

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 26, 2021

To:

The Honorable Chair and Members

Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry

County Administration

Re:

2020 Census Population Estimates and Board of Supervisor Redistricting

I recently sent the Board memorandums regarding the effort currently underway to eliminate Justice Court Precinct 5 and reprecinct (redraw) the remaining Justice Court precincts. Final map recommendations will be transmitted to the Board within the next couple of weeks and scheduled for the September 21 Board meeting. Demographic data included for each of the map options has been updated using the recently released 2020 census population estimates. Also for the September 21 meeting, the Elections Department is intending to provide the Board with recommendations on consolidating several voter precincts. The deadline for Board action for these efforts is prior to October 1 as that is the statutory deadline for Elections to transmit precinct boundaries to the Recorder in order to be effective for the 2022 election cycle.

Board of Supervisors redistricting is on a separate timeline. Statutorily, Board redistricting is to occur every 10 years following the release of decennial census population estimates, for the purposes of balancing the population of each district to within 10 percent. However, with the Census Bureau's delay this year, the State Legislature amended the statute to enable counties to have until July 1, 2022 to complete redistricting, which would then be effective for the 2024 election cycle. After completing the Justice Court reprecincting, my staff will move onto Board redistricting.

Table 1 shows the estimated population per supervisorial district after the last redistricting effort, and for 2020. Districts 2 and 5 experienced the least population growth. Districts 1 and 4 experienced the greatest population growth. Overall, the highest populated district is about 15 percent higher than the lowest populated district. As a result, the Board is required to redistrict to rebalance the population to within 10 percent.

Table 1
Estimated Board District Populations

BOS DISTRICT	2010 POPULATION EST. AFTER REDISTRICTING	2020 POPULATION CENSUS ESTIMATE	POPULATION IF EQUAL	DEVIATION	% DEVIATION
1	196,488	219,324	208,687	10,637	5.1%
2	194,686	200,522	208,687	-8,165	-3.9%
3	196,003	206,983	208,687	-1,704	-0.8%
4	197,799	223,745	208,687	15,058	7.2%
5	195,287	192,859	208,687	-15,828	-7.6%
	TOTAL	1,043,433			

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The Board can anticipate a more detailed memorandum in October with a recommended process and schedule for redistricting, as well as additional demographic and voter registration data for the Board's current districts.

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