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## -FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-

Kings County will hold another redistricting public hearing on Tuesday, <u>July 27, 2021 at 10 a.m.</u> at the regular Board of Supervisors meeting. The upcoming hearing will essentially mirror the first hearing that took place last week, providing those interested in participating in the redistricting process another opportunity to either attend the public hearing in person at the Board of Supervisors Chambers located at 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA, provide feedback virtually via through an online platform, WebEx (<u>English</u> link / <u>Spanish</u> link) or watch the hearing on YouTube (<u>English</u> link / <u>Spanish</u> link). Through the YouTube links comments cannot be made virtually, only through the WebEx platform.

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 this hearing, like the first, 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.

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 or email redistricting@co.kings.ca.us.

Follow the County's redistricting <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u> to keep up with the latest redistricting news.