

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**Kern County invites community to join first redistricting public hearing**

This year, Kern County will undergo the process of redistricting in accordance with the 2020 U.S. Census data. Redrawing district lines to reflect Kern's current population is vital to ensuring each district is representative of the constituents that live therein.

Kern County is committed to transparency throughout the redistricting process and plans to hold a series of public hearings to amplify the community's voices and perspectives regarding this important issue.

The County is asking for community members, stakeholders, and organizations to get involved and provide input on this process. Kern County recognizes its obligation to residents and values accessibility to Kern's community when it comes to this complex conversation.

Kern County has launched an entire website dedicated to this endeavor with detailed information about the local redistricting process. Please visit: <https://www.kerncounty.com/government/2021-redistricting-menu>

Also, the County will be holding a series of virtual redistricting hearings designed to provide an open forum for the community to provide input and feedback. The County's first hearing is scheduled for April 21, 2021, at 6 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. Spanish interpretation will be available. Please see below for more information about how to provide public comment and how to attend this hearing:

- To provide public comment:
  - Call 661-868-3139 and leave a voicemail (subject to two minutes)
  - Email your thoughts to [redistricting@kerncounty.com](mailto:redistricting@kerncounty.com)
  - Fill out the Redistricting Feedback Form located on the County's redistricting website. (Available in multiple languages.)
  - Mail your comments to 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Fifth Floor Bakersfield, CA 93301
  
- You have two options to join the April 21, 2021 virtual redistricting hearing:
  - **Join with a video conferencing device**
    - <https://bit.ly/3g3l1IX>
    - Enter Video Conference ID: 114 627 254 8
  - **Or call in (audio only)**
    - 1-831-296-3421
    - Enter Phone Conference ID: 954 220 221#

For additional questions, please contact Ally Triolo at (661) 308-6805.

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