



County of Merced Redistricting Draft Maps

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Redistricting Process

Step	Description
Two Public Hearings June 8 & August 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Held prior to release of draft maps• Educate, solicit input on the communities in the Districts
Mapping Workshops July 13 & October 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educate and to solicit input on the communities in the Districts• Learn about public mapping tools
Census Data Releases	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Census Bureau releases official 2020 Census population data – Aug. 12• California’s official ‘prisoner-adjusted’ 2020 redistricting data – Sept. 20, 27
Public Hearing November 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss, revise the draft maps
Public Hearing December 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss and select a map; discuss and determine the election sequence• Adopt resolution• Draft maps due: November 23, 1:30 p.m.• Draft maps posted to website by November 30, 1:30 p.m.

Redistricting Impact on the 2022 Election

Final Map Adoption:

December 7, 2021

Candidate Petition in Lieu Period:

January 4 – February 9, 2022 (5 p.m.)

Candidate Filing Period:

February 14 – March 11, 2022 (5 p.m.)

Registrar of Voters: co.merced.ca.us/3629/Elections

Redistricting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws

- Equal Population
- Federal Voting Rights Act
- No Racial Gerrymandering



2. California Criteria for Counties

1. Geographically contiguous
2. Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest” (Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
3. Cities and CDPs
4. Easily identifiable boundaries
5. Compact (Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

Prohibited:

“Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party.”

3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

- Minimize voters shifted to different election years
- Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office
- Future population growth
- Preserving the core of existing districts

2020 Census

Merced County Current District Official Demographics

District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
	Total Pop	51,532	59,326	56,400	51,209	62,631	281,098
	Deviation from ideal	-4,688	3,106	180	-5,011	6,411	11,422
	% Deviation	-8.34%	5.52%	0.32%	-8.91%	11.40%	20.32%
Total Pop	% Hisp	73.2%	48%	55%	61%	73%	62%
	% NH White	11%	32%	27%	32%	19%	24%
	% NH Black	3%	6%	4%	1%	2%	3%
	% Asian-American	11%	11%	10%	3%	3%	8%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	23,411	37,449	32,667	28,283	27,251	149,060
	% Hisp	59%	40%	41%	40%	56%	46%
	% NH White	21%	41%	43%	53%	34%	39%
	% NH Black	4%	6%	6%	0%	4%	4%
	% Asian/Pac. Isl.	14%	11%	9%	5%	4%	9%

Neighborhoods/Communities of Interest

Neighborhoods

1. **What is your neighborhood?**
2. **What are its geographic boundaries?**

In the absence of public testimony, planning records and other similar documents may provide definition.

Communities of Interest

1. **What defines your community?**
2. **Would this community benefit from being “included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation”?**

Communities of Interest may not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

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Possible Neighborhoods / Communities

