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Kings County is scheduled to hold two remaining public hearings for the redistricting process on November 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and December 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. At the November 3 hearing, the Board of Supervisors will begin to analyze the draft maps to narrow and prioritize the map options for adoption at the December 7 public hearing.

This redistricting cycle, the adoption of the map will be accomplished by resolution. Senate Bill 594 states that agencies, including Kings County, that have previously adopted maps by ordinance will have to update the ordinance if they want to adopt it by resolution. Kings County completed this process at the October 26 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Beyond ensuring that each district represents about the same number of constituents, redistricting determines how neighborhoods and communities are grouped together for the purposes of electing a board member. The adopted redistricting map will be drawn in accordance with the Fair Maps Act and AB 1276, which states districts must be:

- Geographically contiguous (each supervisorial district should share a common border with the next),
- Respectful of the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities in a manner that minimizes its division.
- Drawn with easily identifiable boundaries that follow natural or artificial barriers (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.), and,
- Drawn to encourage geographic compactness with boundaries not drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

Residents of Kings County are encouraged to continue drafting maps for Supervisor consideration. These mapping tools have been added to the County's redistricting website at redistrictkings.com/draw-a-map and can be used to submit as many maps as residents would like throughout the entire redistricting process. Maps that were submitted by October 20, 2021 will be part of the map review process at the November 3 hearing. The deadline to submit maps to be considered for adoption at the final public hearing, scheduled for December 7, is November 22, 2021 at 5 p.m.

For more information regarding the public hearings and mapping tools, visit redistrictkings.com.