

COCHISE COUNTY

Redistricting Work Session

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Board of Supervisors



Public Programs...Personal Service

Why is redistricting needed?

- In order to preserve the one-person, one vote requirement of the U.S. Constitution, must adjust the shapes of districts after every federal census to re-equalize population.
- Each district has equal population with no more than a 10 percent difference in population. (ARS 11 - 212)



Keys to Success = Transparency

- Show Your Work
- Create a Strong Record
- Utilize Objective Expertise



Where to Start?

- 1. Consider, Adopt and Publish Redistricting Principles** –notice to the public and any possible consultants what Board wants to see in the final map.
- 2. RFP** for Consultant or perform in-house?
- 3. Set timeline** for public meetings on mapping criteria, solicit feedback, and draft plans
- 4. Dec 1, 2021** - Final Plan must be adopted



Redistricting Principles

(Draft handout)

- **Required:**
 - District shapes must be compact and contiguous
 - Must avoid dividing communities of interest
 - Must use visible geographic features, city or town boundaries.
- **By Choice:**
 - Allow map drawers to know the residential addresses of current Board members
 - Counties can use political party registrations and voting history data in designing districts.



Consultant or In-House?

- County has GIS staff for mapping
- Need assistance with facilitating public meetings?
- Appoint an advisory commission instead?



Proposed Timeline

- **First Quarter 2021**– begin planning process, publish redistricting principles and select staff and/or consultant.
- **April 2021** – Release of Census data
- **Second Quarter 2021** – Host public meetings on mapping criteria, draft plans. Present drafts and public input to BOS.
- **Third Quarter 2021** – Public meetings on draft plans. Adopt final plan (Oct/Nov).