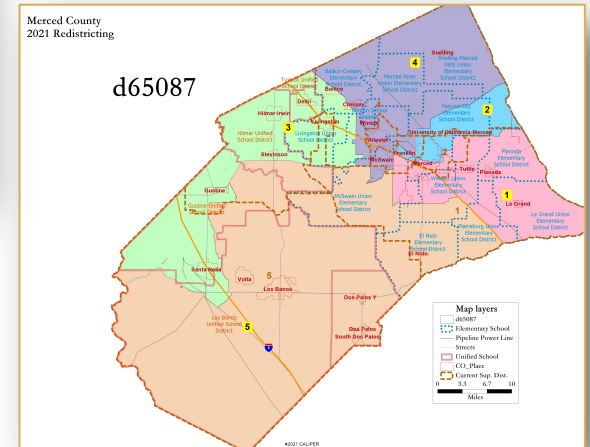
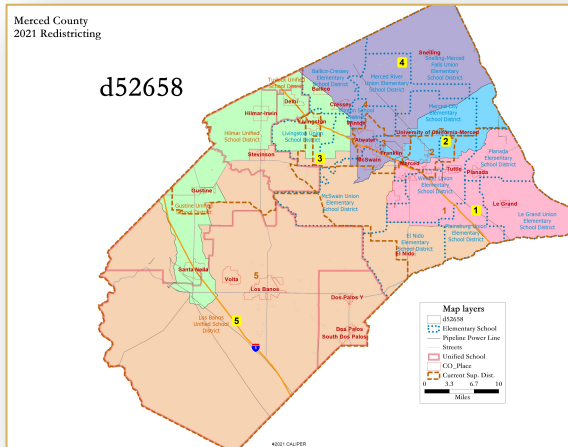
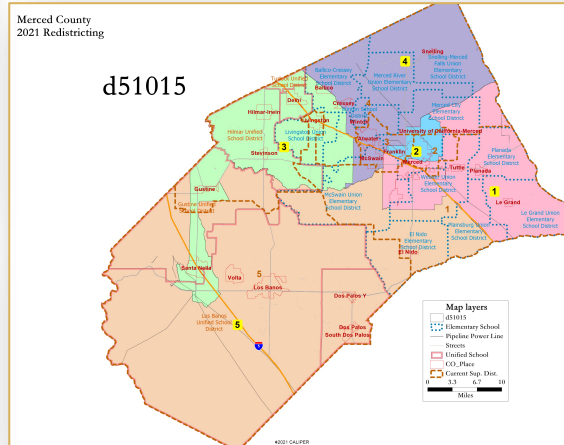
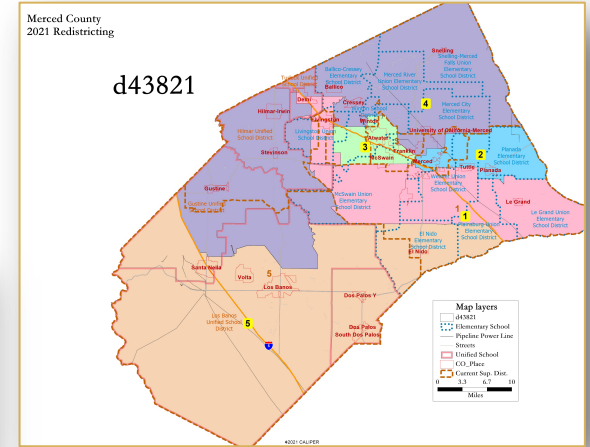
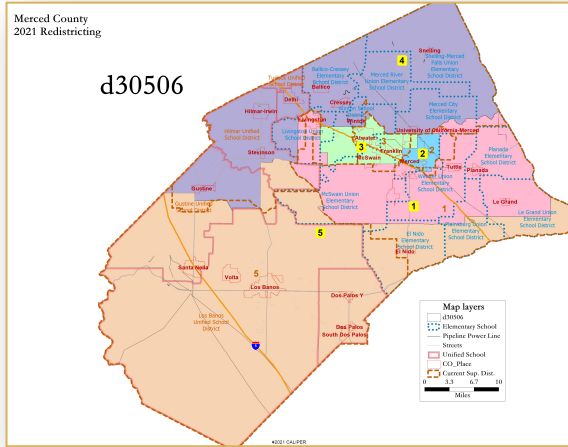
- (Current) District 1 – farming communities
- 4 Subbasins
- Beachwood Franklin shared school districts with Merced – Connect to City of Merced
- Bear Creek, G St., M St., Olive Ave., Yosemite Ave., Hwy 99 – City of Merced
- Blend District 2 with District 1 to invite more visitors
- Compactness around Merced
- Delhi
- Delhi and Hilmar
- District 4 – should be more compact
- El Nido
- Junction 14 – N. and S. part of county
- Le Grand and Planada
- LeGrand
- Livingston (large Punjabi population)
- Livingston in relation to District 4 cities and demographics
- Near Merced College, Mercy Hospital and El Capitan: Bellevue Ranch
- Santa Nella and Los Banos
- Santa Nella resources (healthcare, groceries, shopping) – connected to Los Banos
- Santa Nella School District
- School districts
- South Parsons Avenue, Merced
- UC Merced
- Unincorporated communities – Dos Palos
- Winton, Livingston, Atwater

