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### **-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-**

Kings County has officially launched its redistricting process, with the first of four public hearings scheduled to take place on July 20, 2021, at 10 a.m. at the regular Board of Supervisors meeting. Those interested in participating in the redistricting process can either attend the public hearing in person or tune in virtually.

Every 10 years, local governments use new data from the Census to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. Members of the Kings County community are invited to participate in the redistricting process to help make sure district lines respect neighborhoods, history and geographical elements.

The focus of the first hearing will be to provide an overview of the redistricting process and take a deeper dive into the criteria that will help guide the formation of district boundaries. A preview of the mapping tools will also be provided so that community members will be aware of the various ways they can submit input and draft maps.

To access public hearing meeting information and materials, as well as to access additional Kings County redistricting resources, residents are invited to visit the newly launched dedicated website, [redistrictkings.com](http://redistrictkings.com).

The website includes background information on redistricting, a tentative schedule of participation opportunities, frequently asked questions, and provides access to the tools for drafting maps and sharing feedback on previously-drawn maps. The County is currently awaiting finalized Census data from the State of California, which is projected to be available in late summer or early fall 2021. Once data is available, the County will update the website to make all mapping tools available.

As the redistricting process moves forward, the County will continue to update the webpage to include additional details on future public hearings, mapping opportunities, additional FAQs and more. To sign up for updates and information about the redistricting process and future public meetings, please visit [redistrictkings.com](http://redistrictkings.com) or email [redistricting@co.kings.ca.us](mailto:redistricting@co.kings.ca.us).

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