## Questions About County Redistricting? Public Workshops in West County

Every ten years, following the census, county supervisorial districts are redrawn by the Board of Supervisors to reflect updated population numbers. Since 2000, Contra Costa County's population has grown by about 100,000 to nearly 1,050,000 -- making Contra Costa the fastest growing county in the Bay Area. State law requires that each supervisorial district must approximately have an equal number of residents. Under a recently passed state initiative, Congressional and State legislative seats are redrawn by a citizens redistricting commission.

Contra Costa County is now in the middle of its redistricting process, which is led by the County's Department of Planning and Conservation.

My district, District 1, needs to add approximately 20,000 residents to remain equal with the others. Districts that include East and Southern Contra Costa have experienced proportionately greater population growth than in West County, which means they'll need to shrink to cover fewer residents.

To learn more about redistricting, including the proposed plans on the table for expanding District 1 to include Pinole, you're invited to a public workshop. Two are being held in West County. This is your chance to provide input about any aspect of the redistricting plan and ask questions.

Tuesday, May 24; 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. San Pablo City Hall Complex Maple Hall, 13831 San Pablo Avenue, Building #4 San Pablo

**Thursday, May 26; 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**City of Pinole
Alex Clark Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 880 Tennent Avenue
Pinole

For more information check the **Redistricting page** on the County's website. (You can "quick click" from Supervisor Gioia's **home page** at **www.cocobos.org/gioia**. The County's redistricting page has software that allows you to develop your own redistricting map.

For those interested in redistricting for Congressional and State legislative seats, there is a meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission this Saturday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Oakland City Council Chambers at 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza.

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