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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 21215

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Jana M. Lean
Chief, Elections Division

RE: Redistricting Maps: 2021 Congressional, Legislative, and Board of Equalization Districts

Today, December 27, 2021, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) certified to the Secretary of State the final maps for the Congressional, Legislative, and Board of Equalization districts pursuant to California Constitution Article XXI, Section 2.

We will be placing the certified final statewide maps as received from the CRC in equivalency and shape file formats (CSV and SHP) as well as the district images provided in PDF file formats into the 2021_Redistricting folder on the Secretary of State's secure FTP service, Axway. We will also provide the county specific equivalency files on the Axway site. Your county will be able to access these files from Axway and download the files using your county's Axway user account.

Please promptly begin preparing your precincts with the new lines for the upcoming June 7, 2022, Statewide Direct Primary Election. However, it is critical that you preserve the current maps and other data necessary to hold an election using the current district lines in the event of a recall election involving a member of the Legislature or Board of Equalization or a special election to fill a legislative vacancy, a court ordering the use of the current lines, or a referendum challenging one or more of the CRC maps qualifying for the ballot. **Please complete and return the attached Verification Report confirming the preservation of the current district lines.**

For a recall election involving a member of the Legislature or Board of Equalization, or a special vacancy election to fill a legislative vacancy, the current (in this case, the "old" 2011) district lines would be used for that election. (See *Gaona v. Anderson* (9th Cir. 1993) 989 F.2d 299; and *Sloan v. Donoghue* (1942) 20 Cal.2d 607.)

Under California Constitution article XXI, section (3)(b), a registered voter is permitted to file a challenge in the California Supreme Court to the CRC maps within 45 days after they have been certified by the CRC. The 45-day period ends on February 10, 2022.

Additionally, each certified map is subject to referendum. Pursuant to California Constitution article XXI, section 2(i), any voter may file a referendum petition on any map or portion of a map within 90 days of the final certification of the maps. The 90-day period to request a title and summary from the California Attorney General and collect the requisite signatures for filing with county elections officials ends on March 28, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact the VoteCal Help Desk at (888) 868-3225 or votecalhelp@sos.ca.gov.

Attachment

VERIFICATION REPORT
County to Preserve Current (2011) District Lines
2021 Redistricting Implementation

Verification Report: **Due Tuesday, December 28, 2021, by 5:00 p.m.**

County: _____

Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

2021 Verification Report

County elections official confirms county will preserve the current maps and other data necessary to hold an election using the current district lines in the event of a recall election involving a member of the Legislature or Board of Equalization or a special election to fill a legislative vacancy, a court ordering the use of the current lines, or a referendum challenging one or more of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission maps qualifying for the ballot.

DATE: _____

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