



Staff Report November 2, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council
FROM: Sean Rabé, Town Manager
DATE: November 2, 2021
RE: Placer County Redistricting Process

Recommendation

Discuss Placer County Redistricting process and authorize Mayor Jeff Duncan to send a letter expressing the consensus of the Town Council regarding the process.

Issue Statement and Discussion

Placer County is currently in the redistricting process, following the 2020 Census. The Placer County Planning Commission has been designated as the County's Redistricting Commission.

The Commission first met on October 14, 2021, to hear a presentation on proposed redistricting maps. This is a rather complicated process, which the County is much more versed in than Town Staff. As such, please refer to the attached Placer County Planning Commission staff report (Attachment A) for background information. Three County-generated maps were presented to the Commission, along with five publicly-generated maps. A new staff report providing further analysis for the November 4 Planning Commission meeting was to be posted to the County website on Friday, October 29, but was unavailable at the time this staff report was written.

As you will see in the maps (Attachment B), the Supervisorial District that Loomis is located in remains District 4 in each version of the redistricting maps. However, each map has a different area that is included with Loomis. Because several Council Members have expressed concerns about how the redistricting process would impact the Town, staff thought it prudent to have Council discuss those concerns in a public setting.

At this time, Staff does not have a particular recommendation on the maps as this is more of a policy issue. However, should Council wish to express its concerns, Staff's recommendation would be to authorize Mayor Duncan to work with the Town Manager to draft a letter (under the Mayor's signature) to do so. I would encourage the Council to focus not specifically on individual maps (i.e., the Town supports Map X), but, instead, focus on the larger ideas of keeping the Town together with other communities of similar interest (as outlined in the redistricting requirements in the County's Staff report). Of course, Council has complete discretion in what the letter contains as this is a policy issue.

CEQA Requirements

There are no CEQA requirements associated with the recommended action.

Financial and/or Policy Implications

None with the recommended action.

Attachments

- A. Placer County Redistricting Staff Report Dated October 7, 2021 (with attachments)
- B. Map Alternatives as of October 27, 2021