together.

What I'm not able to find anywhere is a description of what would be different in the various scenarios. It says one can search streets, etc. but I don't see where or how to do that - just the broad shapes of each district with differently colored areas.

How can I get a visual or word description of these proposals and how they differ from now - for instance, "the area north of XXX in Scotia will be moved to Dis. 2 in Plan A"?

Thanks so much for any help you can provide!
Tracy O'Connell
Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce secretary
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Cc: "Wilson, Mike" <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Madrone, Steve" <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Bass, Virginia" <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Date: Mon, 25 Oct 2021 21:39:30 +0000
Subject: Redistricting packet missing public comments

Hi all,

I write again to share my frustration at the administration of the Redistricting Advisory Committee. Ahead of the Wednesday meeting, I went to review the public comments received by the County. First, the comments that are available are largely unhelpful because they lack the questions that the commenters are responding to. I've attached the public comments for your review. It is a pain to work through. Additionally, I wonder if this is complete as the .pdf starts on page 116 of a larger document. What was on the first 115 pages?

Second, I understand that there are comments missing from the record. The County has multiple open portals for submission of public comments: Two pages on "Open Humboldt," [one for draft maps](#) and [one general](#), and the agenda asks for comments to be submitted to the CAO's office. One person has told me that she had submitted comments on the general Open Humboldt forum that are not in the collected. I have generally directed interested parties to submit comments to the CAO's email address, and while it is possible that no one has, I also note that there are no emails included in the public comment packet.

The Commissioners can only do as good of a job as staff allows them to do. Without access to all public comments, their ability to discern and preserve communities of interest is hampered.

Best,
Tom

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Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: Redistricting Web Broken Links

Hello Supervisor Madrone,

An "Announcements from Humboldt County" e-mail was sent out on 10/23. The two draft maps on "2nd Draft - Supervisor District Boundaries, 2 options to review" are broken (" We're sorry, but there is not a web page matching your entry."):

1. Open e-mail, click on the Read More button. The "2nd Draft - Supervisor District Boundaries, 2 options to review" page opens (https://www.opentownhall.com/portals/131/Issue_11286)
2. Click on Draft Plan A2 (<https://humboldt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/100255/Humboldt-County-Draft-Plan-A2-with-Existing-Lines---1021-HTML>) which goes to a page that says " We're sorry, but there is not a web page matching your entry."
3. Repeat for Draft Plan C2 and get the same result.

The map links on the Redistricting webpage (<https://humboldt.gov/3106/Redistricting>) do work.

Maybe the:

1. Person posting emails and website content should be made aware that errors like this dissuade people from participating.
2. Redistricting webpage could include links for "More Information" (answer questions that are answered in the currently linked materials) and "Technical Assistance" (like broken links, help using the interactive maps, etc.)?

Thanks again!

Regards,
Marisa Darpino
District 5

From: Lin Glen <glennalin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 3:51 PM
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: redistricting maps

I would like a paper copy of the proposed redistricting maps and am making this request as suggested by the county website's redistricting page.

I would also like a paper copy of the current Supervisorial district map.

Thank you.

Lin Glen
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