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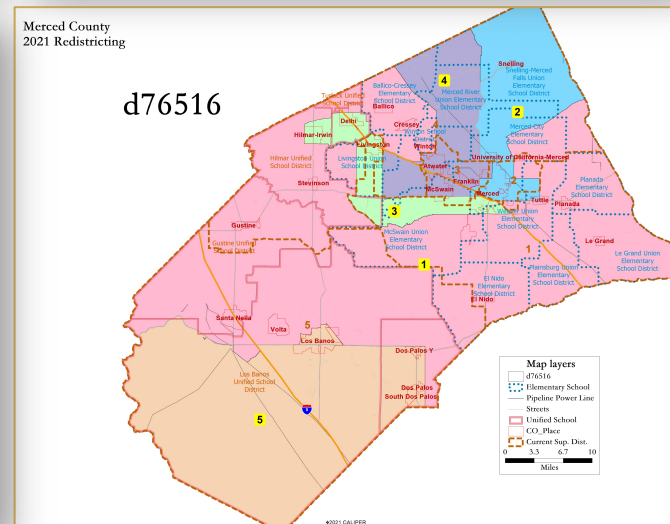
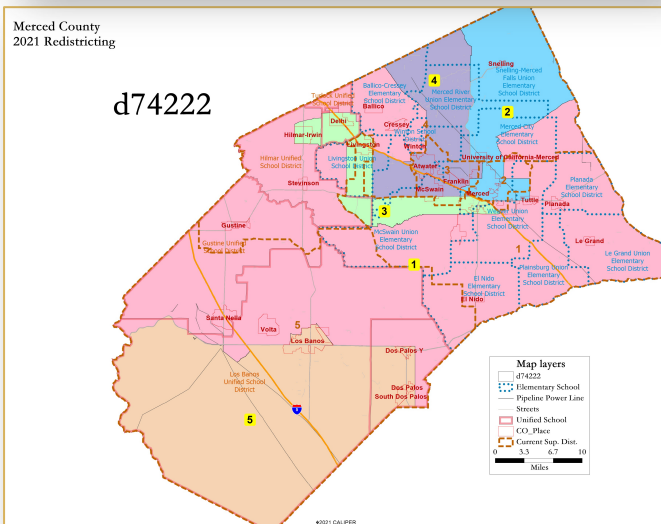
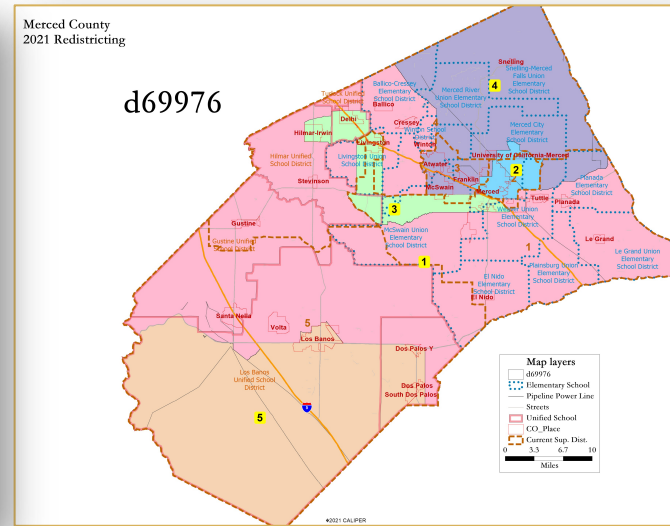
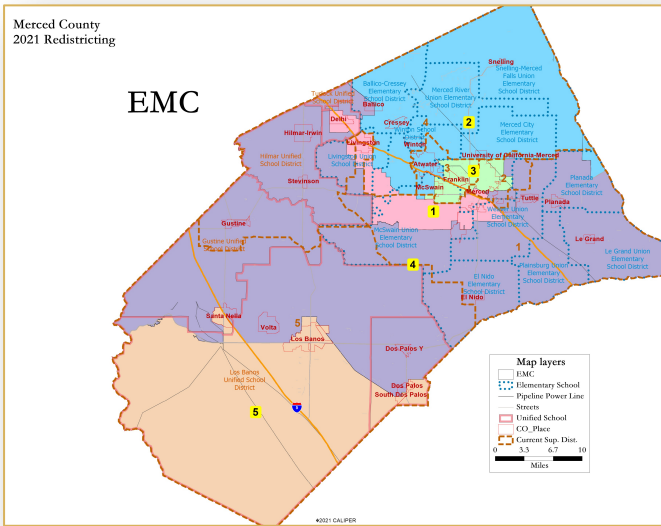
The Maps

- **Total drafts maps: 15**
- **Public submitted: 12**
- **NDC produced: 3**
- **Compliant: 10**
- **Noncompliant: 5**

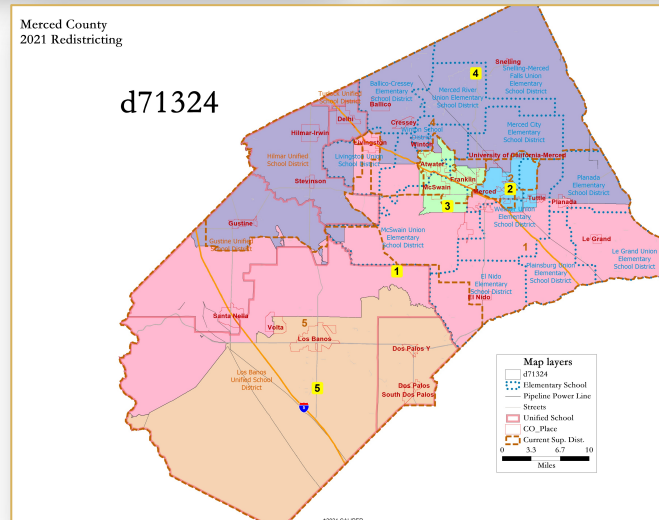
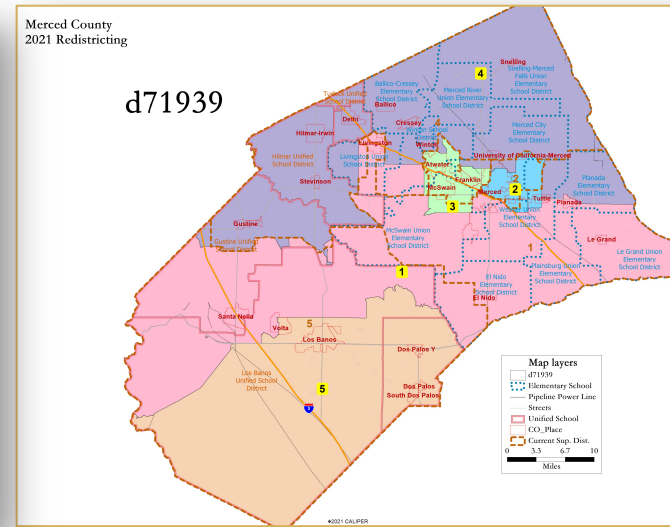
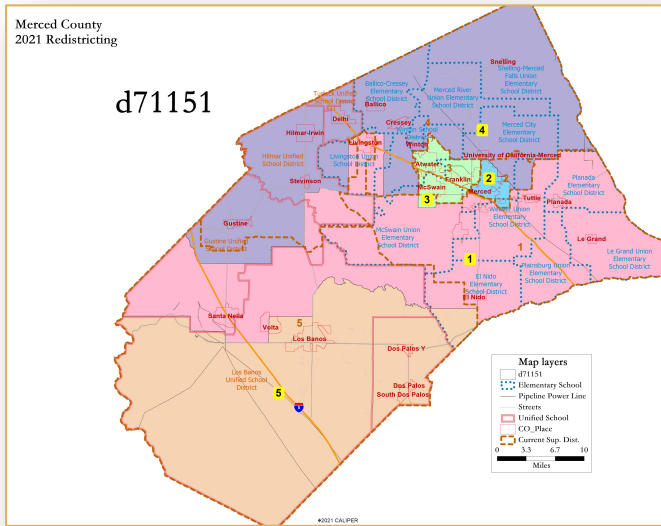
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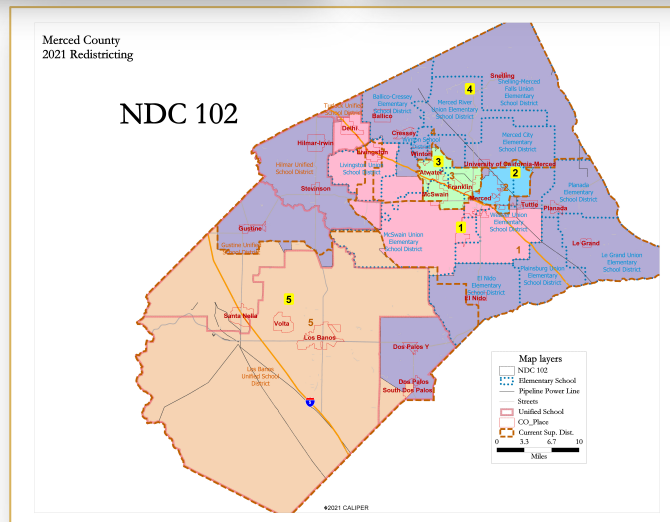
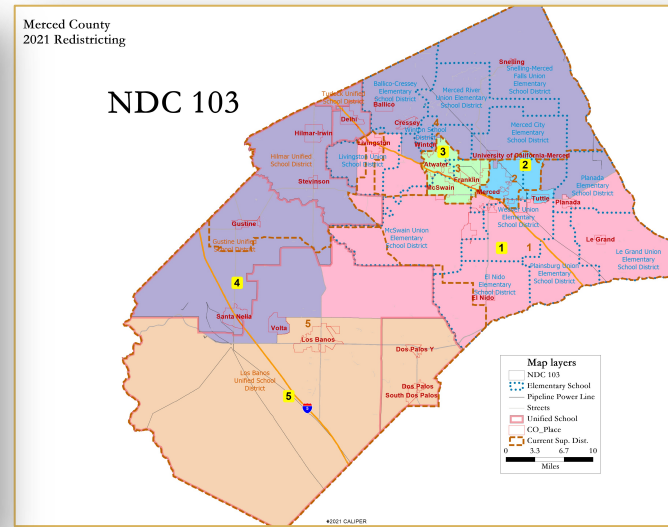
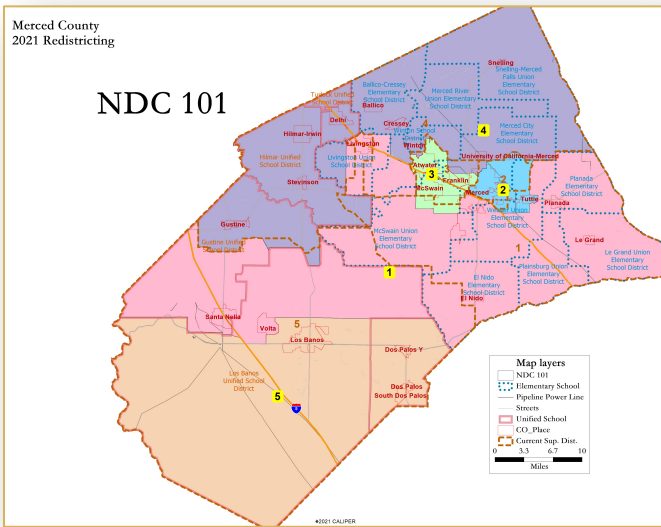
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Public Maps: d71151, d71324, d71939



NDC Maps: 101, 102, 103



Discussion/Action

Which map(s) do you prefer?

What modification(s) would make your preferred map(s) even better?

Possible: Narrowing to “focus” maps

Provide: Direction on new/revised map(s)